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COVID-19 resources

<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/covid-19>

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed a number of resources to assist healthcare organisations, facilities and clinicians. These and other material on COVID-19 are available at <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/covid-19>

The latest additions include:

- **COVID-19: Aged care staff infection prevention and control precautions poster**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/covid-19-aged-care-staff-infection-prevention-and-control-precautions-poster>

STOP DO NOT VISIT A RESIDENT BEFORE SEEING RECEPTION

Precautions for staff

caring for aged care home residents who are suspected, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 cases*

*This PDF (PPE) poster is a resource to assist with the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE) recommended in publicly available guidance regarding use of PPE. The use of PPE is not a substitute for other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The infection control team should be consulted regarding use of PPE. Mask and gloves are not worn if there is a high concentration of people, such as in a common area, reception, or other public areas.

Before entering
a resident's room with suspected, probable, or confirmed COVID-19

- 1 Perform hand hygiene**
Wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub. Rub all parts of your hands, then rinse and dry with a paper towel if using soap and water, or rub till dry if using alcohol.
- 2 Put your gown on**
Put on a fluid-resistant long sleeved gown or apron.
- 3 Put on your P2/N95 respirator mask**
A. Hold the mask by its loops, then put the loops around your head.
B. Make sure the mask covers your mouth and nose. Ensure there are no gaps between your face and the mask, and press the nose piece around your nose.
C. Continue to adjust the mask along the outside until you feel you have achieved a good and comfortable facial fit.
- 4 Check the fit of your P2/N95 respirator mask**
A. Gently place hands around the edge of the mask to feel for any air or leakage.
B. Check the seal of the mask by breathing out gently. If an exhalation is felt, readjust the mask and repeat. You may need to check the mask for defects if air keeps leaking.
C. Check the seal of the mask by breathing in gently. If the mask does not come inward your face, or air leaks around the face seal, readjust the mask and repeat.
D. Finally, completely cover the mask with both hands before breathing in to help resecure the fit is good.
- 5 Perform hand hygiene again**
Perform hand hygiene again after checking the fit of your mask, if you have touched your face. Then put on eyewear and the gloves.

After you finish providing care

- 1 Remove your gloves, gown and eyewear**
A. Remove your gloves, dispose of them in a designated bin/garbage bag and perform hand hygiene.
B. Remove your gown, dispose of it in the same bin and perform hand hygiene.
C. Remove your eyewear, and place in a designated bin/garbage bag, if disposable, or in the designated recycling container if reusable.
- 2 Remove your mask**
Take the mask off from behind your head by pulling the loops over your head and moving the mask away from your face.
- 3 Dispose of the mask**
Dispose in a designated bin/garbage bag and close the bin/lid.
- 4 Perform hand hygiene again**
Wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.

IMPORTANT

To protect yourself and your family and friends, when your shift finishes, change into clean clothes at work, if possible, and put your clothes in a plastic bag. Go straight home, shower immediately and wash all of your work clothes and the clothes you wore home.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other infections, always:

- ✓ Stay home from work if you are sick.
- ✓ Perform hand hygiene frequently, and before and after you attend every resident, and after contact with potentially contaminated surfaces.
- ✓ Follow respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.
- ✓ Keep 1.5 metres away from other staff and residents, except when providing resident care, if possible.
- ✓ Ensure regular environmental cleaning, especially of frequently touched surfaces.
- ✓ Wear gloves and a gown or apron to handle and dispose of waste and use linen in designated bags/bins.
- ✓ Close the bags/bins, and perform hand hygiene after every contact.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect all shared resident equipment.

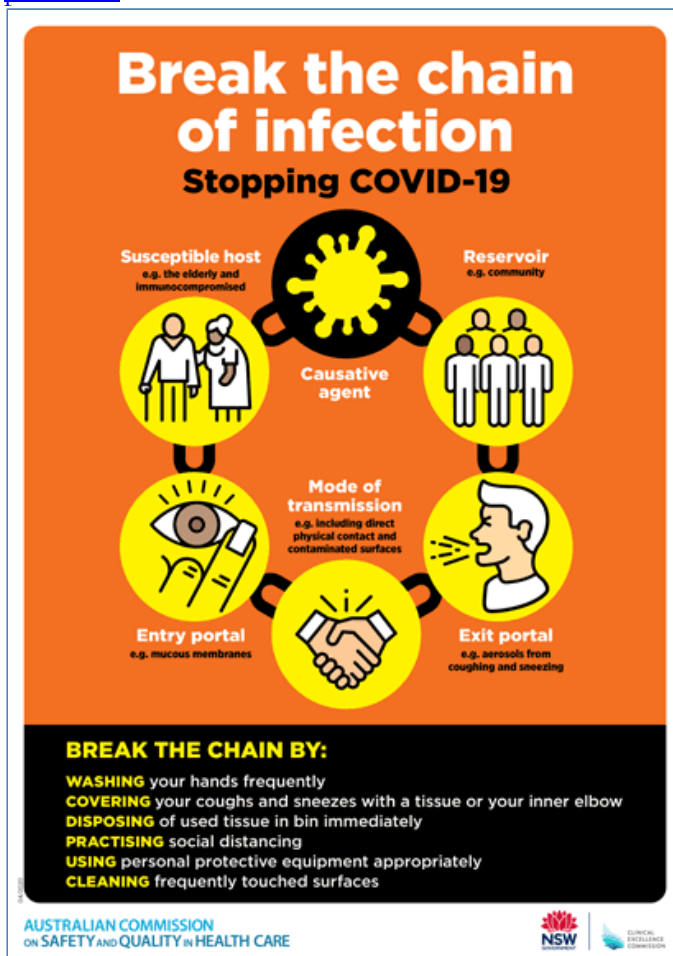
*There are many types of respirator masks. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the brand you are using.

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- **Environmental Cleaning and Infection Prevention and Control**
www.safetyandquality.gov.au/environmental-cleaning
- **Infection prevention and control Covid-19 PPE poster**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/infection-prevention-and-control-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment>
- **Special precautions for Covid-19 designated zones poster**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/special-precautions-covid-19-designated-zones>
- **COVID-19 infection prevention and control risk management – Guidance**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/covid-19-infection-prevention-and-control-risk-management-guidance>
- **Safe care for people with cognitive impairment during COVID-19**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/cognitive-impairment/cognitive-impairment-and-covid-19>

- **Medicines Management COVID-19** <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety/medicines-management-covid-19>, including position statements on medicine-related issues
 - *Managing fever associated with COVID-19*
 - *Managing a sore throat associated with COVID-19*
 - *ACE inhibitors and ARBs in COVID-19*
 - *Clozapine in COVID-19*
 - *Management of patients on oral anticoagulants during COVID-19*
 - *Ascorbic Acid: Intravenous high dose in COVID-19*
 - *Treatment in acute care, including oxygen therapy and medicines to support intubation*
 - *Nebulisation and COVID-19*
 - *Managing intranasal administration of medicines during COVID-19*
 - *Ongoing medicines management in high-risk patients*
 - *Medicines shortages*
 - *Conserving medicines*
 - *Intravenous medicines administration in the event of an infusion pump shortage*
- **Potential medicines to treat COVID-19**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/potential-medicines-treat-covid-19>
- **Break the chain of infection: Stopping COVID-19** poster
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/break-chain-poster-a3>



- **COVID-19: Elective surgery and infection prevention and control precautions**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/covid-19-elective-surgery-and-infection-prevention-and-control-precautions>
- **FAQs for clinicians on elective surgery** <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/node/5724>
- **FAQs for consumers on elective surgery** <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/node/5725>
- **FAQs on community use of face masks**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/faqs-community-use-face-masks>
- **COVID-19 and face masks – Information for consumers**
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/covid-19-and-face-masks-information-consumers>

The Commission’s fact sheet on use of face masks in the community to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is now available in Easy English and 10 other community languages from <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/wearing-face-masks-community>.

The factsheet was developed to help people understand when it is important to wear a mask to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19, and to explain how to safely put on and remove face masks. It also reinforces the importance of staying home if you have symptoms, physical distancing, hand hygiene and cough etiquette.

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INFORMATION
for consumers

COVID-19 and face masks

Should I use a face mask?

Wearing face masks may protect you from droplets (small drops) when a person with COVID-19 coughs, speaks or sneezes, and you are less than 1.5 metres away from them. Wearing a mask will also help protect others if you are infected with the virus, but do not have symptoms of infection.

Wearing a face mask in Australia is recommended by health experts in areas where community transmission of COVID-19 is high, whenever physical distancing is not possible. Deciding whether to wear a face mask is your personal choice. Some people may feel more comfortable wearing a face mask in the community.

When thinking about whether wearing a face mask is right for you, consider the following:

- Face masks may protect you when it is not possible to maintain the 1.5 metre physical distance from other people e.g. on a crowded bus or train
- Are you older or do you have other medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes or respiratory illness? People in these groups may get more severe illness if they are infected with COVID-19
- Wearing a face mask will reduce the spread of droplets from your coughs and sneezes to others (however, if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms you should stay home)
- A face mask will not provide you with complete protection from COVID-19. You should also do all of the other things listed below to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What can you do to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Stopping the spread of COVID-19 is everyone’s responsibility. The most important things that you can do to protect yourself and others are to:

- Stay at home when you are unwell, with even mild respiratory symptoms
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub
- Do not touch your face
- Do not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the virus
- Stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people (physical distancing)
- Cover your mouth when you cough by coughing into your elbow, or into a tissue. Throw the tissue away immediately.

Patient Placement Guide – Infection Prevention and Control

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
Sydney: ACSQHC; 2020. p. 4.

<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/IPC-patient-placement>

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed this additional resource to support infection prevention and control. This resource is aimed at supporting decision-making regarding appropriate bed allocation, particularly when local infection prevention and control (IPC) advice may not be available.

Patients are potentially at risk of acquiring, and transmitting, infectious conditions to other patients and healthcare workers. Patients should be assessed on, and during admission, to ensure that their bed allocation is both appropriate and timely. Patient placement is an important element of transmission-based precautions, along with the use of dedicated equipment, the use of appropriate PPE, and effective environmental cleaning.

Common infectious conditions in both the adult and paediatric populations have been considered, providing a framework for health services in metropolitan, rural and remote areas. Local adaptation is recommended to appropriately consider individual circumstances.

The guidance is based on the *Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare*.

Escalation Mapping Template

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
Sydney: ACSQHC; 2020.

<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/mental-health/escalation-mapping-template>

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has released an *Escalation Mapping Template* (EMT) to assist health service organisations to assess the efficacy of their systems for recognising and responding to deterioration in a person's mental state. The EMT is a quality improvement tool to support health service organisations to identify existing processes for recognising and responding to deterioration in a person's mental state. The EMT supports services to map the alignment of their local processes to the systemic recognition and response model and to evaluate if their processes are effective. It contains links to resources currently used in clinical practice in health settings across Australia.

The EMT will also support services to implement actions in the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.

The EMT is available on the Commission's website and can be accessed at <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/mental-health/escalation-mapping-template>

Please contact mentalhealth@safetyandquality.gov.au if you have any enquiries in relation to this resource.



Reports

The Life and Death of Elizabeth Dixon: A Catalyst for Change. Report of the Independent Investigation

Kirkup B

London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office; 2020. p. 120.

URL	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-life-and-death-of-elizabeth-dixon-a-catalyst-for-change
Notes	<p>Tragic cases can be instructive and transformational. This independent report into the death of a young child in London in 2001 reveals lapses in care and has led to a series of recommendations.</p> <p>Elizabeth Dixon was a child with special health needs. She had been born prematurely at Frimley Park Hospital in England on 14 December 2000. Following treatment and care at the specialist paediatric Great Ormond Street Hospital in London and a children's hospice she was nursed at home under a care package. As a result of a failure to clear a tracheostomy tube she asphyxiated and was pronounced dead at Frimley Park hospital on 4 December 2001.</p> <p>The chair of the investigation makes the observation that 'Elizabeth's profound disability and death could have been avoided had basic clinical principles been followed. There were failures of care by every organisation that looked after her, none of which was admitted at the time, nor properly investigated then or later.' Specific errors included missed diagnosis, errors in treatment, failure to recognise and respond appropriately and inadequate clinician expertise.</p> <p>The recommendations contained in the report address a number of issues, including guidance and protocols, community care, clinical governance, training, open disclosure, accountability, complaints, etc.</p>

Journal articles

Association of Display of Patient Photographs in the Electronic Health Record With Wrong-Patient Order Entry Errors

Salmasian H, Blanchfield BB, Joyce K, Centeio K, Schiff GB, Wright A, et al

JAMA Network Open. 2020;3(11):e2019652-e2019652.

DOI	https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2020.19652
Notes	<p>Medication errors are among the most common of medical errors and the potential for harm ranges from trivial to mortal. This article suggests a relatively simple solution to the issue of misidentification of patients and the creation of wrong-patient order entry (WPOE) errors. The paper reports on a study in the emergency department of a large hospital in the USA that displayed a patient's photograph in the electronic health record. In the study period, 2,558,746 orders were entered for 71,851 patients and the authors report that 'The risk of WPOE errors was significantly lower when the patient's photograph was displayed in the EHR (odds ratio, 0.72; 95% CI, 0.57-0.89). After this risk was adjusted for potential confounders using multivariable logistic regression, the effect size remained essentially the same (odds ratio, 0.57; 95% CI, 0.52-0.61). Risk of error was significantly lower in patients with higher acuity levels and among patients whose race was documented as White.' This may appear a simple solution to a common issue. However, could it raise other issues, such as consent, privacy concerns and security and currency of those images.</p>

For information on the Commission’s work on medication safety, including electronic medication management, see <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/medication-safety>

Public Health Research & Practice

Volume 30 Issue 4 December 2020

URL	https://www.phrp.com.au/issues/december-2020-volume-30-issue-4/
Notes	<p>A new issue of <i>Public Health Research & Practice</i> has been published with a focus on Extreme events: how do public health systems learn and adapt? Articles in this issue of <i>Public Health Research & Practice</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial: Extreme events: how do public health systems learn and adapt? (Jean-Frédéric Levesque, Mark Harris) • The Australian health system response to COVID-19 from a resilient health care perspective: what have we learned? (Robyn Clay-Williams, Frances Rapport, Jeffrey Braithwaite) • How has COVID-19 impacted cancer screening? Adaptation of services and the future outlook in Australia (Eleonora Feletto, Paul Grogan, Carolyn Nickson, Megan Smith, Karen Canfell) • Reflections on a highly unusual summer: bushfires, COVID-19 and mosquito-borne disease in NSW, Australia (Cameron E Webb) • Converging crises: public interest journalism, the pandemic and public health (Melissa A Sweet, Megan Williams, Ruth Armstrong, Janine Mohamed, Summer May Finlay, Amy Coopes) • Black Summer in the Shoalhaven, NSW: what was it like and what could we do better? A resident’s perspective (Debbie Killian) • Impact of COVID-19 on healthcare activity in NSW, Australia (Kim Sutherland, Julia Chessman, Jiaying Zhao, Grant Sara, Amith Shetty, Sharon Smith, Allan Went, Sophie Dyson, Jean-Frédéric Levesque) • Health literacy and disparities in COVID-19–related knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behaviours in Australia (Kirsten J McCaffery, Rachael H Dodd, Erin Cvejic, Julie Ayre, Carys Batcup, Jennifer MJ Isautier, Tessa Copp, Carissa Bonner, Kristen Pickles, Brooke Nickel, Thomas Dakin, Samuel Cornell, Michael S Wolf) • A mass mortality event in bats caused by extreme heat: surprising public health challenges (Lea Merone, Carlie Thirlwell, Juliet Esmonde, Richard Gair) • High community burden of smoke-related symptoms in the Hunter and New England regions during the 2019–2020 Australian bushfires (Zachary L Howard, Sandra J Carlson, Zoe Baldwin, Fay Johnston, David N Durrheim, Craig B Dalton)

Journal of Patient Safety and Risk Management

Volume: 25, Number: 6 (December 2020)

URL	https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/cric/25/6
Notes	<p>A new issue of the <i>Journal of Patient Safety and Risk Management</i> has been published. Articles in this issue of the <i>Journal of Patient Safety and Risk Management</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial: In a time of crisis, reaching for tools to improve patient safety (Albert W Wu) • Guidance vs. guidelines: the role of evidence-based medicine in the COVID-19 pandemic (Lisa M Kodadek, Jonathan C Berger, and E R Haut)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of technology in improving patient safety? A French, German and UK healthcare professional perspective (Alain Astier, Jean Carlet, Torsten Hoppe-Tichy, Ann Jacklin, Annette Jeanes, Steve McManus, Mathias W Pletz, Harald Seifert, and Ray Fitzpatrick) • Improved handoff quality and reduction in adverse events following implementation of a Spanish-language version of the I-PASS bundle for pediatric hospitalized patients in Argentina (Facundo Jorro Barón, Celina Diaz Pumara, María Agustina Janer Tittarelli, Agustina Raimondo, Marcela Urtasun, and Lucila Valentini) • Improving the quality of the daily ward round in a Plastic Surgery unit by adapting the SAFE Ward Round Tool of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (Harry D Koumoullis, Martin Shapev, Gabriel Wong, Sophie Gerring, Goerge Patrinos, Ivan Depasquale, and Jamil S Ahmed) • Characterising the types of paediatric adverse events detected by the global trigger tool – CareTrack Kids (Peter D Hibbert, William B Runciman, Andrew Carson-Stevens, Peter Lachman, Gavin Wheaton, Andrew R Hallahan, Adam Jaffe, Les White, Stephen Muething, Louise K Wiles, Charlotte J Molloy, Anita Deakin, and Jeffrey Braithwaite) • Measuring patient safety culture: A study at a teaching hospital in Ghana (Musilimu Muftawu and Ece Ugurluoglu Aldogan) • A review and commentary on the report of the Gosport Independent Panel (Justin Valentine)
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Health Affairs

Volume 39, No. 12, December 2020

URL	https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/39/12
Notes	<p>A new issue of <i>Health Affairs</i> has been published with the theme of ‘Climate & Health’. Articles in this issue of <i>Health Affairs</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressured By Students, Medical Schools Grapple With Climate Change (Michele Cohen Marill) • Health Risks Due To Climate Change: Inequity In Causes And Consequences (Kristie L Ebi and Jeremy J Hess) • Adding A Climate Lens To Health Policy In The United States (Renee N Salas, Tynan H Friend, Aaron Bernstein, and Ashish K Jha) • Health Care Pollution And Public Health Damage In The United States: An Update (Matthew J Eckelman, Kaixin Huang, Robert Lagasse, Emily Senay, Robert Dubrow, and Jodi D Sherman) • Health Care Sustainability Metrics: Building A Safer, Low-Carbon Health System (Martin Hensher and Forbes McGain) • Transforming The Medical Device Industry: Road Map To A Circular Economy (Andrea J MacNeill, Harriet Hopf, Aman Khanuja, Saed Alizamir, Melissa Bilec, Matthew J Eckelman, Lyndon Hernandez, Forbes McGain, Kari Simonsen, Cassandra Thiel, Steven Young, Robert Lagasse, and J D Sherman) • Estimating The Costs Of Inaction And The Economic Benefits Of Addressing The Health Harms Of Climate Change (Vijay S Limaye, Wendy Max, Juanita Constible, and Kim Knowlton) • Valuing Health Impacts In Climate Policy: Ethical Issues And Economic Challenges (Noah Scovronick, M Ferranna, F Dennig, and M Budolfson) • Measuring The Impact Of Air Pollution On Health Care Costs (Howard G Birnbaum, Christopher D Carley, Urvi Desai, Susan Ou, and P R Zuckerman)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrambling For Safety In The Eye Of Dorian: Mental Health Consequences Of Exposure To A Climate-Driven Hurricane (James M Shultz, Duane E Sands, Nadia Holder-Hamilton, William Hamilton, Sandeep Goud, Krista Marie Nottage, Zelde Espinel, S Friedman, C Fugate, J P Kossin, and S Galea) • Mitigating Health Disparities After Natural Disasters: Lessons From The RISK Project (Ethan J Raker, Mariana C Arcaya, Sarah R Lowe, Meghan Zacher, Jean Rhodes, and Mary C Waters) • Management Of Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases After Natural Disasters In The Caribbean: A Scoping Review (Saria Hassan, Mytien Nguyen, Morgan Buchanan, Alyssa Grimshaw, Oswald P Adams, Trevor Hassell, LaVerne Ragster, and Marcella Nunez-Smith) • Alignment Of US School Lunches With The EAT-Lancet Healthy Reference Diet’s Standards For Planetary Health (Mary Kathryn Poole, Aviva A Musicus, and Erica L Kenney) • How Indigenous Communities Are Adapting To Climate Change: Insights From The Climate-Ready Tribes Initiative (Paul J Schramm, Angelica L Al Janabi, Larry W Campbell, Jamie L Donatuto, and Shasta C Gaughen) • Using Implementation Science For Health Adaptation: Opportunities For Pacific Island Countries (Christopher J Boyer, Kathryn Bowen, Virginia Murray, Johnny Hadley, Jimmy Jaghero Hilly, Jeremy J Hess, and K L Ebi) • Using Detection And Attribution To Quantify How Climate Change Is Affecting Health (Kristie L Ebi, Christofer Åström, Christopher J Boyer, Luke J Harrington, Jeremy J Hess, Yasushi Honda, Eileen Kazura, Rupert F Stuart-Smith, and Friederike E L Otto) • Multisolving Innovations For Climate And Health: Message Framing To Achieve Broad Public Support (James W Dearing and Maria Lapinski) • Developing A Definition Of Climate And Health Literacy (Vijay S Limaye, Maggie L Grabow, Valerie J Stull, and Jonathan A Patz) • Training Clinical And Public Health Leaders In Climate And Health (Jay Lemery, John Balbus, Cecilia Sorensen, Caitlin Rublee, Caleb Dresser, Satchit Balsari, and Emile Calvello Hynes) • COVID-19 Emergency Sick Leave Has Helped Flatten The Curve In The United States (Stefan Pichler, Katherine Wen, and Nicolas R Ziebarth) • Climate Migration And The Future Of Health Care (Katharine Lawrence)
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Healthcare Papers

Volume 19 Number 3 2020

URL	https://www.longwoods.com/publications/healthcarepapers/26367
Notes	<p>A new issue of <i>Healthcare Papers</i> has been published with a theme of Healthcare’s environmental harms. Articles in this issue of <i>Healthcare Papers</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Sustainability Must Be on Our Agenda for Healthcare (Neil Stuart) • Toward a Sustainable Health System: A Call to Action (Fiona A Miller and Edward Xie) • The UK National Health Service Is World Leader in Sustainable Healthcare: Recommendations for Canada (Brett Duane) • Reframing Resource Stewardship and Sustainability as Professionalism: What Can Efforts for a Net-Zero Health System Learn from Choosing Wisely campaigns? (Karen Born and Wendy Levinson)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Practical Progress on Climate Change in Healthcare: Seizing Opportunities (Kathleen Morris) • Toward a Sustainable Health System: The Changing Economic Paradigm (Martin Hensher) • Opportunities for Action toward a Sustainable Health System (Jennifer Zelmer) • Sustainable Health Systems: Who Will Answer the Call to Action, and How? (Eddy Nason) • Creating an Environmentally Sustainable Health System Demands a Socially Accountable Approach in a Post-COVID World (Anne Andermann, Yassen Tcholakov, Reggie Tomatuk and Sandy Buchman) • Beyond Engagement: Realizing Nurses' Capacity to Lead Sustainable Health Systems (Quinn Grundy, Olga Krasik, Nicole Meleca, Nicole Mills, Shugri Nour and Emma Whalen) • Leveraging Our Strengths to Achieve Sustainable Healthcare (Edward Xie and Fiona A Miller)
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Health Services Research
Volume 55, Issue S3

URL	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14756773/2020/55/S3
Notes	<p>A new special issue of <i>Health Services Research</i> has been published with the theme of Comparative Health System Performance. Articles in this issue of <i>Health Services Research</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The promise and peril of health systems (Richard Kronick) • Making integration work (David Blumenthal) • Care integration within and outside health system boundaries (Sara J Singer, Anna D Sinaiko, Maike V Tietschert, Michaela Kerrissey, Russell S Phillips, Veronique Martin, Grace Joseph, Hassina Bahadurzada, Denis Agniel) • The importance of understanding and measuring health system structural, functional, and clinical integration (M Susan Ridgely, Christine Buttorff, Laura J Wolf, E L Duffy, A K Tom, C L Damberg, D P Scanlon, M E Vaiana) • Health system integration with physician specialties varies across markets and system types (Rachel M Machta, James D Reschovsky, David J Jones, Laura Kimmey, Michael F Furukawa, Eugene C Rich) • Evolution of the home health care market: The expansion and quality performance of multi-agency chains (Fangli Geng, Sarah Mansouri, David G Stevenson, David C Grabowski) • Organizational integration, practice capabilities, and outcomes in clinically complex medicare beneficiaries (Carrie Colla, Wendy Yang, A J Mainor, E Meara, M H Ouayogode, V A Lewis, S Shortell, E Fisher) • Primary care quality and cost for privately insured patients in and out of US Health Systems: Evidence from four states (Ruohua Annetta Zhou, Nancy D Beaulieu, David Cutler) • Racial and ethnic disparities in care for health system-affiliated physician organizations and non-affiliated physician organizations (Justin W Timbie, Ashley M Kranz, Maria DeYoreo, Blen Eshete-Roesler, Marc N Elliott, José J Escarce, Mark E Totten, Cheryl L Damberg) • Health system affiliation of physician organizations and quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries who have high needs (Ashley M Kranz, Maria

	<p>DeYoreo, Blen Eshete-Roesler, Cheryl L Damberg, Mark Totten, José J Escarce, Justin W Timbie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are health systems redesigning how health care is delivered? (Dennis P Scanlon, Jillian B Harvey, Laura J Wolf, Jocelyn M Vanderbrink, Bethany Shaw, Yunfeng Shi, Yasmin Mahmud, M Susan Ridgely, Cheryl L Damberg) • Understanding how health systems facilitate primary care redesign (Jillian B Harvey, Jocelyn Vanderbrink, Yasmin Mahmud, Erin Kitt-Lewis, Laura Wolf, Bethany Shaw, M Susan Ridgely, Cheryl L Damberg, Dennis P Scanlon)
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BMJ Quality & Safety online first articles

URL	https://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/recent
Notes	<p><i>BMJ Quality & Safety</i> has published a number of ‘online first’ articles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient-centred care delivered by general practitioners: a qualitative investigation of the experiences and perceptions of patients and providers (Bryce Brickley, Lauren T Williams, Mark Morgan, Alyson Ross, Kellie Trigger, Lauren Ball) • Association between paediatric intraoperative anaesthesia handover and adverse postoperative outcomes (Thomas Kannampallil, Daphne Lew, Ethan E Pfeifer, Anshuman Sharma, Joanna Abraham)

International Journal for Quality in Health Care online first articles

URL	https://academic.oup.com/intqhc/advance-articles
Notes	<p><i>International Journal for Quality in Health Care</i> has published a number of ‘online first’ articles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Operating Room Performance With Control Charts: Findings From A Greek Public Hospital (Loukas K Tsironis, Sotirios G Dimitriadis, Evangelos Kehris) • Psychometric evaluation of the Arabic version of the patient-centered communication instrument for adult cancer patients. (Mukhlid Alshammari, Jed Duff, Michelle Guilhermino) • Health Care Inequality in Compensation Claims Concerning Acute Hospital Services– A Danish Register-Based Study (Søren Birkeland, Lars Morsø, Marianne Fløjstrup, Kim Lyngby Mikkelsen, Søren Bie Bogh)

Online resources

National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce

<https://covid19evidence.net.au/>

The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce is a collaboration of peak health professional bodies across Australia whose members are providing clinical care to people with COVID-19. The taskforce is undertaking continuous evidence surveillance to identify and rapidly synthesise emerging research in order to provide national, **evidence-based guidelines and clinical flowcharts for the clinical care of people with COVID-19**. The guidelines address questions that are specific to managing COVID-19 and cover the full disease course across mild, moderate, severe and critical illness. These are ‘living’ guidelines, updated with new research in near real-time in order to give reliable, up-to-the minute advice to clinicians providing frontline care in this unprecedented global health crisis.

COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

<https://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/critical-intelligence-unit>

The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) in New South Wales has developed this page summarising rapid, evidence-based advice during the COVID-19 pandemic. Its operations focus on systems intelligence, clinical intelligence and evidence integration. The content includes a daily evidence digest and evidence checks on a discrete topic or question relating to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The latest updates include:

- *Aged care facilities and COVID-19*
- *Deployment and vaccination plan for COVID-19*
- *Routine border screening evidence check.*

[USA] Effective Health Care Program reports

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/>

The US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has an Effective Health Care (EHC) Program. The EHC has released the following final reports and updates:

- *Outcome Measure Harmonization and Data Infrastructure for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research in Depression - Report on Registry Configuration*
<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/products/registry-of-patient-registries/outcome-measure-harmonization>

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