Current Awareness Bulletin – 26th March 2020

The Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 (SARS-COV-19)

Information with regards COVID-19 is emerging at a rapid pace, this bulletin will highlight a few sources of knowledge and appropriate documents –most websites and articles are open access at the time of writing. Should an article be difficult to obtain please contact us and we will obtain it on your behalf.

If you require a search for information or knowledge with respect to a particular group of patients (e.g. pregnant or elderly, with asthma or psychological illness) please do let us know and we will endeavour to search for you.

Sources of Information

Gov.uk - https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

BMJ Best Practice - https://bestpractice.bmj.com/topics/en-gb/3000168

UpTodate - https://www.uptodate.com/contents/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19

The Cochrane Library: https://www.cochrane.org/news/coronavirus-covid-19-cochrane-resources-and-news

Public Health England Library: https://phelibrary.koha-ptfs.co.uk/coronavirusinformation/

The Oxford Centre for Evidence Based Medicine (CEBM): https://www.cebm.net/oxford-covid-19/

WHO Database of publications on COVID19: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

NICE rapid guidelines and evidence reviews: https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19

The COVID-19 Open Research Dataset (CORD-19) https://pages.semanticscholar.org/coronavirus-research (best downloaded as a metadata file and saved into excel unless you have proprietary software)

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine: https://www.rcem.ac.uk/RCEM/Quality_Policy/Safety/Covid-19/RCEM/ForProfessionals/Safety/Coronavirus_Covid-19.aspx?Coronavirus

Useful articles:

Filippi, A. (…et al) (2020) Covid-19 outbreak in Northern Italy: first practical indications for radiotherapy departments. Int. J Rad. Oncol. Bio. Phys. (e-pub ahead of print) https://www.redjournal.org/article/S0360-3016(20)30930-5/pdf

Goh, K.J (…et al) (2020) Rapid Progression to acute respiratory distress syndrome: review of current understanding of critical illness from COVID-19 infection. Ann Acad Med Singapore (in press – March 2020) http://www.annals.edu.sg/pdf/special/OA20057_GohKJ_3.pdf

Ho, C. (…et al) (2020) Mental health strategies to combat the psychological impact of COVID-19: beyond paranoia and fear. Ann Acad Med Singapore (in press March 2020)
http://www.annals.edu.sg/pdf/special/COM20043_HoCSH_2.pdf

Downloadable book from The First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine in China: Handbook of COVID-19 Prevention and Treatment: https://covid-19.alibabacloud.com/

Library Blog

Our library blog now has a dedicated page to coronavirus information. Please visit yeovilacademylibrary.com.

Other items of interest

The World Health Organisation now have a WhatsApp service for delivering up to date information – use this link on your phone or tablet http://bit.ly/who-covid19-whatsapp and say "hi" to the WHO and then choose from the options to get an immediate response on your chosen topic e.g. latest numbers, mythbusters, news and press.

Wikidata are pulling together research and evidence in one place – contributions welcome:
https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:WikiProject_COVID-19/Items

Hampshire Hospitals have produced some patient information leaflets – select the Coronavirus button in the list on the page - https://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/patients-visitors/health-information-point-hip/patient-information-leaflets

Focus Games now has an online game: "Coronavirus: know the facts" that helps separate the facts from the myths (Focus Games creates healthcare games for staff and students) https://games.focusgames.co.uk/coronavirus/game/

Health Education England (HEE) have produced an on-learning programme to help the health and care workforce respond to the coronavirus - https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/coronavirus/

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