COVID-19 training/resources/research

Oseltamivir for coronavirus illness: post-hoc exploratory analysis of an open-label, pragmatic, randomised controlled trial in European primary care from 2016 to 2018
Samuel Coenen et al Br J Gen Pract July 2020 70:e444-e449; doi:10.3399/bjgp20X711941
Primary care patients with ILI testing positive for coronavirus (not including SARS-CoV-2) recovered sooner when oseltamivir was added to usual care compared with usual care alone. This may be of relevance to the primary care management of COVID-19

New £1.3 million national research programme to evaluate coronavirus tests in hospitals, GP surgeries and care homes
Medical Research Council 24th June 2020
Testing for coronavirus infection could become quicker, more convenient and more accurate, following the launch of a multicentre national programme of research that will evaluate how new diagnostic tests perform in hospitals, general practices and care homes.

First volunteer receives new COVID-19 vaccine today
Medical Research Council 23rd June 2020
The first healthy volunteer has now received a new coronavirus vaccine developed by researchers led by Professor Robin Shattock at Imperial College London. The phase I trials were funded by UKRI as part of the UKRI/DHSC/NIHR COVID-19 rapid research response.

Preliminary trial results find dexamethasone reduces death in hospitalised patients with severe respiratory complications of COVID-19
Medical Research Council 16th June 2020
The ‘RECOVERY’ trial has released preliminary results showing low-cost dexamethasone reduces death by up to one third in hospitalised patients with severe respiratory complications of COVID-19.

Readying the NHS and adult social care in England for Covid-19
National Audit Office 12th June 2020
This report sets out the facts about the government’s progress in preparing the NHS and social care for the Covid-19 outbreak.

Beyond the data: understanding the impact of Covid-19 on BAME groups
Public Health England June 2020
This report is a descriptive summary of stakeholder insights into the factors that may be influencing the impact of Covid-19 on BAME communities and strategies for addressing inequalities.
The Health Foundation Covid-19 survey

The Health Foundation commissioned Ipsos MORI to conduct a representative poll of the general public in Great Britain.

Getting the NHS Back on Track Planning for the Next Phase of Covid-19

This report outlines the key challenges that local organisations will face over the coming months.

Government abandons contact-tracing app for Apple and Google’s tech

The government has abandoned its model for the NHS contact-tracing app and switched to Google and Apple’s technology. It is believed the government will be working with the tech giants to develop a companion app that supports the “end-to-end” NHS test and trace service.

Innovation and inspiration - how providers are responding to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Health and care providers from all sectors have shared examples showing how they have innovated and adapted working practices to respond to the challenges of dealing with coronavirus (COVID-19). These short examples, from small home care agencies to large acute hospitals, are also a celebration of the dedication and resourcefulness of health and care providers and staff.

Innovation

Development and pilot testing of quality improvement indicators for integrated primary dementia care

A valid and feasible MDS of QIs for primary dementia care was developed, containing innovative QIs on well-being, network-based care and cost-efficiency, in addition to quality of care QIs. Application of the MDS may contribute to development and implementation of integrated care service delivery for primary dementia care.

Patients' utilisation and perception of an AI based symptom assessment and advice technology in a British primary care waiting room: Exploratory pilot study.

In this exploratory pilot study, the digital symptom checker was rated as highly usable and acceptable by patients in a primary care setting. Further research is needed to confirm whether the app might appropriately direct patients to timely care, and understand how this might save resources for the health system.
Protocol for a realist review of General Practitioners' Role in Advancing Practice in Care Homes (GRAPE study).

This review will describe how GPs were involved in initiatives to change arrangements of healthcare services in order to improve quality and experience of care.

Telephone outreach by community workers to improve uptake of NHS Health Checks in more deprived localities and minority ethnic groups: a qualitative investigation of implementation.

Stone. Journal of Public Health; Jun 2020; vol. 42 (no. 2)
To maximize the potential of telephone outreach to impact equity, purposeful recruitment and training of TOWs is vital, along with support and integration of TOWs, and the telephone outreach intervention, in participating PCPs.

Leadership

More that unites us than divides us? A qualitative study of integration of community health and social care services.

Given the longterm national policy focus on integration this ambitious approach to integrate community health and social care has highlighted implications for leadership, organisational design and inter-professional working.

Opportunities for nurses in primary care networks: time to take the reins.

Craig Practice Nursing; Jun 2020; vol. 31 (no. 6); p. 264-265
The establishment of primary care networks provides opportunities for practice nurses. Lynn Craig explores how practice nurses can take leadership roles.

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Skill Mix & Workforce Planning

Scoping the application of primary care advanced clinical practice roles in England

Thompson J. et al. International Journal of Health Governance; 2020
Despite the introduction of HEE's ACP capability framework, there is inconsistency and confusion about the ACP role. The results indicated a need for standardisation of role definition and educational and practice requirements. The results also suggested that some ACPs are not working to their full potential, while some staff who are employed as "gap-fillers" to provide routine clinical services perceive themselves as ACPs despite not working at the ACP level.

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Pharmacists reinventing their roles to effectively respond to COVID-19: A global report from the international pharmacists for anticoagulation care taskforce (iPACT)
This commentary provides some examples collected from Asia, Europe, the Americas and Africa, ranging from essential services to meet human rights basic needs, extended generalist services developed to ensure continuity of care and supply of essential medicines to the development of differentiated extended responsibilities in emergency care.

Covid-19 workforce survey.
The aim of this survey is to help understand the critical skills required to rebuild a sustainable, productive and flexible health and care workforce for the future. The findings will be compiled into a report to support employers’ focus on the short-term and medium-term priorities for recovering and restoring health and care service provision. It will also help form a grasp on the longer-term development required to establish future ambitions for the system.

Telehealth

Digital Primary Care.
eGPLearning 2020.
A dashboard for Digital Primary Care resources for GPs and other primary care staff. It includes links to consultation tools, productivity, patient support tools and more.

Telemedicine - clinical negligence considerations.
Health Services Journal (HSJ); 2020.
Clinical negligence claims are often built upon a lack of adequate documentation of what was said and allegations that patients have not been properly counselled about risks and alternatives. Elizabeth Thomas explores what this means for the increasingly significant role of telemedicine and the steps which can go a long way in reducing the burden on patients and the public purse. 2 June.

NHS England develops online diabetes tools
UK Authority Office 12th June 2020
NHS England and Improvement has launched a set of online tools to support people with diabetes.

Discover how telehealth and remote monitoring is transforming the NHS
Health Europa 15th June 2020
NHS Trusts across England are benefitting from the rapid roll out of telehealth and remote monitoring for patients in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.
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