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**Systematic Reviews**

**Cerebrolysin for acute ischaemic stroke**
Liliya Eugenevna Ziganshina, Tatyana Abakumova, Charles HV Hoyle
Intervention Review
14 July 2020
Cerebrolysin is a mixture of low-molecular-weight peptides and amino acids derived from porcine brain that has potential neuroprotective properties. It is widely used in the treatment of acute ischaemic stroke in Russia, Eastern Europe, China, and other Asian and post-Soviet countries. This is an up...

**Multiple versus fewer antiplatelet agents for preventing early recurrence after ischaemic stroke or transient ischaemic attack**
Imama A Naqvi, Ayeesha K Kamal, Hasan Rehman
Intervention Review
19 August 2020
Stroke is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Antiplatelet agents are considered to be the cornerstone for secondary prevention of stroke.

**Iron chelators for acute stroke**
Lars E Van der Loo, René Aquarius, Onno Teernstra, Catharina JM Klijn, Tomas Menovsky, J Marc C Dijk, Ronald Bartels, Hieronymus Damianus Boogaarts
Intervention Review
25 November 2020
Stroke is the second leading cause of death and a major cause of morbidity worldwide. Retrospective clinical and animal studies have demonstrated neuroprotective effects of iron chelators in people with haemorrhagic or ischaemic stroke.
Carotid endarterectomy for symptomatic carotid stenosis
Amaraporn Rerkasem, Saritphat Orrapin, Dominic PJ Howard, Kittipan Rerkasem
Intervention Review
12 September 2020
Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the most common cause of long-term disability. Severe narrowing (stenosis) of the carotid artery is an important cause of stroke. Surgical treatment (carotid endarterectomy) may reduce the risk of stroke, but carries a risk of operative complications.

Blood transfusion for preventing primary and secondary stroke in people with sickle cell disease
Lise J Estcourt, Ruchika Kohli, Sally Hopewell, Marialena Trivella, Winfred C Wang
Intervention Review
27 July 2020
Sickle cell disease is one of the commonest severe monogenic disorders in the world, due to the inheritance of two abnormal haemoglobin (beta globin) genes. Sickle cell disease can cause severe pain, significant end-organ damage, pulmonary complications, and premature death.

Endovascular therapy versus medical treatment for symptomatic intracranial artery stenosis
Tao Wang, Jichang Luo, Xue Wang, Kun Yang, Vikram Jadhav, Peng Gao, Yan Ma, Na Zhao, Liqun Jiao
Intervention Review
11 August 2020
Intracranial atherosclerotic stenosis (ICAS) is an arterial narrowing in the brain that can cause stroke. Endovascular therapy and medical management may be used to prevent recurrent ischaemic stroke caused by ICAS. However, there is no consensus on the best treatment for people with ICAS.

Implementation interventions to promote the uptake of evidence-based practices in stroke rehabilitation
Liana S Cahill, Leeanne M Carey, Natasha A Lannin, Megan Turville, Cheryl L Neilson, Elizabeth A Lynch, Carol E McKinstry, Jia Xi Han, Denise O’Connor
Intervention Review
Rehabilitation based upon research evidence gives stroke survivors the best chance of recovery. There is substantial research to guide practice in stroke rehabilitation, yet uptake of evidence by healthcare professionals is typically slow and patients often do not receive evidence-based care.

Citicoline for treating people with acute ischemic stroke
Arturo J Martí-Carvajal, Claudia Valli, Cristina Elena Marti-Amarista, Ivan Solà, Joan Martí-Fàbregas, Xavier Bonfill Cosp
Intervention Review
29 August 2020
Stroke is one of the leading causes of long-lasting disability and mortality and its global burden has increased in the past two decades. Several therapies have been proposed for the recovery from, and treatment of, ischemic stroke. One of them is citicoline.

Motor imagery for gait rehabilitation after stroke
Stephano Silva, Loreonna RDM Borges, Loreonna Santiago, Larissa Lucena, Ana R Lindquist, Tatiana Ribeiro
Intervention Review
24 September 2020
Motor imagery (MI) is defined as a mentally rehearsed task in which movement is imagined but is not performed. The approach includes repetitive imagined body movements or rehearsing imagined acts to improve motor performance.
**Electromechanical-assisted training for walking after stroke**

Jan Mehrholz, Simone Thomas, Joachim Kugler, Marcus Pohl, Bernhard Elsner

**Intervention Review**

22 October 2020

Electromechanical- and robot-assisted gait-training devices are used in rehabilitation and might help to improve walking after stroke. This is an update of a Cochrane Review first published in 2007 and previously updated in 2017. Objectives

**Primary.**

**Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) for improving activities of daily living, and physical and cognitive functioning, in people after stroke**

Bernhard Elsner, Joachim Kugler, Marcus Pohl, Jan Mehrholz

**Intervention Review**

11 November 2020

- New search

Stroke is one of the leading causes of disability worldwide. Functional impairment, resulting in poor performance in activities of daily living (ADL) among stroke survivors is common.

**Antiplatelet and anticoagulant agents for secondary prevention of stroke and other thromboembolic events in people with antiphospholipid syndrome**

Malgorzata M Bala, Magdalena Celinska-Lowenhoff, Wojciech Szot, Agnieszka Padjas, Mateusz Kaczmarczyk, Mateusz J Swiercz, Anetta Undas

**Intervention Review**

12 October 2020

- New search
- Conclusions changed

Antiphospholipid syndrome (APS) is a systemic autoimmune disease characterized by arterial or venous thrombosis (or both), and/or pregnancy morbidity in association with the presence of antiphospholipid antibodies. The prevalence of APS is estimated at 40 to 50 cases per 100,000 people.

**Alcohol intake reduction for controlling hypertension**

Maria Teresa Acin, José-Ramón Rueda, Luis Carlos Saiz, Veronica Parent Mathias, Natalia Alzueta, Ivan Solà, Javier Garjón, Juan Erviti

**Intervention Review**

21 September 2020

High blood pressure constitutes one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity all over the world. At the same time, heavy drinking increases the risk for developing cardiovascular diseases, including cardiomyopathy, hypertension, atrial arrhythmias, or stroke.

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**Evidence-based Synopses**

1. **Implantable cardiac monitors to detect atrial fibrillation after cryptogenic stroke**

To help to detect atrial fibrillation after cryptogenic stroke, including transient ischaemic attacks (TIA), only if: non-invasive electrocardiogram (ECG) monitoring has been done and a cardiac arrhythmic cause of stroke is still suspected. 1.2 Clinicians should consider if disabled people may need support from a carer to help set up the MyCareLink Patient Monitor, to ensure data from Reveal LINQ are transmitted for review.

2020 [National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence - Diagnostics Guidance](http://www.nice.org.uk)
2. **Continual Long-Term Physiotherapy After Stroke**

We excluded people who were admitted to hospital for transient ischemic attack, as it is characterized as a minor and nondisabling type of stroke, 16 and focused on people who were admitted for either ischemic or (intracerebral or subarachnoid) hemorrhagic stroke. Budget Impact Analysis March 2020 Ontario Health Technology Assessment Series; Vol. 20 (...) and long-term medical attention.

2020 **Health Quality Ontario**

3. **Automated CT Perfusion Imaging to Aid in the Selection of Patients With Acute Ischemic Stroke for Mechanical Thrombectomy**

Automated CT Perfusion Imaging to Aid in the Selection of Patients With Acute Ischemic Stroke for Mechanical Thrombectomy - Health Quality Ontario (HQO) Let's make our health system healthier.

2020 **Health Quality Ontario**

4. **Prevalence of dysphagia and economic burden of aspiration pneumonia in patients with stroke or head and neck cancer**

Prevalence of dysphagia and economic burden of aspiration pneumonia in patients with stroke or head and neck cancer application/octet-stream

2020 **Institute of Health Economics**

5. **Patent foramen ovale (PFO) closure in patients with cryptogenic ischaemic stroke**

Advice | 10 In a large population-based cohort study in Oxfordshire (OXVASC), consecutive patients with a first transient ischaemic attack (TIA) or ischaemic stroke were followed up for a period of 10 years 14.

2020 **SHTG Advice Statements**

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**UpToDate**

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**Initial assessment and management of acute stroke**


The main goals in the initial phase of acute stroke management are to ensure medical stability, to quickly reverse conditions that are contributing to the patient’s problem, to determine if patients with acute ischemic stroke are candidates for thrombolytic therapy, and to begin to uncover the pathophysiologic basis of the neurologic symptoms.

**Overview of the evaluation of stroke**

Literature review current through: Nov 2020. | This topic last updated: Jan 02, 2020.

Cerebrovascular disease is caused by one of several pathophysiologic processes involving the blood vessels of the brain.

**Clinical diagnosis of stroke subtypes**


Stroke is classified into three main subtypes: intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH), subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), and ischemic stroke. The classification of stroke is discussed in detail separately. Patient demographic variables, the presence of stroke risk factors, and findings from the history and physical examination may suggest certain stroke subtypes. This presumptive clinical diagnosis requires confirmation by brain and vascular imaging.
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**NICE Healthcare Databases**

1. **An audit of dressing practice by occupational therapists in acute stroke settings in England.**
   - **Author(s)** Worthington; Whitehead, Phillip; Li, Zhaoying; Golding-Day, Miriam; Walker, Marion
   - **Source** British Journal of Occupational Therapy; Nov 2020; vol. 83 (no. 11); p. 664-673
   - **Language** English
   - **Publication Date** Nov 2020
   - **DOI** 10.1177/0308022620926103
   - **ISSN** 03080226
   - **Database** CINAHL
   - There is widespread variability in dressing practice. There is a lack of use of standardised dressing assessments, and therapists’ rationale for their choice of approach is unclear.
     - Available in full text at British Journal of Occupational Therapy from Unpaywall

2. **Nosocomial COVID-19 on a green ward...**
   - **Source** Clinical Medicine; Nov 2020; vol. 20 (no. 6)
   - **Language** English
   - **Publication Date** Nov 2020
   - **DOI** 10.7861/clinmed.Let.20.6.8
   - **ISSN** 14702118
   - **Database** CINAHL
   - Available in full text at Clinical Medicine from ProQuest (Health Research Premium) - NHS Version
   - Available in full text at Clinical Medicine from Unpaywall

3. **Cough reflex testing in acute stroke: A survey of current UK service provision and speech and language therapist perceptions.**
   - **Author(s)** Trimble; Patterson, Joanne
   - **Source** International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders; Nov 2020; vol. 55 (no. 6); p. 899-916
   - **Language** English
   - **Publication Date** Nov 2020
   - **DOI** 10.1111/1460-6984.12571
   - **ISSN** 13682822
   - **Database** CINAHL
   - This survey gives valuable insight into the current practice and perceptions of SLTs in the UK working in acute stroke settings in relation to CRT. It highlights discrepancies between reported approaches and recommendations from existing guidelines and validation studies. The variation in responses indicates a need to develop a consensus statement and further research to guide practice. What this study addsWhat is already known on the subjectCRT is gaining popularity as a screening tool for the clinical identification of SA with acute stroke patients. However, there is a lack of consensus in the literature regarding the methodology and protocols with widely varying outcomes. Further work needs to be done to standardize its use, especially if it is to be incorporated into dysphagia protocols for use in the acute stroke setting. What this paper adds to existing knowledge

**Author(s)** McConachie; McConachie, N.; White, P.; Crossley, R.; Izzath, W.

**Source** Clinical Radiology; Oct 2020; vol. 75 (no. 10); p. 795.e7

**Language** English

**Publication Date** Oct 2020

**DOI** 10.1016/j.crad.2020.07.001

**ISSN** 00099260

**Database** CINAHL

The present survey has highlighted a trend of decreasing cases and delays in the patient pathway during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic across UK centres.

- Available in full text at Clinical radiology from Unpaywall


**Author(s)** Jewkes; Yimeng Zhang; Nicholl, David J.

**Source** Clinical Medicine; Sep 2020; vol. 20 (no. 5)

**Language** English

**Publication Date** Sep 2020

**DOI** 10.7861/clinmed.2020-0422

**ISSN** 14702118

**Database** CINAHL

This study highlights the importance of appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) with high-risk patients (including those with stroke and complex brain injury with tracheostomies) and the difficulties of COVID-19 management in a high-risk patient population.

- Available in full text at Clinical medicine (London, England) from ProQuest (Health Research Premium) - NHS Version
- Available in full text at Clinical medicine (London, England) from Unpaywall

6. Care priorities for stroke patients developing cognitive difficulties: a Delphi survey of UK professional views.

**Author(s)** Tang; Robinson, Louise; Exley, Catherine; Flynn, Darren; Stephan, Blossom C. M. et al.

**Source** BMC Health Services Research; Aug 2020; vol. 20 (no. 1); p. 1-9

**Language** English

**Publication Date** Aug 2020

**DOI** 10.1186/s12913-020-05558-y

**ISSN** 14726963

**Database** CINAHL

Assessment of post-stroke cognitive deficits needs to be routinely considered during the six-month review. A formal risk assessment tool could be a way to streamline direct access to memory clinic services to ensure that individuals at-risk of dementia receive ongoing care.

- Available in full text at BMC health services research from BioMed Central
- Available in full text at BMC health services research from Europe PubMed Central - Open Access
- More full-text links...
Author(s) McClelland; Flynn, Darren; Rodgers, Helen; Price, Christopher
Source Emergency Medicine Journal; Aug 2020; vol. 37 (no. 8); p. 474-479
Language English
Publication Date Aug 2020
DOI 10.1136/emermed-2019-208902
ISSN 14720205
Database CINAHL
Misidentification leads to patients who had a 'stroke mimic' (SM) being inappropriately triaged to specialist units. We evaluated the positive predictive value (PPV) of prehospital stroke identification by ambulance clinicians in the North East of England.
Training for stroke identification and SM rates need to be considered when planning service provision and capacity.

- Available in full text at Emergency medicine journal: EMJ from BMJ Journals - NHS
- Available in full text at Emergency medicine journal: EMJ from ProQuest (Health Research Premium) - NHS Version
- More full-text links...

8. Factors influencing the amount of therapy received during inpatient stroke care: an analysis of data from the UK Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme.
Author(s) Gittins ; Vail, Andy; Bowen, Audrey; Lugo-Palacios, David; Paley, Lizz et al.
Source Clinical Rehabilitation; Jul 2020; vol. 34 (no. 7); p. 981-991
Language English
Publication Date Jul 2020
DOI 10.1177/0269215520927454
ISSN 02692155
Database CINAHL
The amount of stroke therapy is associated with unmodifiable patient-related characteristics and modifiable organizational factors in that more therapy was associated with higher therapy and nurse staffing levels, specialist stroke rehabilitation services, timely therapy assessments, and the presence of weekend and early discharge services.

- Available in full text at Clinical Rehabilitation from Unpaywall

9. Results of a UK-wide vignette study with occupational therapists to explore cognitive screening post stroke.
Author(s) Geraghty ; Ablewhite, Joanne; das Nair, Roshan; Lincoln, Nadina; Kontou, Eirini et al.
Source International Journal of Therapy & Rehabilitation; Jul 2020; vol. 27 (no. 7); p. 1-12
Language English
Publication Date Jul 2020
DOI 10.12968/jtr.2019.0064
ISSN 17411645
Database CINAHL
variation found in occupational therapists' recognition and assessment of cognitive problems has the potential to impact on management and rehabilitation in stroke services, survivor outcomes, education and research.

- Available in full text at International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation from MAG Online Library

Source Stroke News; Jun 2020; p. 18-21
Language English
Publication Date Jun 2020
ISSN 13608371
Database CINAHL
11. Is practising standing-up and moving between sitting and standing early after a severe stroke feasible? A feasibility randomised controlled trial...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.
Author(s) Logan ; Freeman, J.; Pooler, J.; Kent, B.; Barton, A. et al.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.028
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

12. 'It was never too much': stroke survivors' and their carers' experiences with augmented arm physiotherapy in the EVERLAP study...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.
Author(s) Schnabel ; Kidd, L.; van Wijck, F.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.029
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

Author(s) Kilbride ; Scott, D.; Butcher, T.; Warland, A.; Ryan, J. et al.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.036
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

14. The effectiveness of non-pharmacological interventions to treat orthostatic hypotension in people with stroke: a systematic review...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.
Author(s) Logan ; Freeman, J.; Pooler, J.; Kent, B.; Gunn, H. et al.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.052
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

15. Cardiac rehabilitation and stroke teams attitudes to people with stroke taking part in cardiac rehabilitation: focus group study...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1-2, 2019, Birmingham, United Kingdom.
Author(s) Clague-Baker ; Robinson, T.; Drewry, S.; Hagenberg, A.; Singh, S.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.130
ISSN 00319406
16. Cardiac rehabilitation for people with sub-acute, mild to moderate stroke: results from a mixed methods feasibility study...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.
Author(s) Clague-Baker ; Robinson, T.; Gillies, C.; Drewry, S.; Hagenberg, A. et al.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.131
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

17. Does adapted cardiac rehabilitation change physical activity and sedentary behaviour for people with mild-to-moderate stroke?...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.
Author(s) Baker ; Orme, M.; Robinson, T.; Drewry, S.; Hagenberg, A. et al.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.139
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

Author(s) Beaumont
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.146
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

Author(s) Alahmari ; Alhowimel, A.; Alotaibi, M.; Kontou, E.; Logan, P. et al.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.149
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

20. Improving acceptability and suitability of web-based physiotherapy for people undergoing stroke rehabilitation and their carers using co-production methods...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.
Author(s) Alhusayni ; Cowey, E.; Dybus, A.; Paul, L.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.161
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL
21. Integration of primary and secondary care stroke rehabilitation into one continuous MDT pathway: a service evaluation...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.

Author(s) Mallett
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.164
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

22. Therapy timetabling, an evaluation of outcomes following implementation at the Oxfordshire stroke rehabilitation unit...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.

Author(s) Garratt ; King, S.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.200
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

23. Factors influencing implementation of aerobic exercise after stroke: a systematic review...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.

Author(s) Gaskins ; Bray, E.P.; Hill, J.E.; Doherty, P.J.; Harrison, A.S. et al.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.239
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL


Author(s) Lamb ; Davies, D.P.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.245
ISSN 00319406
Database CINAHL

25. Upper-limb therapy for stroke survivors with severely-limited arm function: analysis of participants' function and goal attainment following an augmented intervention...Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Conference & Trade Exhibition, Physiotherapy UK 2019, Nov 1, 2019-Nov 2, 2019, United Kingdom.

Author(s) Young ; van Wijck, F.
Source Physiotherapy; May 2020; vol. 107
Language English
Publication Date May 2020
DOI 10.1016/j.physio.2020.03.298
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Library Resources

The books listed below are a selection of those that can be found at the library. To search the library catalogue in full, visit swims.nhs.uk.

More case studies in stroke: common and uncommon presentations (2014)
Hennerici, Michael G.

Stroke medicine (2nd ed) (2017)
Markus, Hugh; Pereira, Anthony; Cloud, Geoffrey

In the News

Well-respected NMC chair to step down following stroke
02 December, 2020
The chair of the Nursing and Midwifery Council is stepping down due to ill health. Philip Graf, who first took up the role of NMC chair in May 2018, had a stroke at the end of September.

New support network launched for Indian nurses in the UK
25 November, 2020
A new network has been launched to support Indian nurses joining the NHS to settle into the UK and “thrive” in their roles in the healthcare system.

Nursing Times Awards pays tribute to shortlisted nurse following death
19 November, 2020
A special tribute was paid at the 2020 Nursing Times Awards last night to an “inspirational and visionary” nurse who died during the nomination process for the nurse of the year award.

Covid-19 disrupting mental health services in most countries, finds WHO
05 October, 2020
Mental health services have been disrupted or halted in 93% of countries across the globe because of the coronavirus pandemic, a new survey from the World Health Organization (WHO) has revealed.
Good nursing hospitals deliver better outcomes at ‘no extra cost’
08 September, 2020
Investment in hospital nurses leads to better patient outcomes and pays for itself financially through improved care, according to a study by US nursing academics.

Vigilance ‘vital’ in immediate postnatal period for safe baby care
18 August, 2020
Effective clinical monitoring during skin-to-skin contact straight after birth is key to reducing the risk of sudden unexpected postnatal collapse (SUPC) in babies, according to a maternity safety report.

Trust pays tribute to rising star palliative care nurse after sudden death
24 July, 2020
A “passionate” nurse who was building a reputation both nationally and internationally for her trailblazing work in the field of palliative care has died unexpectedly at the age of 32.

Charity raises concern over spike in diabetes deaths in community
21 July, 2020
The “devastating impact” Covid-19 is having on people with diabetes must be better recognised and mitigated by the government, as the pandemic moves into the next stage, a charity has warned.

‘Prediabetes’ link to increased risk of heart disease prompts call for screening
17 July, 2020
Prediabetes is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease and death in both the general population and in patients with a history of heart problems, according to researchers.

Look out for brain complications in Covid-19 patients, urge researchers
08 July, 2020
Clinicians must be “vigilant” for signs of neurological problems in people who have had Covid-19, researchers have warned following new evidence about the potential brain-related complications of the virus.

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