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NICE: Rapid Guidelines

NEW: [NG175] COVID-19 rapid guideline: acute kidney injury in hospital

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng175>

The purpose of this guideline is to help healthcare professionals prevent, detect and manage acute kidney injury in adults in hospital with known or suspected COVID-19. This is important to improve outcomes and reduce the need for renal replacement therapy.

NEW: [NG173] COVID-19 rapid guideline: antibiotics for pneumonia in adults in hospital

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng173>

The purpose of this guideline is to ensure the best antibiotic management of suspected or confirmed bacterial pneumonia in adults in hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes people presenting to hospital with moderate to severe community-acquired pneumonia and people who develop pneumonia while in hospital. It will enable services to make the best use of NHS resources.

NEW: [NG174] COVID-19 rapid guideline: children and young people who are immunocompromised

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng174>

The purpose of this guideline is to maximise the safety of children and young people who are immunocompromised during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also aims to protect staff from infection and enable services to make the best use of NHS resources. The guideline covers children and young people (aged 17 and under). It may also be relevant for newborn babies under 72 hours, and 18 to 24 year olds using healthcare services.



Public Health
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UPDATED: COVID-19 - guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

Updated 5th May to add translated versions in a range of languages.

NEW: Coronavirus (COVID-19): verification of death in times of emergency

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-verification-of-death-in-times-of-emergency>

This guidance is for all cases outside hospital when verification of death may be completed by people who have been trained to do so in line with their employer's policies, including:

- medical practitioners
- registered nurses
- paramedics

It's also for other non-medical professionals, usually and normally independent of family members, who are verifying death using remote clinical support.



MHRA: Coronavirus Yellow Card reporting site

<https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

A new online reporting site, dedicated to reporting any suspected side effects from medicines, future vaccines and incidents involving medical equipment relating to COVID-19 treatment, has been launched. The new and tailored Yellow Card COVID-19 reporting site makes it quicker and simpler for healthcare professionals, patients and carers to report side-effects or incidents.



ISTH interim guidance on recognition and management of coagulopathy in COVID-19

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/jth.14810>

The aim of this guidance document is to provide a risk stratification at admission for a COVID-19 patient and management of coagulopathy which may develop in some of these patients, based on easily available laboratory parameters. This pragmatic statement should clearly be considered as an interim guidance because the clinical experience of managing this pandemic is increasing. The authors are certain that this statement will be modified with developing knowledge and therapeutics in managing COVID-19.



NHS Employers: Bereavement support for NHS staff during COVID-19

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/news/2020/05/new-bereavement-support-for-nhs-staff-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

New bereavement guidance to support staff following the loss of a colleague, friend or family member during the COVID-19 pandemic is now available. The compassionate resources, produced by NHS England and NHS Improvement, provide practical support and also highlight additional resources noting the cultural diversity of our workforce.

The resources include:

- A guidance note outlining the process to take after a death in service.
- Covid: Leading during bereavement - a guidance document on good leadership during bereavement.
- Losing a colleague – a quick reference on how to access support when you have lost a colleague.

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