

Theories of a Pandemic

Lessons repeated but not learned

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Disclosures

- I have no disclosures to report
- I'm always conflicted
- I had “fog” even before I had CoVID

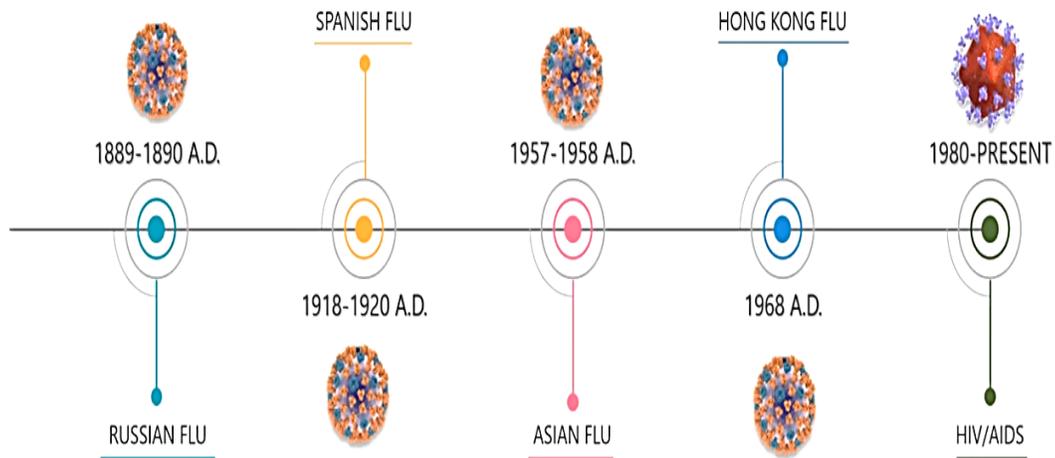


Learning Objectives

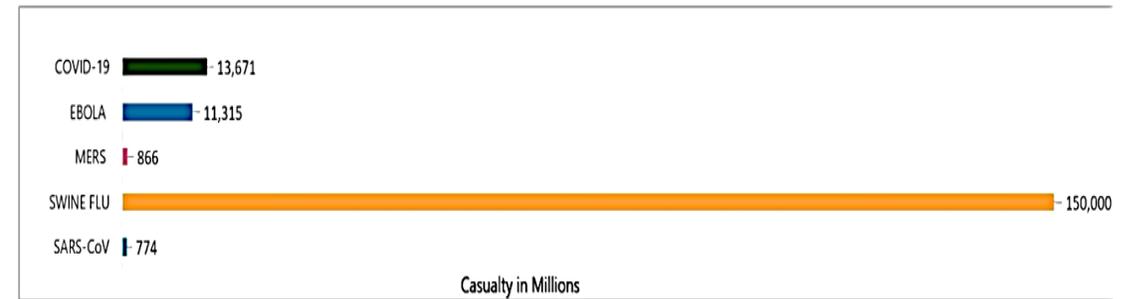
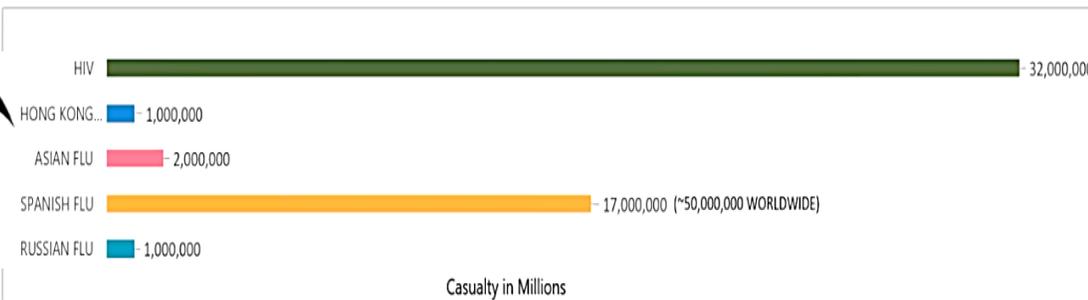
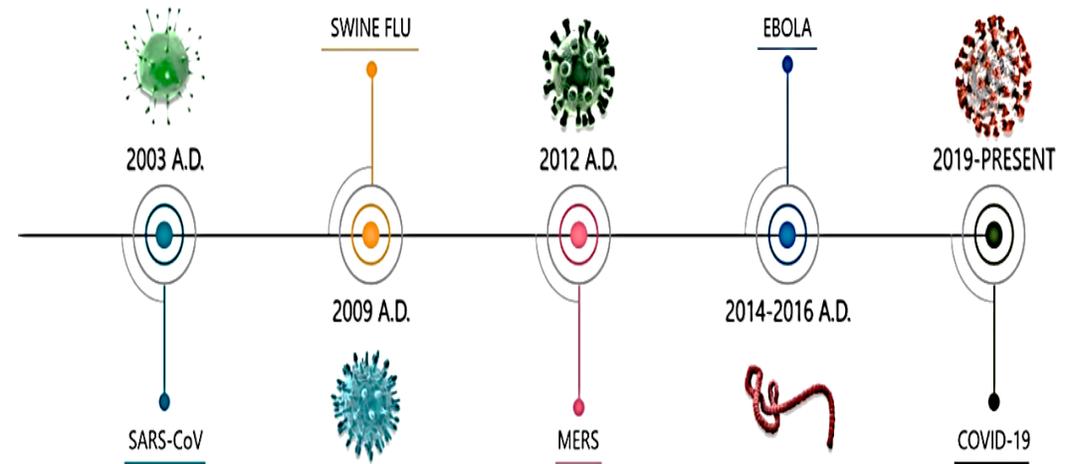
- **Understand the historical aspects of a pandemic**
 - **Review how the history of pandemics remain constant and how it effects our ability to change care**
 - **Briefly discuss my ICU experience and management /outcomes with CoVID19**
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Pandemic/Epidemics are not new

TIMELINE OF DEADLIEST PANDEMICS



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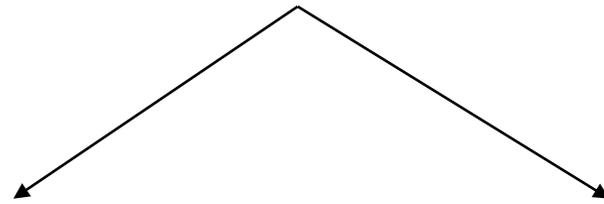
Currently: US 30.9 million cases and 556,000 deaths as of 4/7/2021

What is an epidemic?

A term used in a variety of ways with the intent to clothe certain undesirable social events and produce a sense of emotional urgency



Death



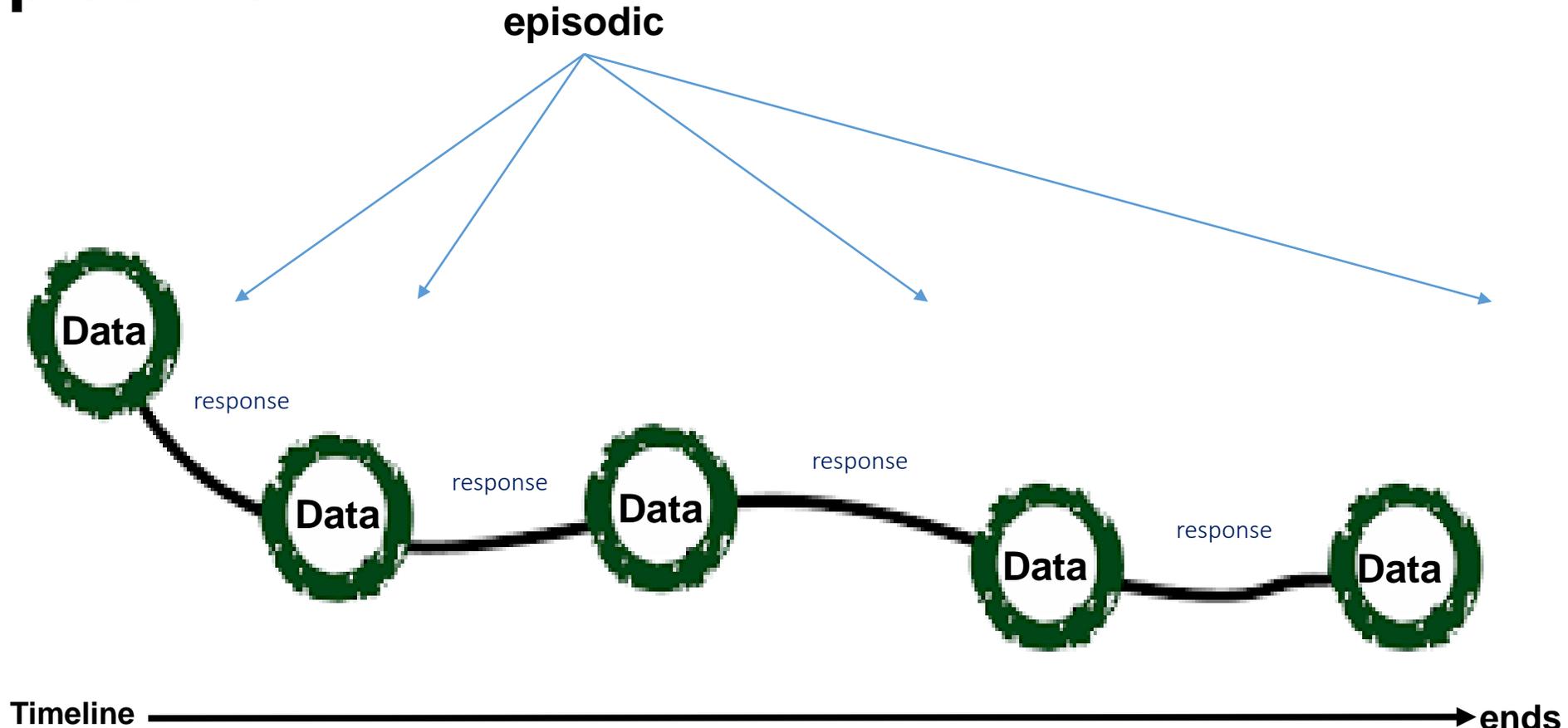
Fear

What **criteria** are needed to define a pandemic/epidemic?



response

Place/location



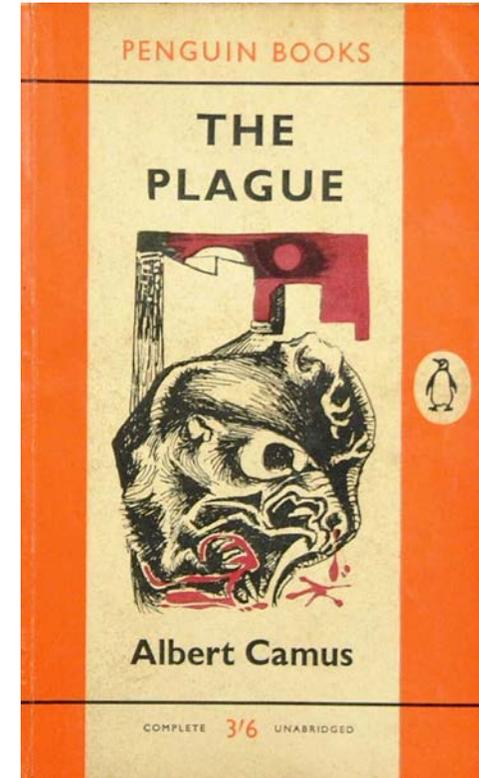
The **data** is increasing incidence with objective **data** measured in time, in a population, with a specified case definition

Epidemics/pandemic succeed each other in a predictable narrative sequence



Albert Camus

Incident



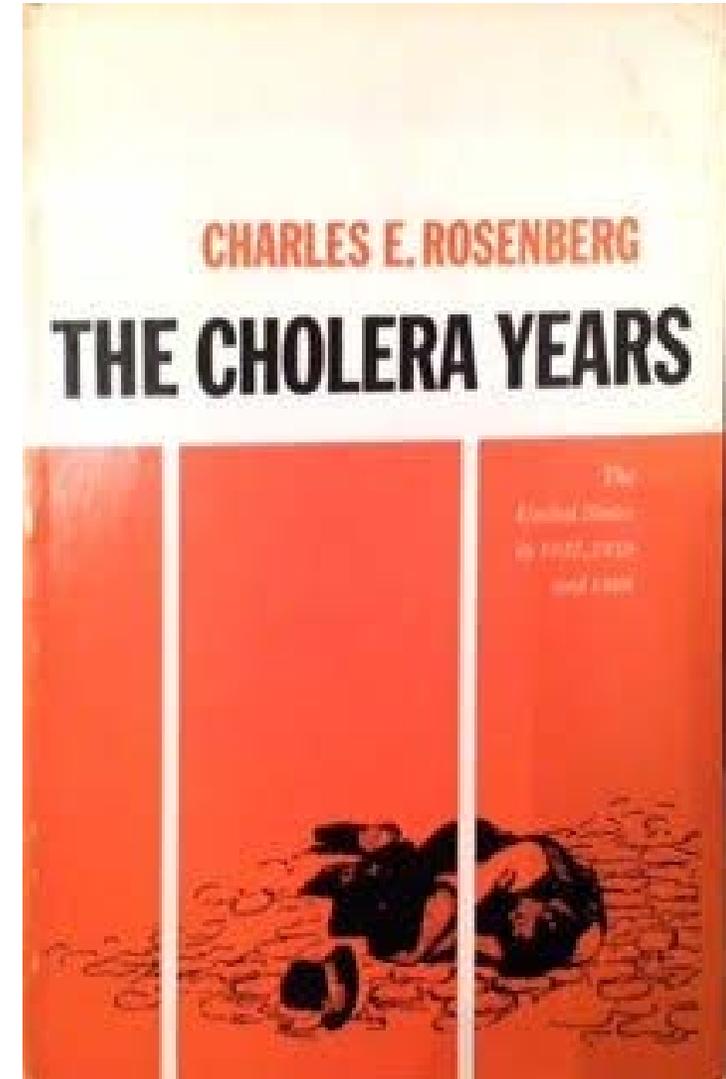
Response

Perception

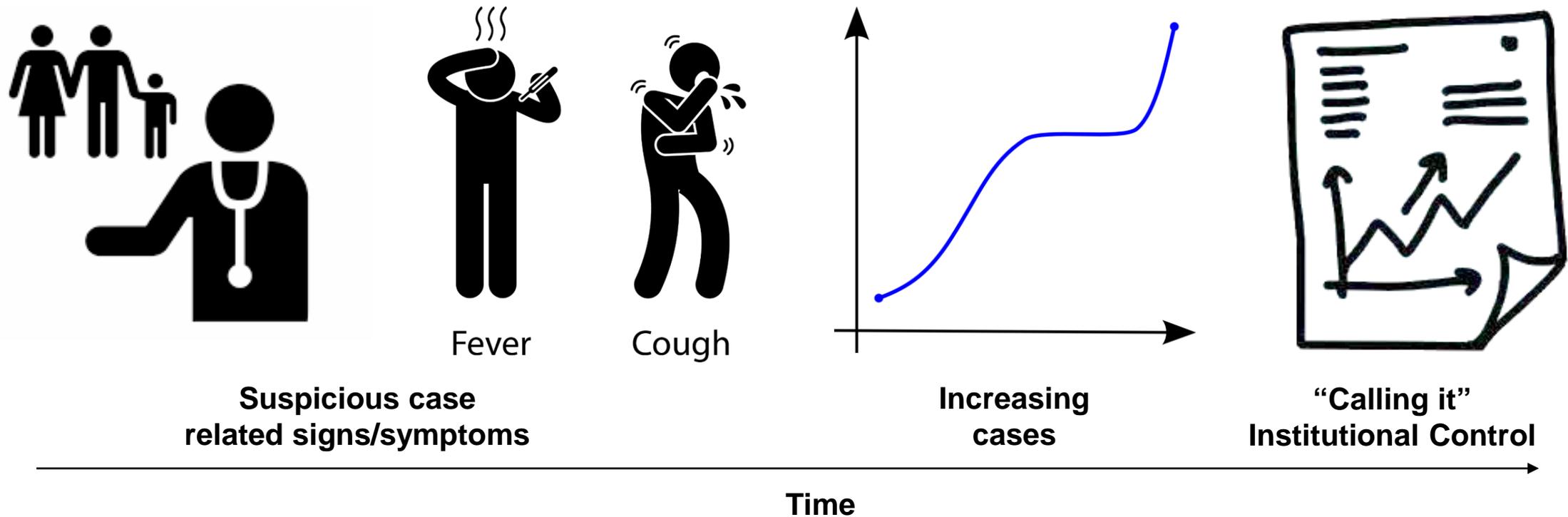
Interpretation

Epidemics/pandemic succeed each other in predictable narrative sequence

- **ACT I** **Progressive revelation**
- **ACT II** **Managing randomness**
- **ACT III** **Negotiation public response**



ACT I Progressive revelation

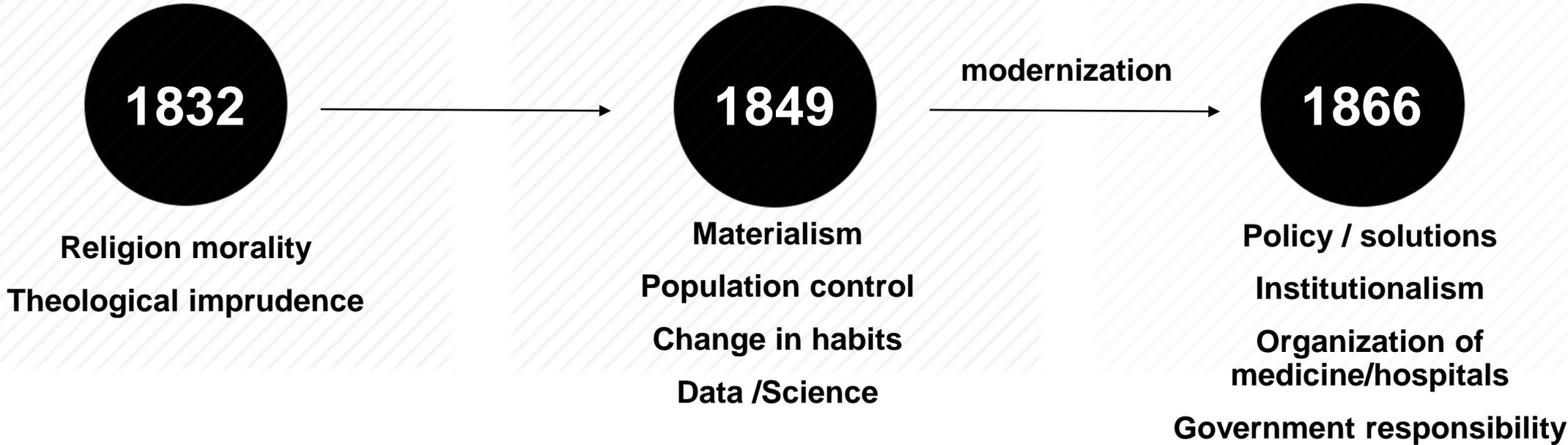


What are some of the reasons ACT I occurs ? (before someone names an “epidemic”)

Rosenberg risk = Hard to admit the presence of an epidemic was to risk the concept of “dissolution”



ACT II Managing Randomness



Social Construction of Disease

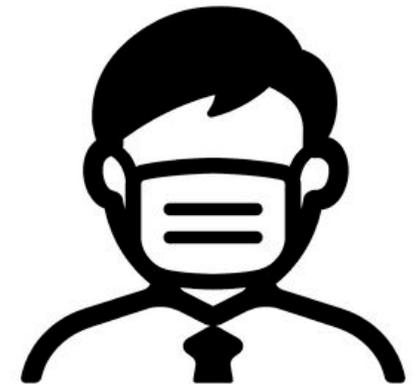
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Rosenberg, Charles E. The Cholera Years: The United States in 1832, 1849 and 1866, please read: Chapter 1: The Epidemic, pp.13-39.



ACT III Negotiation Public Response

- Recognition implies collective action
- “Measures to interdict an epidemic constitute rituals, collective rites integrating cognitive and emotion elements”





Slack's view of negotiation public response

- The growth of medical anthropology and the social history of medicine have contributed massively to the understanding of disease and health
- Epidemics are susceptible to **comparative study** because they are common to all continents and cultures
 - Supports, tests, undermine or reshape religious, social and political assumptions and attitudes

Ranger, Terence, and Paul Slack, eds. "Introduction." In *Epidemics and Ideas: Essays on the Historical Perception of Pestilence*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1995, 1- 20.

Treichler, Paula A. *How to Have Theory in an Epidemic: Cultural Chronicles of AIDS*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1999.

Slack's states that all epidemics elicit a very similar response in different **history and geographical context**

- What did he mean by this connotation, as it relates to key variables?



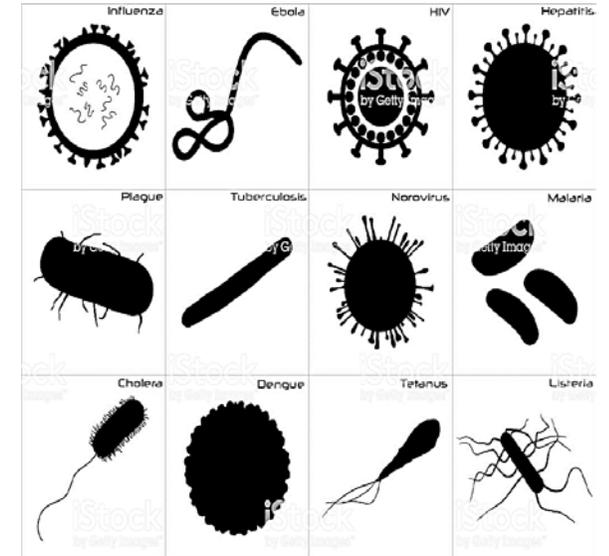
Social Condition



Violence

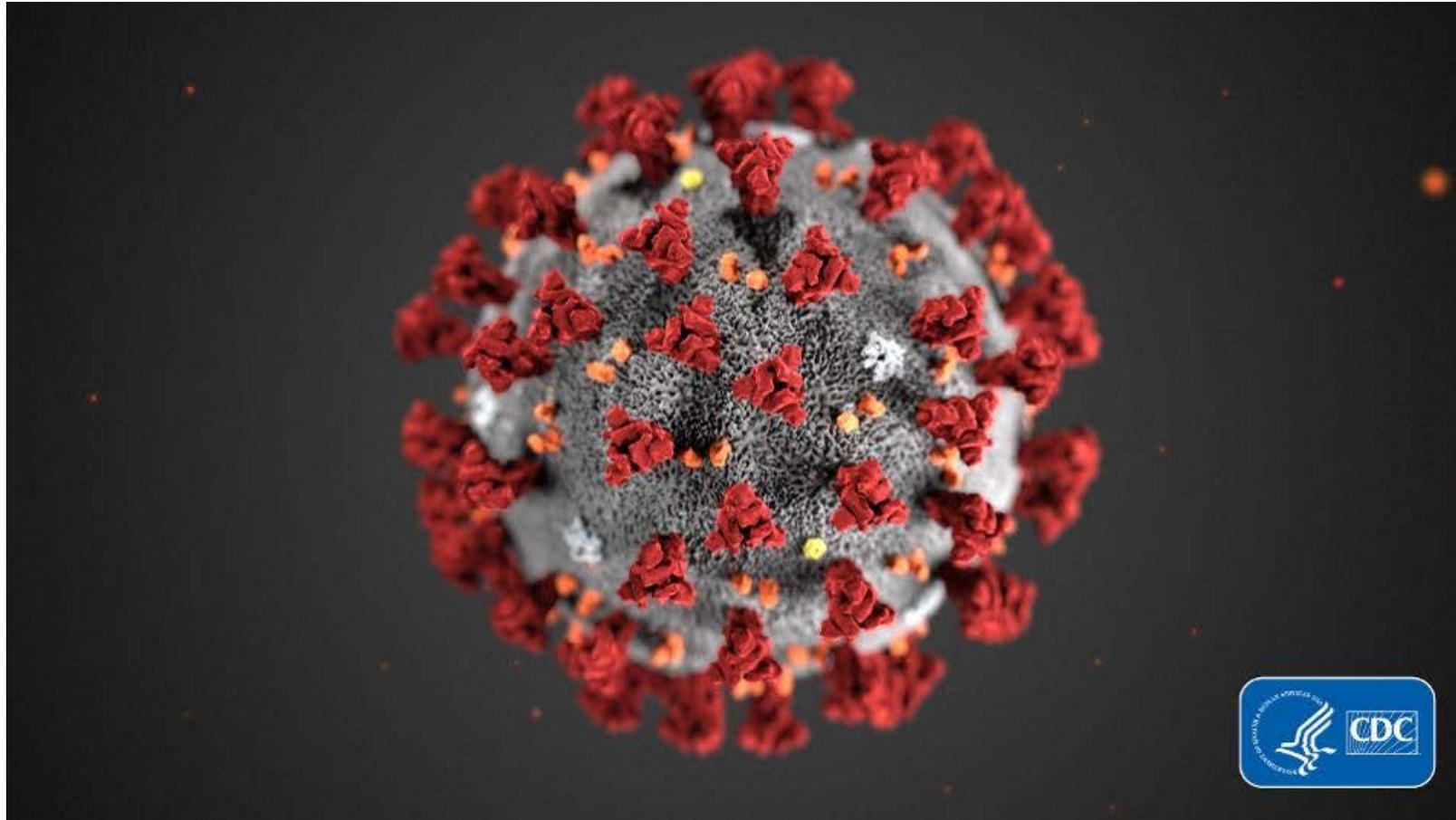


**Geographical
Social incidence**



**Individually
of disease entity**

ACT I Progressive Revelation: Coronavirus Disease 2019

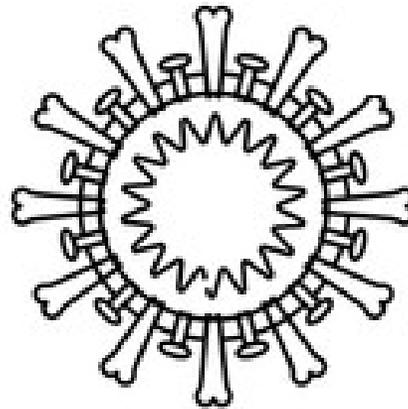


SARS-CoV-2: the virus

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): the disease of people

Coronavirus Wuhan Pneumonia 2019 n-CoV

**ACT I:
Progressive
Revelation**



DECEMBER

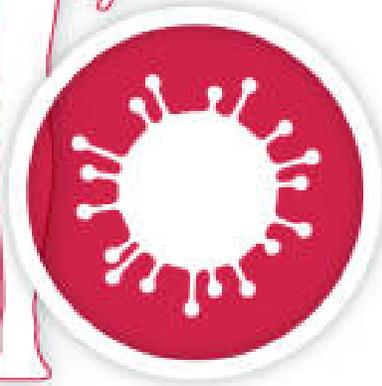
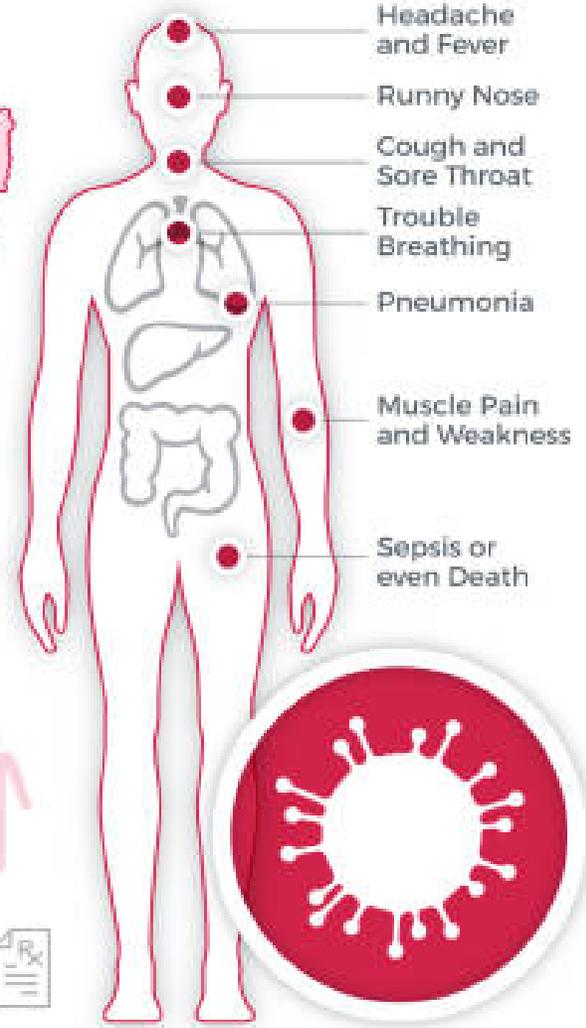
DEC 31:

**China probes
pneumonia
outbreak in
Wuhan for
SARS links:
State media**

First news report covering the outbreak, at the time thought to be similar to SARS



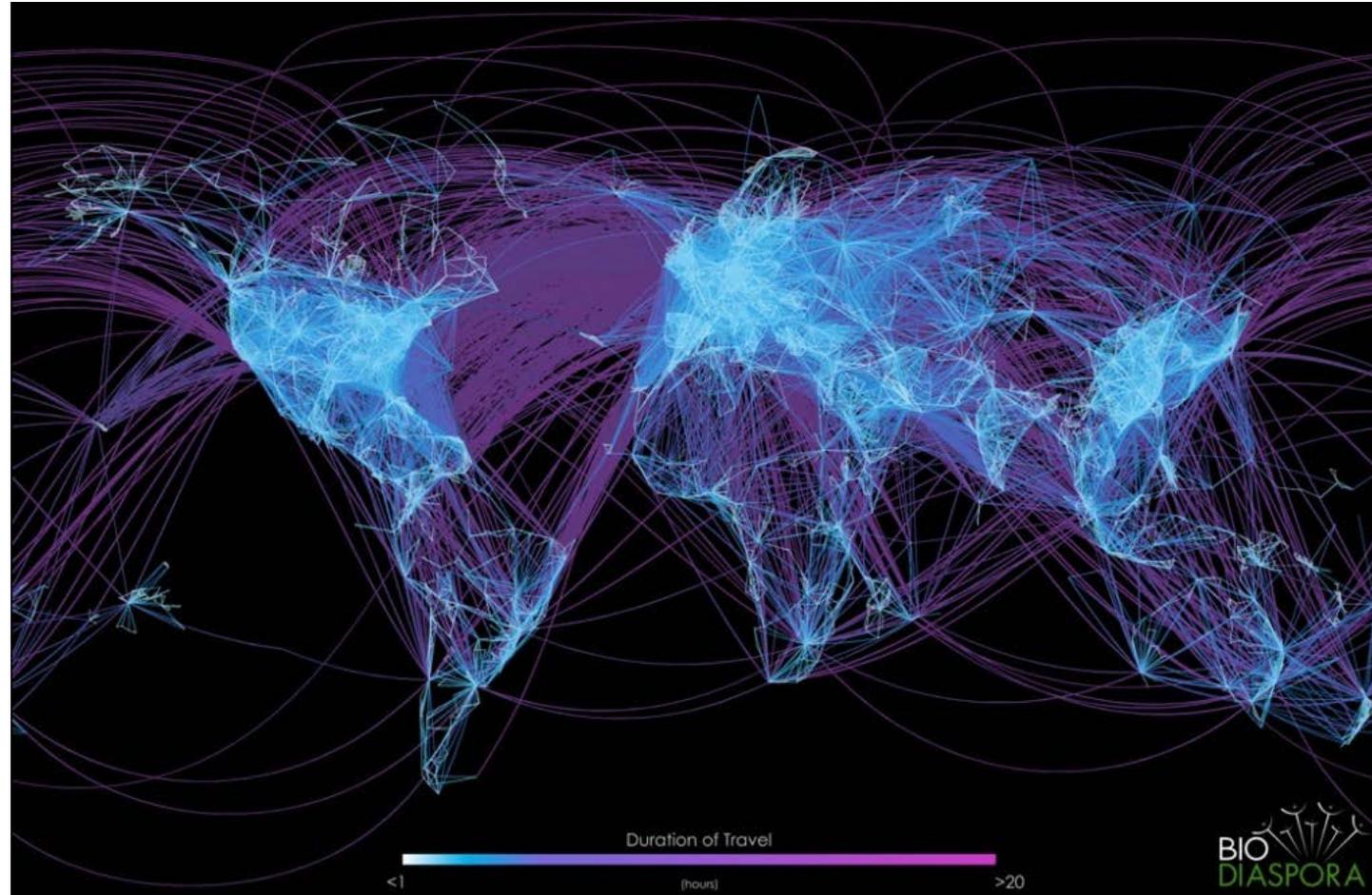
WUHAN CORONAVIRUS



ACT I

ACT I Progressive Revelation

Our urban and global society increases opportunities for dissemination.



ACT I

COVID-19 detected on 6 continents.

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation

113,851

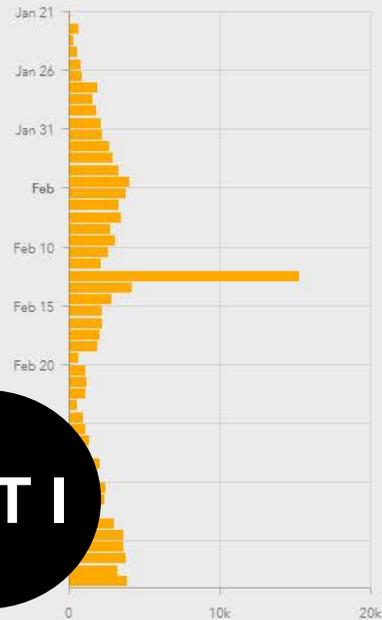
confirmed cases

4,015

deaths

110

countries, areas or territories with cases



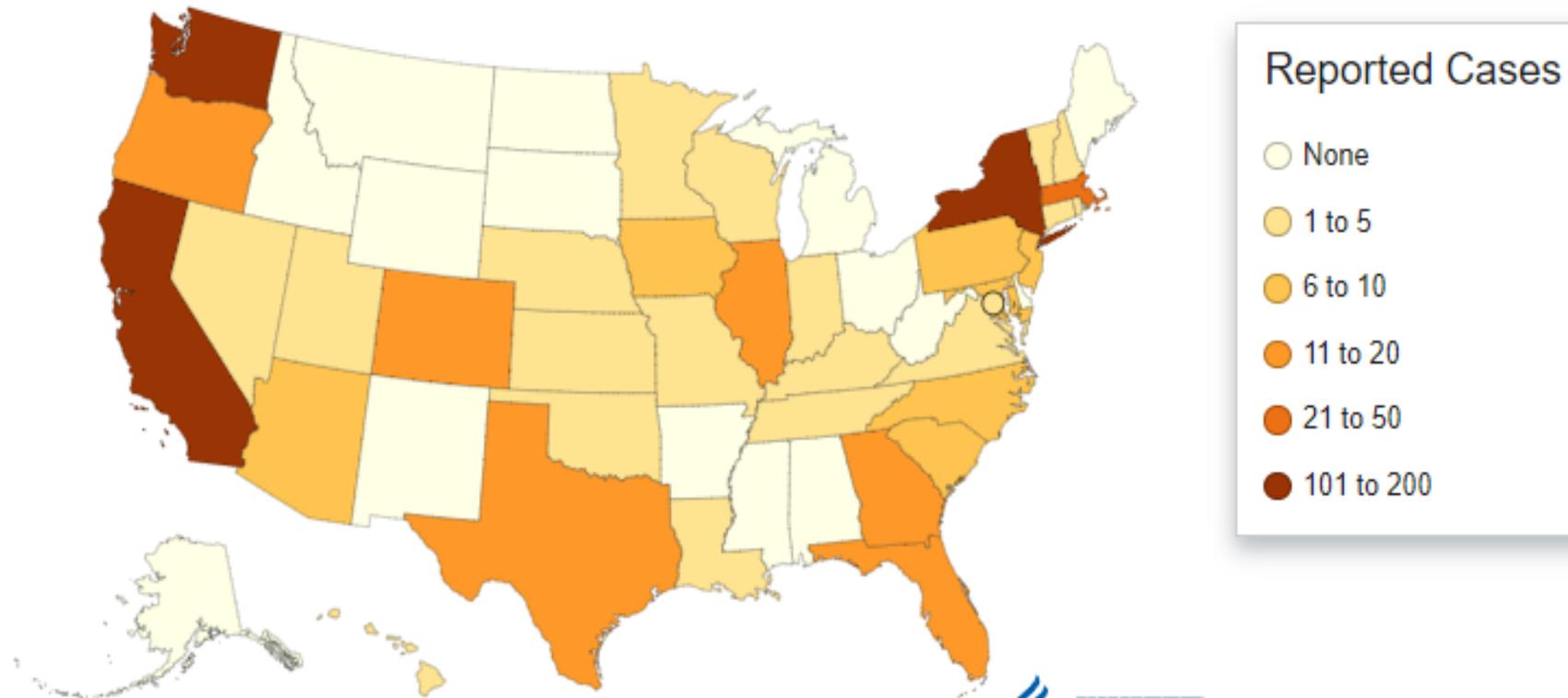
Countries, areas or territories with cases

China	:80924 cases
Italy	:9172 cases
Republic of Korea	:7513 cases
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	:7161 cases
France	:1402 cases
Germany	:1139 cases
Spain	:1024 cases
International conveyance (Diamond Princess)	:696 cases
Japan	:514 cases
United States of America	:472 cases
United Kingdom	:373 cases
Switzerland	:332 cases
Netherlands	:321 cases
Sweden	:248 cases
Belgium	:239 cases
Norway	:192 cases
Singapore	:160 cases
Denmark	:156 cases
Austria	:131 cases
Malaysia	:117 cases
Bahrain	:109 cases
Australia	:92 cases
Greece	:89 cases
Canada	:77 cases
Kuwait	:65 cases
Iraq	:61 cases
Egypt	:59 cases

ACT I

Community transmission of SARS-CoV-2 is increasing in the U.S.

States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC*



ACT I

Territories AS GU MH FM MP PW PR VI



December/January: Was your hospital preparing for CoVID?

Boardroom

Healthcare
Team

Healthcare
Providers



The Vindicator

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2nd Trumbull virus case is confirmed

First patient recovering, not out of woods yet



Submitted photo Kevin Harris, 55, of Warren sits up in bed at St. Joseph Warren Hospital as he is treated for COVID-19, or novel coronavirus. Harris posted the photo to his Instagram Saturday with the caption "I can sit up without crying like a baby now." The first of Trumbull County's confirmed cases, Harris said Saturday he was able to stand up after days of feeling like he was going to die.

MERCY



MERCY
MEDICAL CENTER

A Ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System

- ← Surgery Center
- ← Mercy Cancer Center
- ← Parking Garage

19 OUTBREAK ALERT: CORONAVIRUS

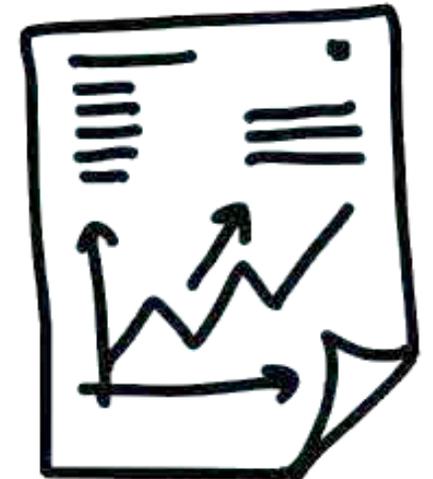
PATIENT AT WARREN HOSPITAL TESTS POSITIVE

MERCY ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, WARREN

NEWS BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS BREAKIN

ACT I Progressive Relavation:COVID-19 Timeline

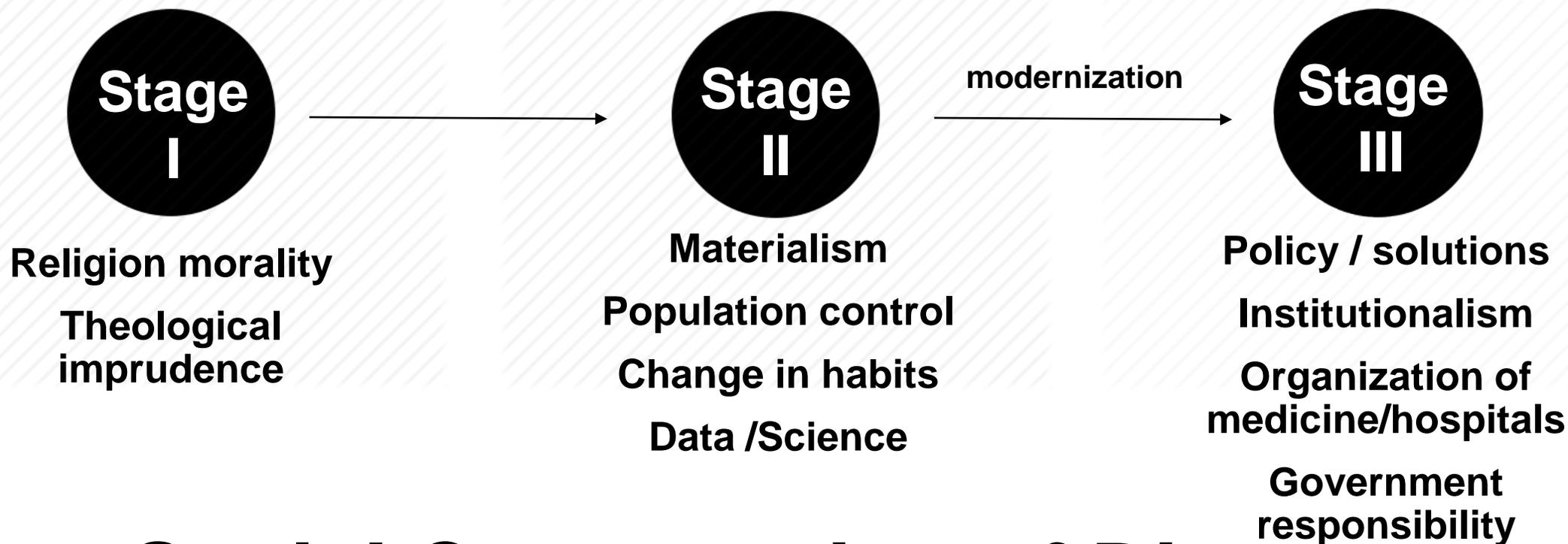
Date	Event
December 8, 2019	First case in China
December 30, 2019	BAL samples collected from which the virus wa first isolated
January 7, 2020	Novel virus identified
January 16, 2020	First case reported outside of China
January 30, 2020	WHO declares a “Public Health Emergency c International Concern”
February 29, 2020	First death in US
March 7, 2020	Ohio Governor declares a State of Emergency
March 10, 2020	Youngstown in Wave I of CoVID19



“Calling it”

ACT I

ACT II Managing Randomness



Social Construction of Disease

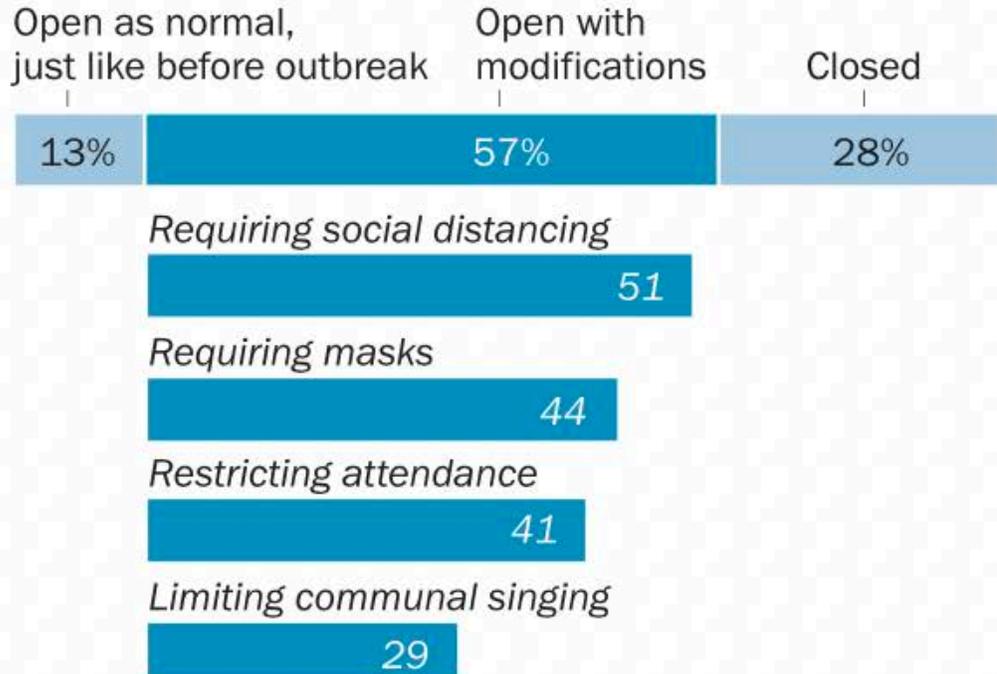
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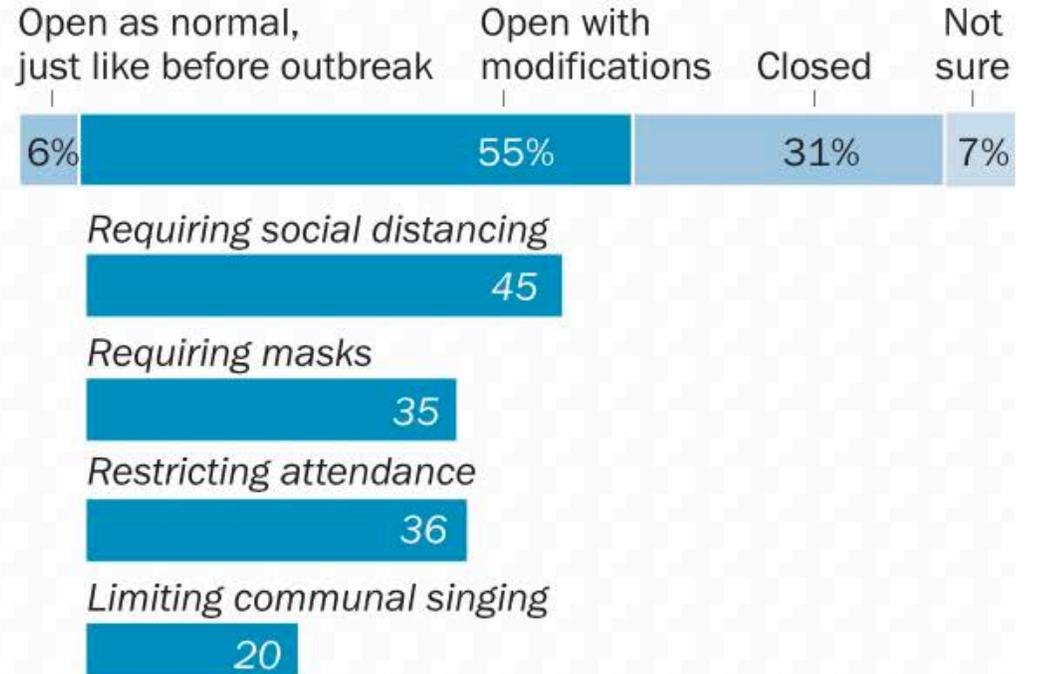
Among U.S. adults who regularly attend religious services, most think their house of worship should be open with modifications as a result of COVID-19

Based on U.S. adults who typically attend religious services at least monthly or attended in person in the last month

What do you think the current operating status of your congregation SHOULD be?



What is the current operating status of your congregation?



Religion morality
Theological imprudence



Community Update

In order to best serve all families,
**We are limiting purchases of
specific items per household.**

Limit 1 on all 6 packs and larger of toilet paper and paper and paper towels.
Limit 4 on all 4 packs and smaller of toilet paper and paper towels, including single rolls.

Thank you for your understanding.

GIANT

- Materialism
- Population control
- Change in habits
- Data /Science

ACT II

ACT II



Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 is largely by close person-to-person transmission

- Respiratory droplets (primary) contact
- Airborne transmission over long distances is thought not to be likely
- Estimated reproduction number (r_0): ~2 - 2.5

Materialism

Population control

Change in habits

Data /Science

ACT II

Zou et al, NEJM 2020; DOI: 10.1056/NEJMc2001737

Peiris et al, Lancet 2003; 361: 1767-72

Tsang et al, J Infect Dis 2015; 212; 1420-28

Wearing face masks at home might help ward off COVID-19 spread among family members

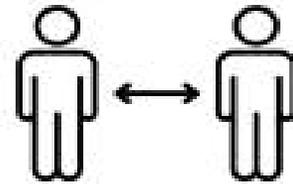
BMJ / Newsroom / Newsroom / Wearing face masks at home might help ward off COVID-19 spread among family members



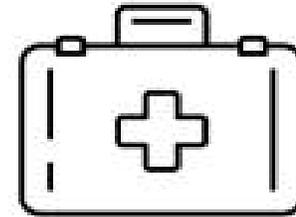
HAND WASHING



RESPIRATOR MASK



SOCIAL DISTANCING



MEDICAL CARE



Population control



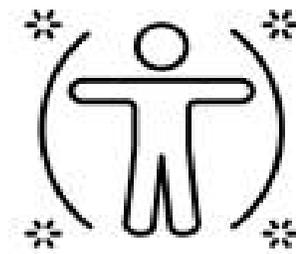
SELF-ISOLATING



RESPIRATORY HYGIENE



HEALTHY EATING



INCREASE IMMUNITY

Change in habits

ACT II

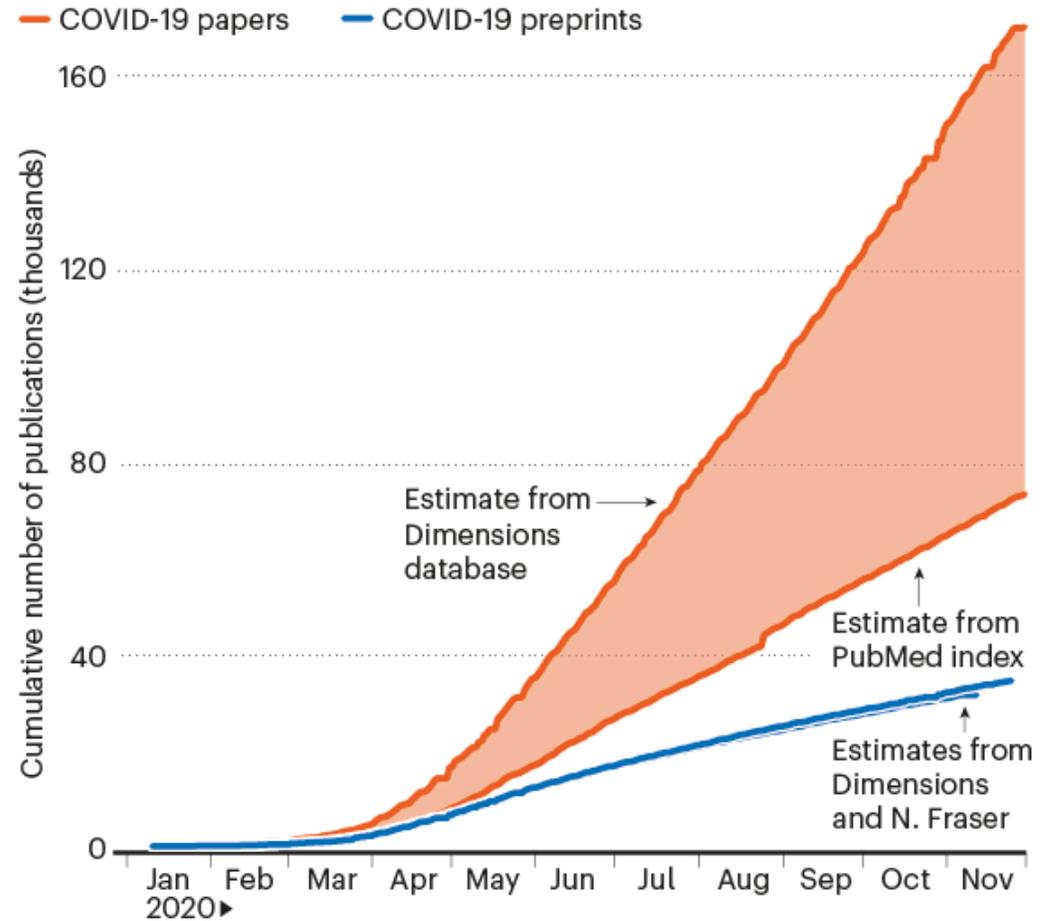
Managing Randomness

- Data and Science



CORONAVIRUS CASCADE

One estimate suggests that more than 200,000 coronavirus-related journal articles and preprints had been published by early December.



*Estimates differ depending on search terms, database coverage, and definitions of what counts as a scientific article; some preprints were posted on multiple sites online.

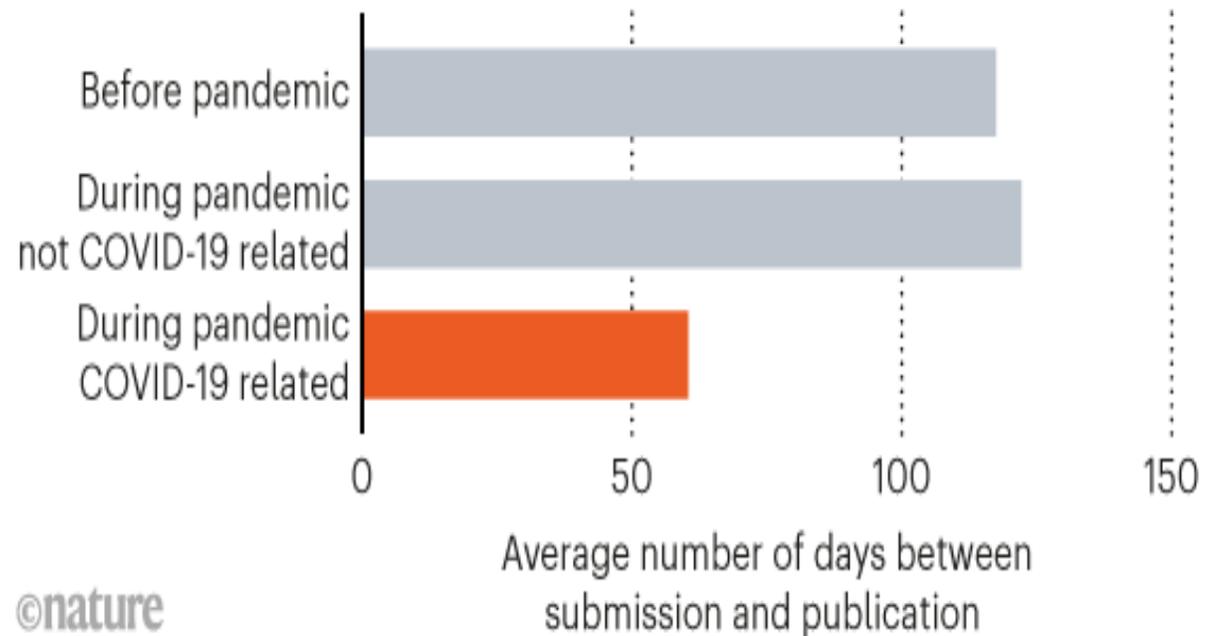


Managing Randomness

- **Data and Science**
- **The rapid publication of data was amazing, however:**
 - **Little was helpful**
 - **Most was not peer reviewed**
 - **Most was single center or isolated personal experience**
 - **Most studies were not RCT**

RAPID REVIEW

Peer-reviewed journals have accelerated publication of studies on the coronavirus. One analysis of 14 titles, mainly in virology, found that the time to publish had dropped from 117 to 60 days.



Hospitalizations were **6** times higher
and deaths **12** times higher for COVID-19 patients
with reported underlying conditions*

MOST FREQUENTLY REPORTED UNDERLYING CONDITIONS

CARDIOVASCULAR
DISEASE



DIABETES



CHRONIC LUNG
DISEASE



*compared to those with no reported underlying health conditions

ACT II

ACT II Managing Randomness: Data

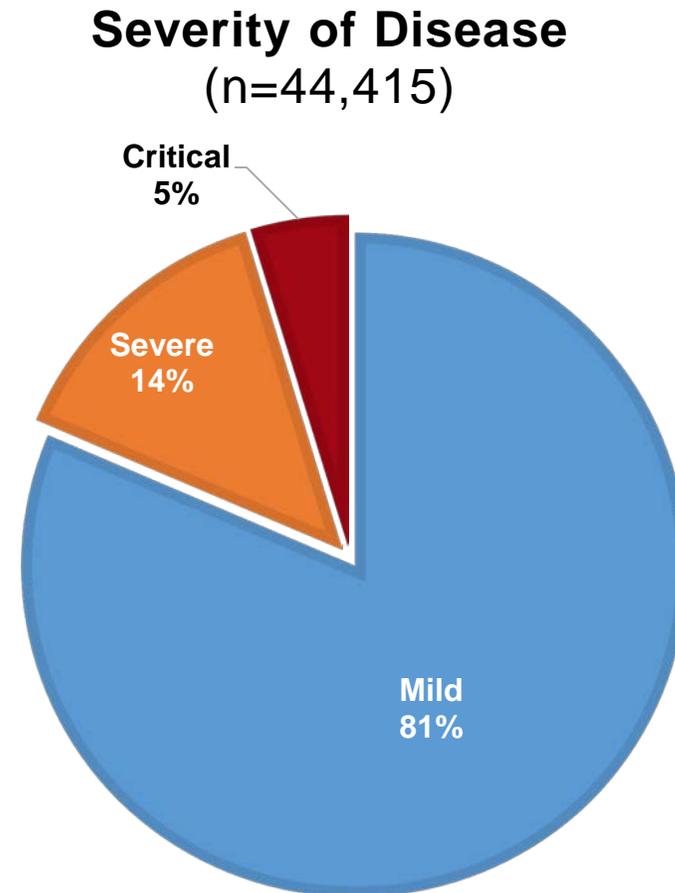
Epidemiological characteristics of COVID-19 in China

72,314 cases in China

- **Confirmed: 44,672 (62%)**

Age distribution

- **>80 years: 3%**
- **30-79 years: 87%**
- **20-29 years: 8%**
- **10-19: 1%**
- **<10 year 1%**



ACT II Managing Randomness: Epidemiological characteristics of COVID-19

Characteristic		1099 COVID-19 Cases
Incubation period (median (IQR))		4 (2-7)
Symptoms		
	Fever on admission	43.8%
	Fever during hospitalization	88.7%
	Cough	67.8%
	Sputum production	33.7%
	Shortness of breath	18.7%
	Myalgia	14.9%
	Sore throat	13.9%
	Headache	13.6%
	Chills/rigors	11.5%
	Nausea or vomiting	5%
	Diarrhea	3.8%
	Rhinorrhea	4.8%

ACT II Managing Randomness: Data Epidemiological Characteristics of COVID-19 in China

Lab/imaging finding	1,099 COVID-19 Cases
Any CXR abnormalities	59.1%
Any CT abnormalities	86.2%
WBC count (median (IQR))	4700 (3500-6000)
WBC count >10,000	5.9%
Lymphocyte count (median (IQR))	1000 (700-1300)
Lymphocytopenia <1500 per mm ³	83.2%
Thrombocytopenia < 150,000	36.2%
LDH >250 U/liter	41%
Procalcitonin elevated >0.5 ng/ml	5.5%
AST/ALT >40 U/liter	21-22%

Laboratory and imaging findings

CT findings include rounded ground glass opacities to progressive airspace opacities

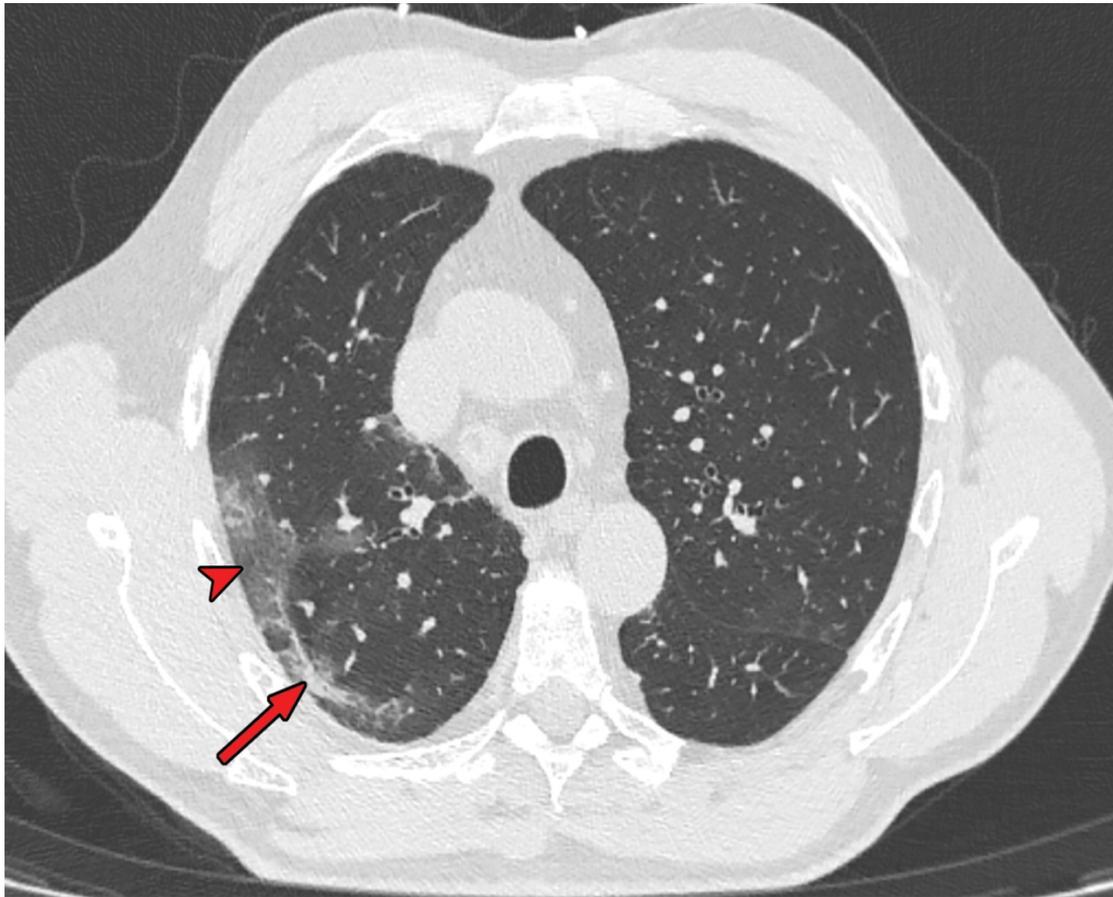
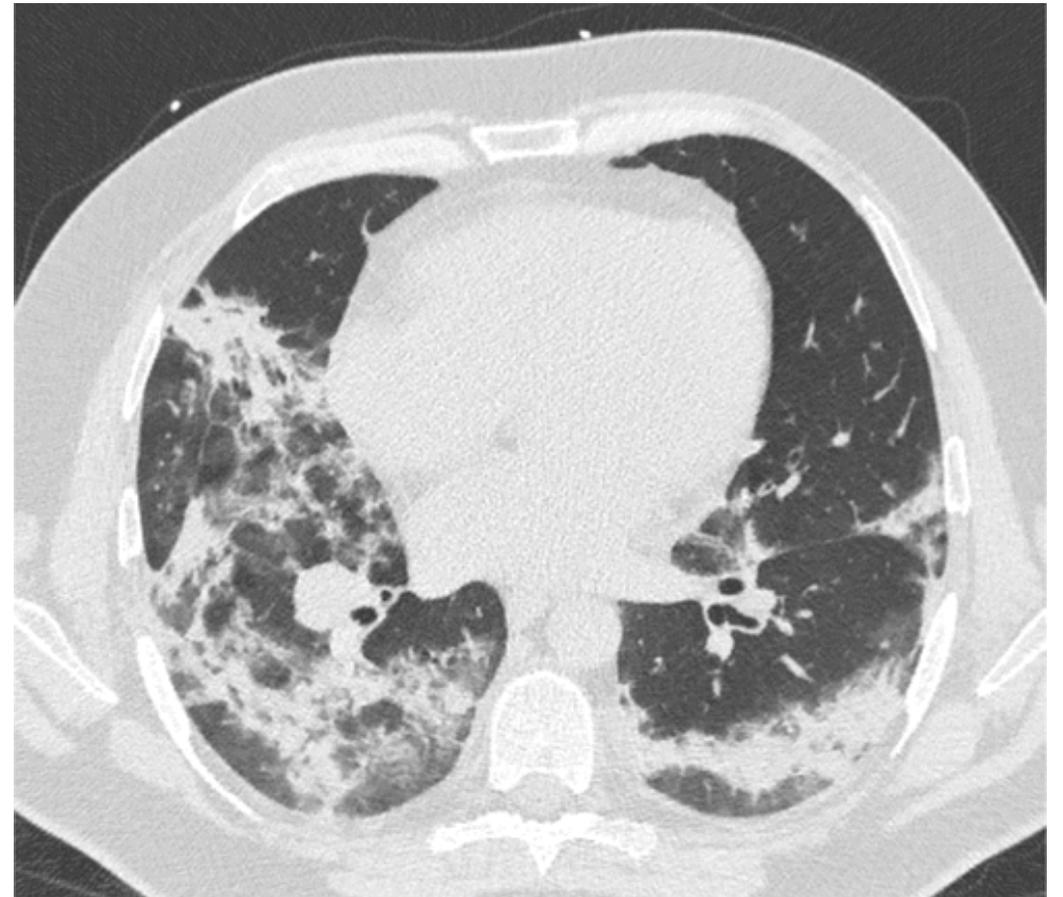
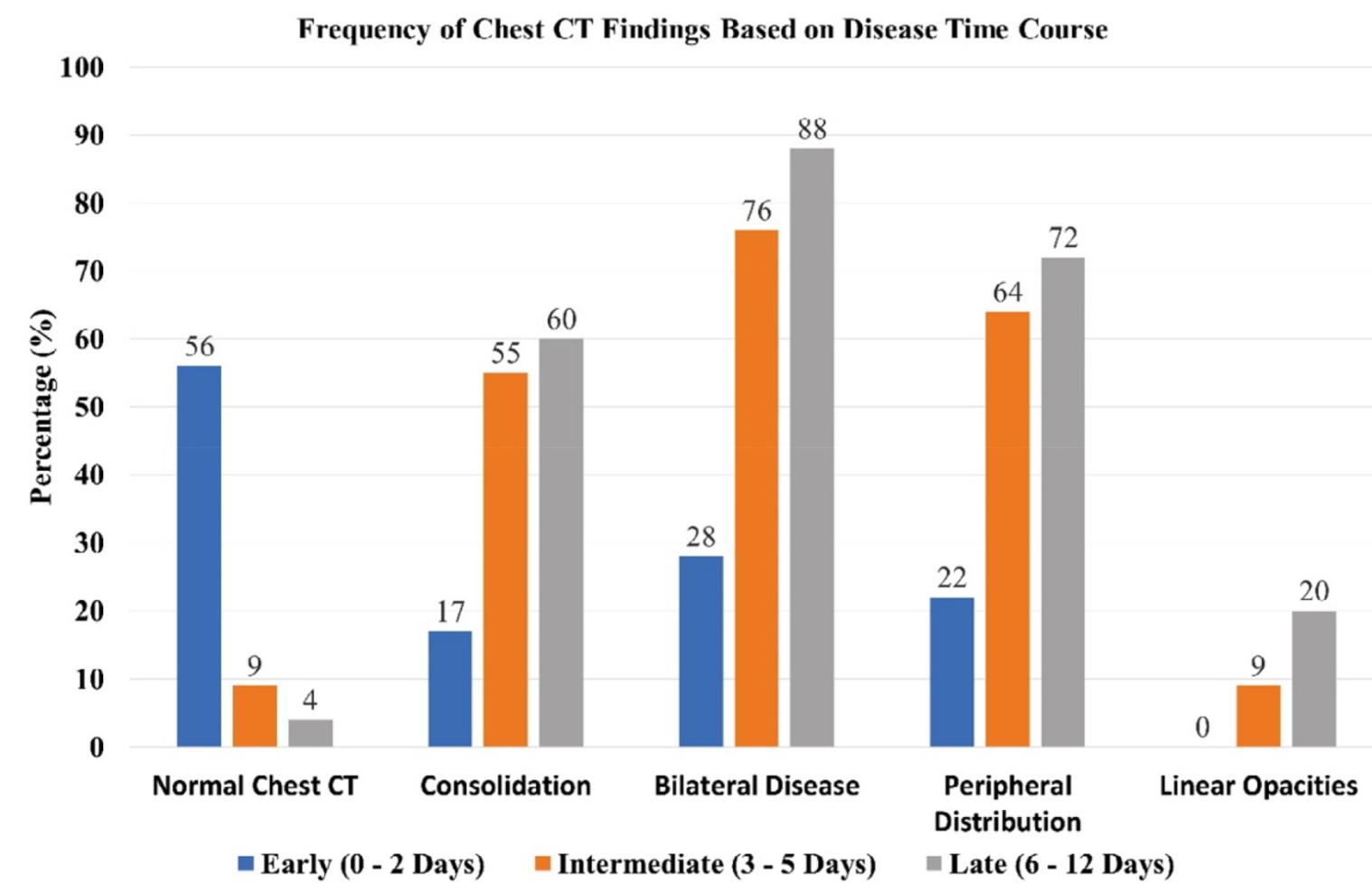


Figure. A 63-year-old man with positive RT-PCR test results for SARS-CoV-2. Axial nonenhanced chest CT image shows a subpleural curvilinear opacity (arrow) and an area of ground-glass opacity (arrowhead) in the right upper lobe.



Axial contrast-enhanced chest CT image (lung window) obtained after 7 days shows progression from ground-glass opacities to multifocal organizing consolidation.

Progression of CT abnormalities in 121 symptomatic patients with COVID-19



Complications of COVID-19

Complication	1,099 COVID-19 Cases
Septic shock	1.1%
ARDS	3.4%
Acute kidney injury	0.5%
Non-invasive mechanical ventilation	5.1%
Invasive mechanical ventilation	2.3%
Use of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	0.5%
Death	1.4%

BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH

Infectious Disease In-Patient Treatment Algorithm for Patient's with Suspected and Confirmed CoVID-19

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- The following therapies are not recommended for treatment of CoVID-19:
 - Tamiflu
 - Steroids, unless a second indication warrants use (i.e. shock)
 - NSAIDs
- Hydroxychloroquine Half Life = **40 days**
 - Monitor electrolytes. Consider obtaining an EKG at baseline, and every 48 hours.
- Address medications that have the potential to increase LFT's (i.e. **Statins**) or prolong QTc (i.e. **Zofran**)
- Protease Inhibitors/Ritonavir:**
 - Contraindicated** if a patient is taking Amiodarone, Dronedarone, Flecainide, or Ticagrelor
 - Relatively Contraindicated** if a patient is taking Apixaban, Metronidazole, Nimodipine, Rivaroxaban, or Statins. Consider alternate therapies or holding the aforementioned medications.

**This is not a complete list of contraindications, but may be the most common one's seen in practice*

Duration of Therapy:

Agent	Duration
Azithromycin	5 day
Hydroxychloroquine	10 days
Protease Inhibitor	10 days
Ribavirin	5 days

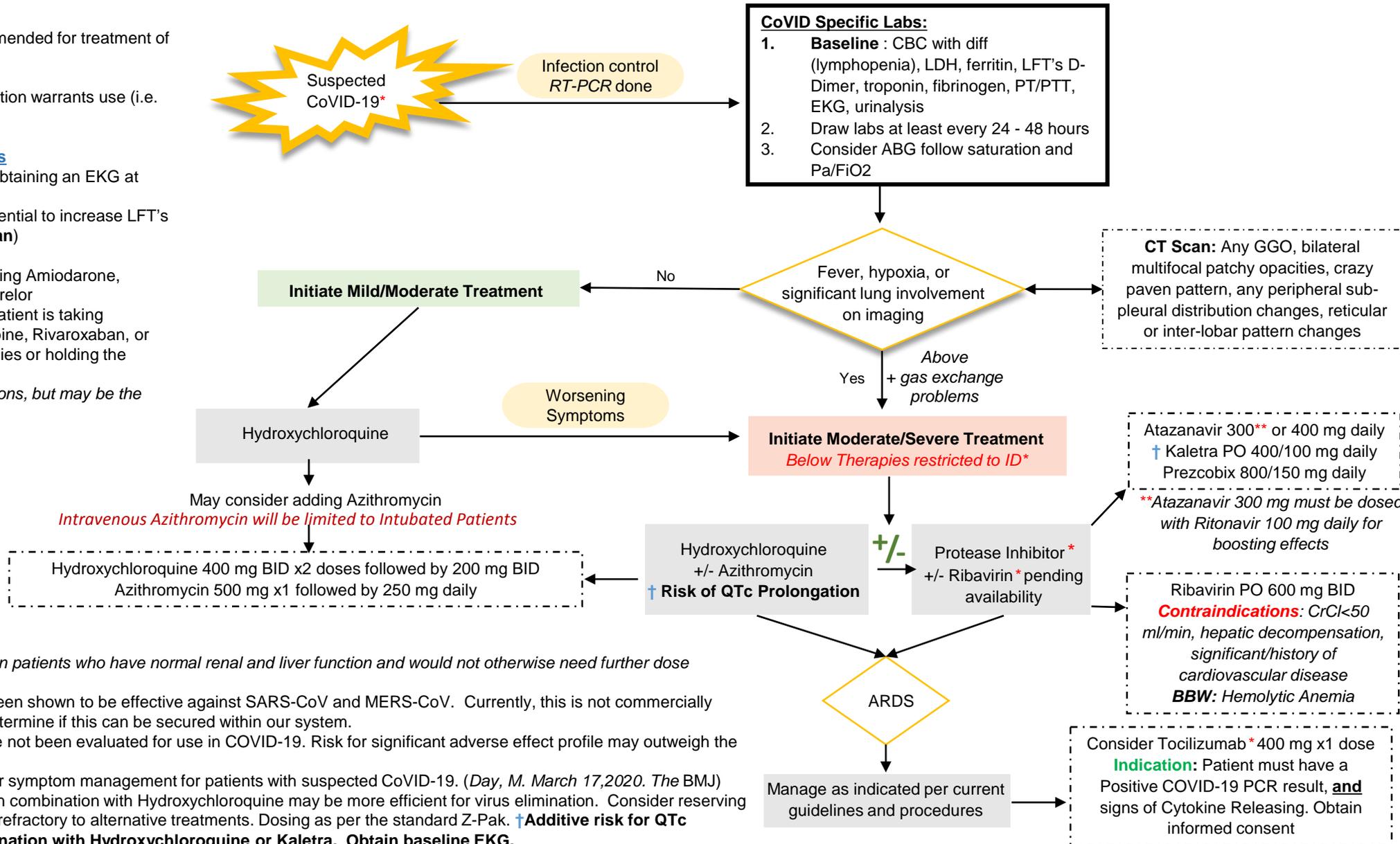
Dosing recommendations provided are based on patients who have normal renal and liver function and would not otherwise need further dose adjustments

•**Remdesivir** is an IV anti-viral agent that has been shown to be effective against SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV. Currently, this is not commercially available, but efforts are being maintained to determine if this can be secured within our system.

•**Ribavirin:** Results are mixed, and studies have not been evaluated for use in COVID-19. Risk for significant adverse effect profile may outweigh the benefit.

•**Acetaminophen** is preferred over Ibuprofen for symptom management for patients with suspected CoVID-19. (Day, M. March 17,2020. The BMJ)

•**Azithromycin**⁵: Based on a very small study, in combination with Hydroxychloroquine may be more efficient for virus elimination. Consider reserving for patients with severe pneumonia or patient's refractory to alternative treatments. Dosing as per the standard Z-Pak. **↑Additive risk for QTc Prolongation/Torsade's when used in combination with Hydroxychloroquine or Kaletra. Obtain baseline EKG.**



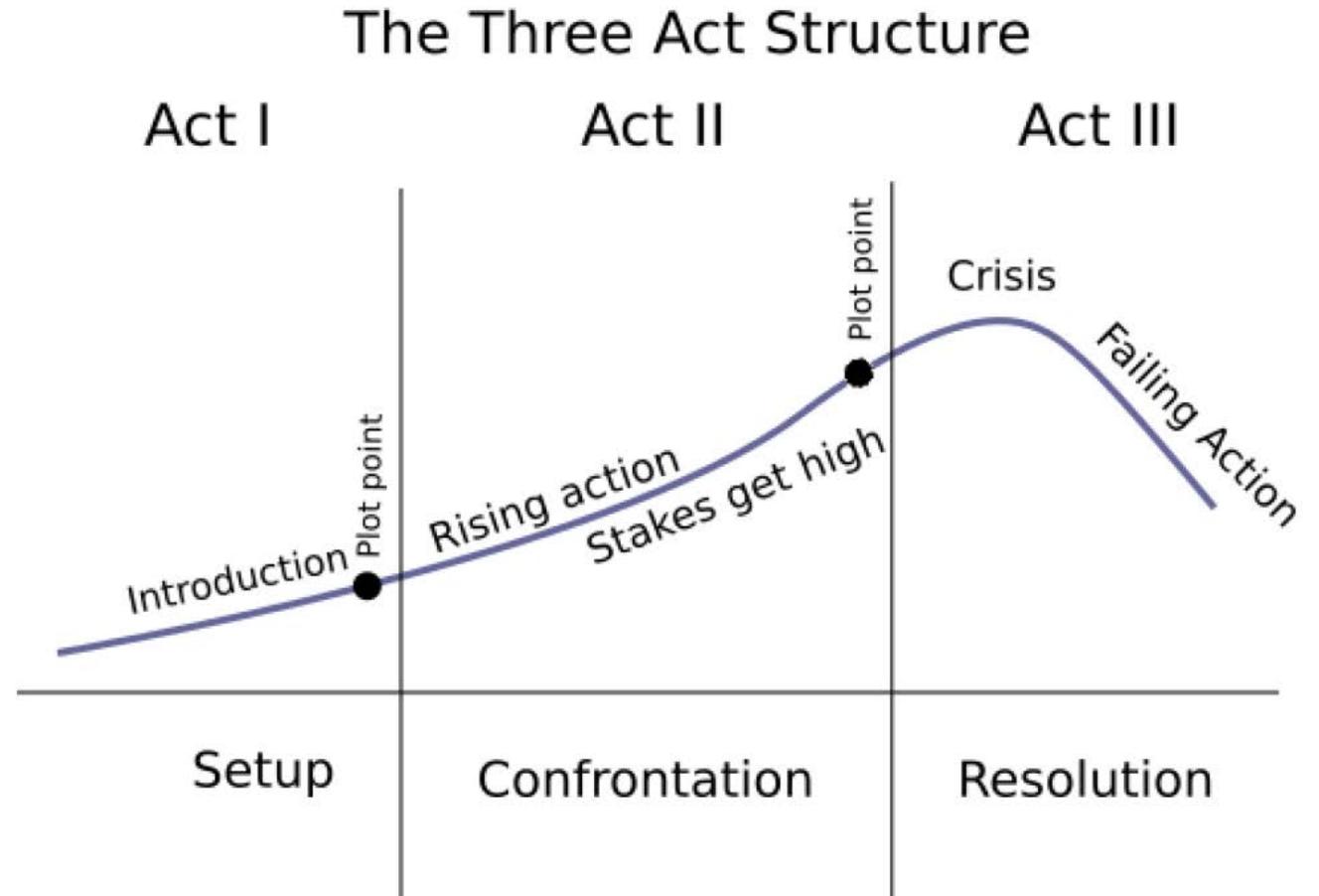
Clinical Management and Treatment of COVID-19 infection

	CDC	WHO
Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No COVID specific treatment• Supportive management including advanced organ support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No COVID specific treatment• Several pages of management recommendations supportive care
Systemic Corticosteroids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid unless indicated for other reasons like septic shock or COPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not routinely give for treatment of viral pneumonia or ARDS outside of clinical trials unless indicated for another reason.
Investigational	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No RCT data to recommend any specific therapy yet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No current evidence from RCTs to recommend any specific [treatment]• Unlicensed treatments should be administered thru ethically-approved clinical trials or the Monitored Emergency Use of Unregistered Interventions Framework with strict monitoring

ACT III Negotiation Public Response

- In this phase

- Policy / solutions
- Institutionalism
- Organization of medicine/hospitals
- Government responsibility



Rethinking Critical Care Staffing for the COVID-19 Crisis

Tiered Staffing Strategy Greatly Augments Limited Number of Ventilator-Trained Clinicians

Society of Critical Care Medicine Guidelines for Pandemic-Level¹ Intensive Care Unit Staffing²

■ Experienced ICU³ Staff

1 Intensive Care-Trained Physician

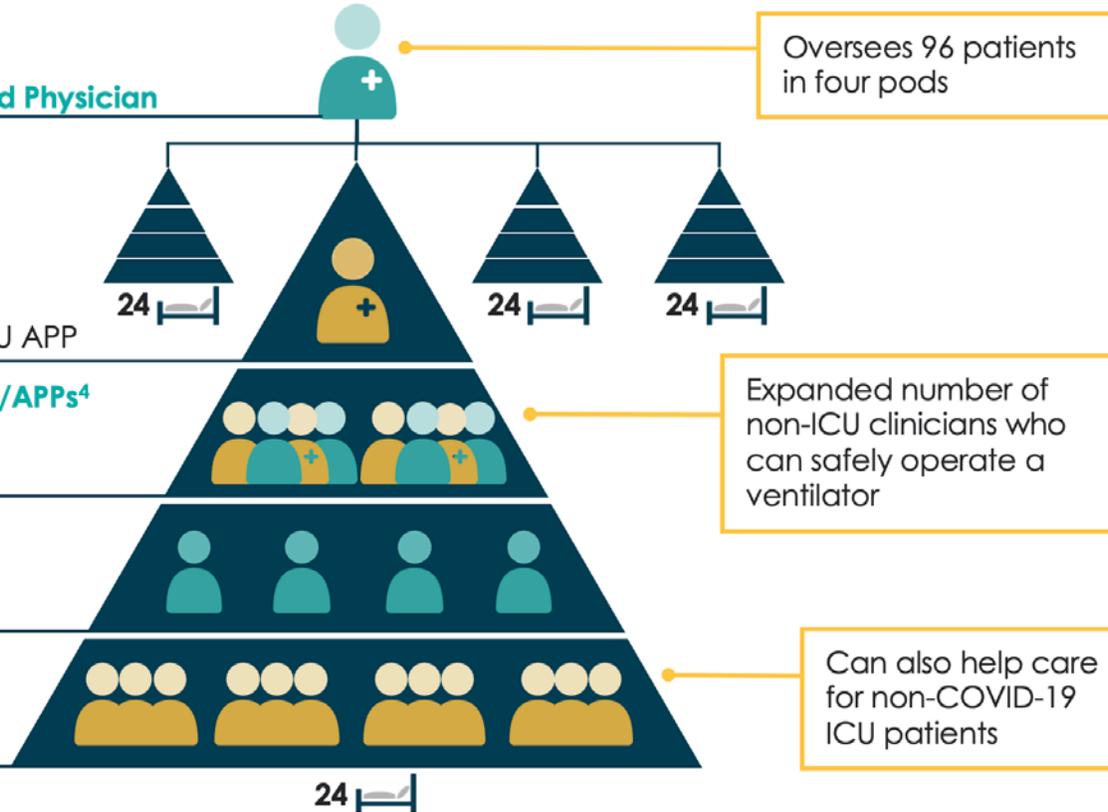
1 Non-ICU Physician/ICU APP

4 Respiratory Therapists/APPs⁴

2 Anesthesiologists
2 Nurse Anesthetists

4 ICU RNs⁵

12 Non-ICU RNs or APPs



Oversees 96 patients in four pods

Expanded number of non-ICU clinicians who can safely operate a ventilator

Can also help care for non-COVID-19 ICU patients

Current Respiratory Therapist Staffing Insufficient

36K-162K Estimated number of patients that can be ventilated nationally in a conventional staffing model

90K-324K Estimated number of patients that can be ventilated nationally in a modified staffing model⁶



1. Pandemic requiring significant mechanical ventilation.
2. Guidelines state each hospital will need to adjust both demands for critical care and available supply of personnel.
3. Intensive care unit.
4. Advanced practice provider.
5. Registered nurses.
6. Includes adding non-ICU staff, increasing patient to clinician ratios, and expanding staffed bed availability 20% to 60%.

Source: Ajao, Adebola, et al. "Assessing the Capacity of the US Health Care System to Use Additional Mechanical Ventilators During a Large-Scale Public Health Emergency." *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*. U.S. National Library of Medicine, Dec. 2015. Web. 20 Mar. 2020; Halpern, Neil A. et al. "U.S. ICU Resource Availability for COVID-19." *Society of Critical Care Medicine*. 13 Mar. 2020. Web. 18 Mar. 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

their temperatures check prior to
start of your shift.
Please report to one of the following
locations to have your temperature
checked.

Park Ave. Entrance
Available All Hours

Belmont Entrance
6:30am - 7:30am
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Transmission can be prevented in healthcare settings.

Minimize risk of exposure

- **Before arrival**
- **Upon arrival/during visit: implement source control measures immediately**
 - **Visual alerts**
 - **Supplies (hand hygiene, masks)**
 - **Screening for signs/symptoms**
 - **Physical separation from others**
 - **Single room with door closed (partitions, distance)**
- **Limit/restrict visitors, limit staff entering room**

MASK REQUIRED



For your safety and the safety
of others, all patients, visitors and
associates must wear a mask.



Visual Alerts

• We accept American Express and American Express.
 • Check payments are converted to electronic checks through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network. ACH will appear on your bank statement.
 There is a \$20.00 fee for returned/non-sufficient funds check.
 You may be required to pay any balance that is not covered by your insurance.
 • Payment plans can be arranged in some cases
 • Financial assistance forms are available

MERCYHEALTH
Physicians

How Mercy Health Physicians is working to improve your health care
 Mercy Health Physicians is participating in Mercy Health Select, LLC, an Accountable Care Organization (ACO).

If you are coughing, please  ask for a mask at the front desk.

Pulmonary Health & Research Center
 is now
CLOSED.
 Tentatively, we will re-open
April 20th at 8:00 am

If you are a patient of Dr. Barreiro or Dr. Al Zoby you may reach a member of their staff by calling 330-480-3258.


STOP
 If you have flu symptoms or think you have the flu, **DO NOT** enter this facility.

Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, body aches.



Droplet Plus Isolation
 (Droplet + Contact + Face Shield)

PPE Required on entry to patient room

- ✓ Procedure mask or N95/CAPR/PAPR
 - N95/CAPR/PAPR recommended for aerosolizing procedures & specimen collection
- ✓ Gown
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Goggles or Face Shield

- Single-person room with the door closed with dedicated bathroom
 - Airborne Isolation Room (AIR) recommended for aerosolizing procedures
- Always keep door closed
- Dedicated Equipment: Thermometer, Blood Pressure Cuff and Stethoscope Should Remain in Room
- Items leaving room require intermediate level disinfection with hospital approved disinfectant
- Perform Hand Hygiene with each room entry and exit

Visitors **MUST** check in with nurse prior to room entry.

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 ALL VISITORS
 No food or drink permitted in patient rooms.
 Please wash hands



Transmission can be prevented in healthcare- settings

Standard and transmission-based precautions

- Hand hygiene
- Equipment, environment cleaning and disinfection
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) for HCP
 - Droplet precautions (mask with eye protection)
 - Contact precautions (gown and gloves)
 - Aerosol-generating procedures: N95 respirator

Reporting of Results

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Ref Range</u>
SARS-CoV-2-RT-PCR	Not Detected	Not Detected

Interpretation: SARS-CoV-2 RNA not detected. Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), previously known as 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), not detected results indicate no measurable level of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid is present. Not detected results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or other patient management decisions. Negative results must be combined with clinical observations, patient history, and epidemiological information. Optimum specimen types and timing for peak viral levels during infections caused by SARS-CoV-2 have not been determined. Collection of multiple specimens from the same patient may be necessary to detect the virus. The possibility of a false negative result should especially be considered if the patient's recent exposures or clinical presentation suggest that SARS-CoV-2 infection is possible, and diagnostic tests for other causes of illness e.g., other respiratory illness, are negative. If SARS-CoV-2 infection is still suspected, re-testing should be considered in consultation with public health authorities. This test has been validated but FDA's independent review of this validation is pending.

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Ref Range</u>
SARS-CoV-2-RT-PCR	Detected*	Not Detected

Interpretation: SARS-CoV-2 RNA detected. Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), previously known as 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), presumptive positive result indicates an active infection with SARS-CoV-2, but does not rule out bacterial infection or coinfection with other viruses. The agent detected may not be the definite cause of disease. Results must be combined with clinical observations, patient history, and epidemiological information for patient management decisions. This test has been validated but FDA's independent review of this validation is pending.

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Ref Range</u>
SARS-CoV-2-RT-PCR	Indeterminate*	Not Detected

Interpretation: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), previously known as 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) indeterminate, may be due to inhibitory PCR. Please submit new sample.



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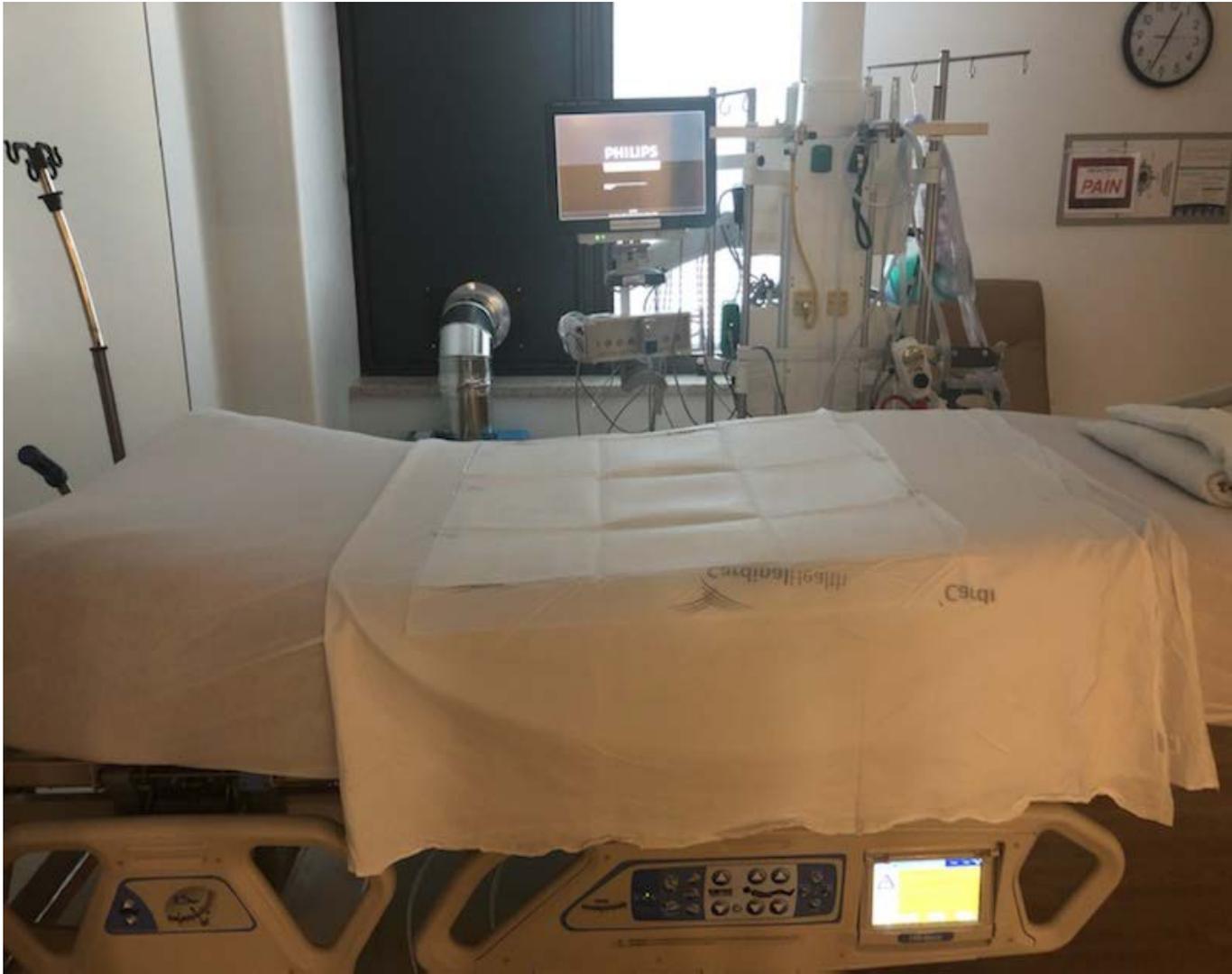
Droplet Plus Isolation

(Droplet + Contact + Face Shield)

-  **PPE Required** on entry to patient room
 - ✓ Procedure mask or **N95/CAFR/PAPR**
 - N95/CAFR/PAPR recommended for aerosolizing procedures & specimen collection
 - ✓ Gown
 - ✓ Gloves
 - ✓ Goggles or Face Shield
- Single-person room with the door closed with dedicated bathroom
 - Airborne Isolation Room (AIR) recommended for aerosolizing procedures
- Always keep door closed
- Dedicated Equipment: Thermometer, Blood Pressure Cuff and Stethoscope Should Remain in Room
- Items leaving room require intermediate level disinfection with hospital approved disinfectant
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Recruitment of resources: Don't say not to anyone

- **Orthopedic surgeons = Proning teams**
- **Outpatient Nurse Practitioners= CVVH support**
- **Anesthesia= procedure team (Airway, CVL, A-line, HD line, OG tube)**
- **ENT/Intervention Pulmonary = Tracheostomy Team**
- **Psych/Palliative Care = Family contact team**
- **Students = “Write up papers” team**

Crisis Communication

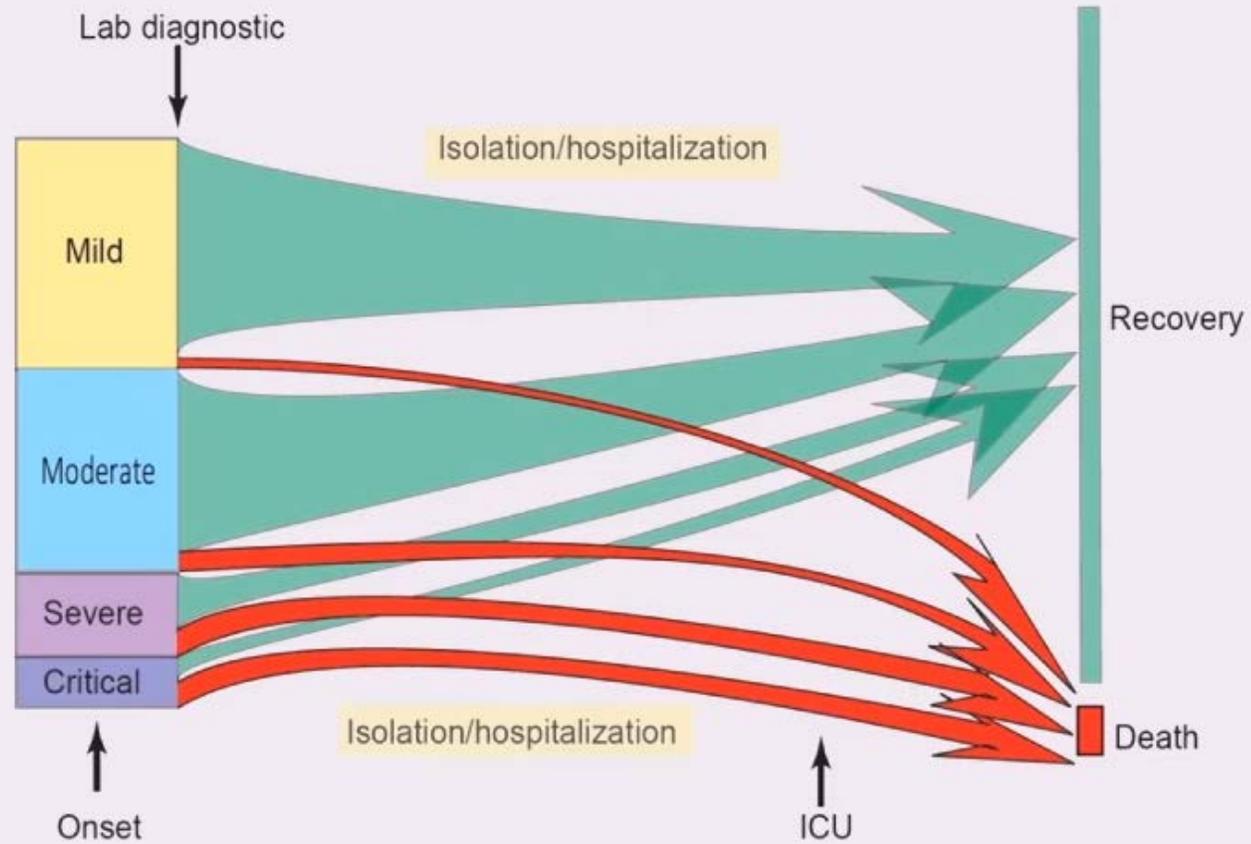
Communicating Through the Coronavirus Crisis

by Paul A. Argenti

March 13, 2020

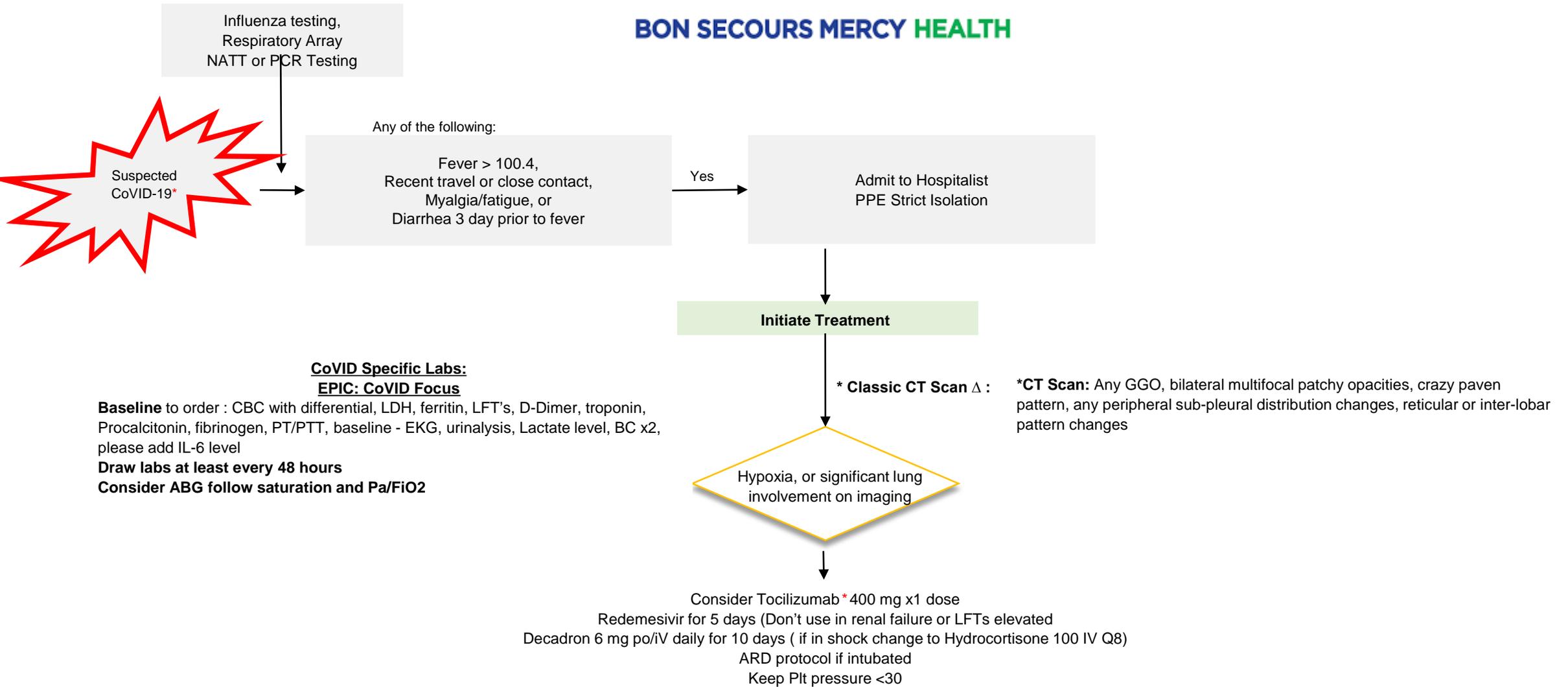


Clinical prognosis and recovery



The Day Message Boards, Resource allocation

Vents	SEYH	SEBH	SJWH	Market
Total Traditional in use	20	5	7	32
Total in Use	20	5	7	32
COVID +	1	2	2	5
COVID R/O	0	0	0	0
Non COVID	19	3	5	27
Broken	0	0	0	0
Total Traditional vents available	30	22	6	58
Total Available (Possible ventilation)	34	28	9	75
980/840 Normal ICU Vent	30	22	6	58
NECO (LTV1200, Eagle) True Vents able to vent all patients	0	0	0	0
HT-70's/Crossvent /Drager - Transport vent also used for ED/Trauma	7	4	2	
Trilogy Need Ward Type Care Setting & Non-chemical Paralyzed PTs	0	0	0	
IC2A Transport only	0	1	1	
ParaPac Transport only	1	1	0	
OR Anesthesia Machines				
V60 Need Ward Type Care Setting & Non-chemical Paralyzed PTs	0	0	0	



Evidently Cochrane

Sharing health evidence you can trust



Chapman S. "Convalescent plasma to treat people with COVID-19: the evidence so far". Evidently Cochrane blog, 15 May 2020, last updated 12 October 2020.

<https://www.evidentlycochrane.net/convalescent-plasma>

“Convalescent plasma to treat people with COVID-19: the evidence so far”

Take-home points

- A Cochrane rapid review with 19 studies, including two small randomized controlled trials, shows that the effectiveness and safety of convalescent plasma for people with COVID-19 are uncertain.
- The review authors identified 138 ongoing studies, including 73 randomized trials.
- This review is being regularly updated as a ‘living systematic review’, based on monthly searches for new evidence, and the results are likely to change.

Clinical Management and Treatment of CoVID Reimagined

	CDC	WHO
Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive management including advanced organ support 	<p>Remdesivir (investigational)</p> <p>Developed and tested to treat Ebola</p> <p>Safety database in >500 individuals</p> <p><i>in vitro</i> antiviral activity against SARS CoV-2</p> <p>Activity against MERS-CoV in macaque model</p> <p>Outcompetes proofreading ability of exonuclease</p>
Systemic Corticosteroids		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not routinely give for treatment of viral pneumonia or ARDS outside of clinical trials unless indicated for another reason.
Investigational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No RCT data to recommend any specific therapy yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current evidence from RCTs to recommend any specific [treatment] • Unlicensed treatments should be administered thru ethically-approved clinical trials or the Monitored Emergency Use of Unregistered Interventions Framework with strict monitoring

Male sex 7,539 (62%)
Age 66
Days since symptom onset (median) 8

Respiratory support
No oxygen required (25%)
Supplemental oxygen (62%)
Ventilation/ECMO (13%)

Prior disease:
Diabetes (27%)
Cardiovascular disease (28%)
Chronic lung disease (22%)

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Dexamethasone in Hospitalized Patients with Covid-19

The RECOVERY Collaborative Group*

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) is associated with diffuse lung damage. Glucocorticoids may modulate inflammation-mediated lung injury and thereby reduce progression to respiratory failure and death.

METHODS

In this controlled, open-label trial comparing a range of possible treatments in patients who were hospitalized with Covid-19, we randomly assigned patients to receive oral or intravenous dexamethasone (at a dose of 6 mg once daily) for up to 10 days or to receive usual care alone. The primary outcome was 28-day mortality. Here, we report the final results of this assessment.

RESULTS

A total of 2104 patients were assigned to receive dexamethasone and 4321 to receive usual care. Overall, 482 patients (22.9%) in the dexamethasone group and 1110 patients (25.7%) in the usual care group died within 28 days after randomization (age-adjusted rate ratio, 0.83; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.75 to 0.93; $P < 0.001$). The proportional and absolute between-group differences in mortality varied considerably according to the level of respiratory support that the patients were receiving at the time of randomization. In the dexamethasone group, the incidence of death was lower than that in the usual care group among patients receiving invasive mechanical ventilation (29.3% vs. 41.4%; rate ratio, 0.64; 95% CI, 0.51 to 0.81) and among those receiving oxygen without invasive mechanical ventilation (23.3% vs. 26.2%; rate ratio, 0.82; 95% CI, 0.72 to 0.94) but not among those who were receiving no respiratory support at randomization (17.8% vs. 14.0%; rate ratio, 1.19; 95% CI, 0.92 to 1.55).

CONCLUSIONS

In patients hospitalized with Covid-19, the use of dexamethasone resulted in lower 28-day mortality among those who were receiving either invasive mechanical ventilation or oxygen alone at randomization but not among those receiving no respiratory support. (Funded by the Medical Research Council and National Institute for Health Research and others; RECOVERY ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT04381936; ISRCTN number, 50189673.)

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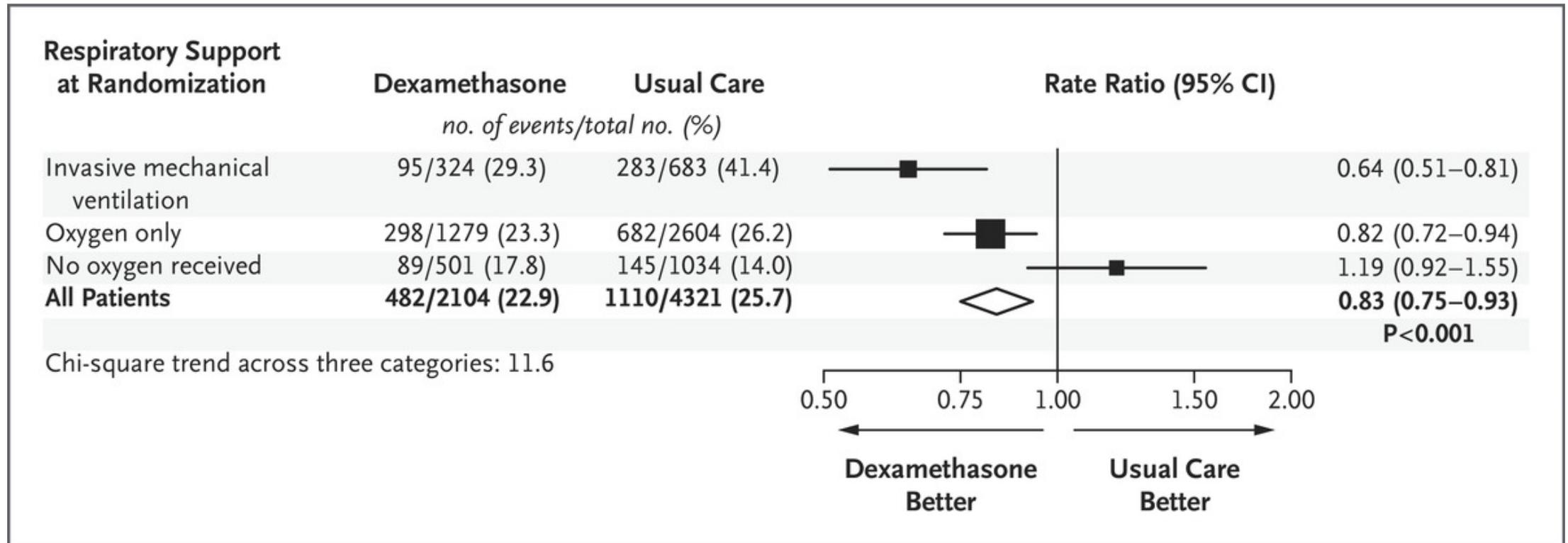
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Evaluate Existing Antivirals: RNA-dependent-polymerases

- Remdesivir
 - Developed and tested to treat Ebola
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 - *in vitro* antiviral activity against SARS CoV-2
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Remdesivir for COVID-19 Infection

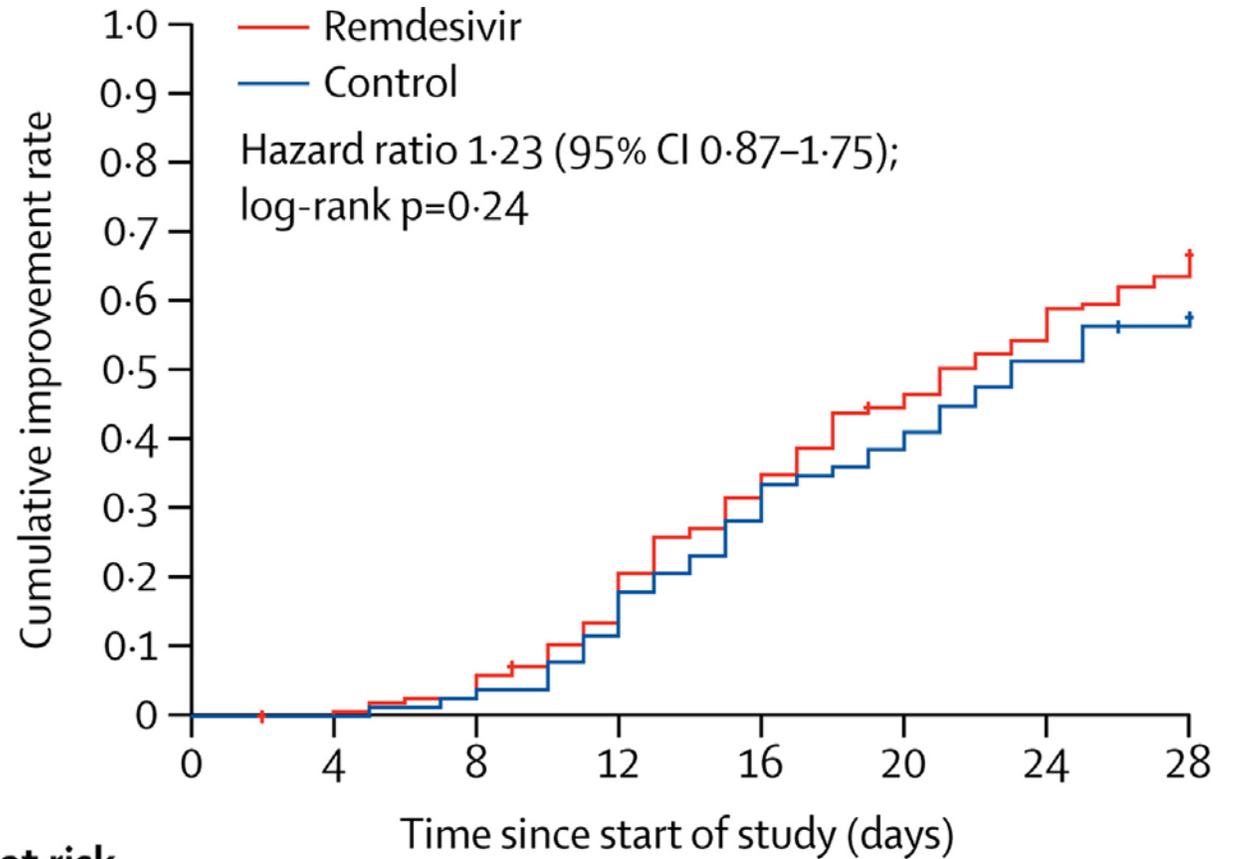
- **Mechanism = adenosine nucleoside analog**
- **Activity against viruses including Ebola, SARS, MERS, and COVID-19**
- **Found to be ineffective in Ebola, but safe in > 500 individuals treated**
- **Two phase III trials ongoing for mild/moderate and severe COVID-19**
 - **200 mg IV loading dose on Day 1 followed by 100 mg IV once daily to complete 10 days**
 - **Currently enrolling cruise ship passengers**

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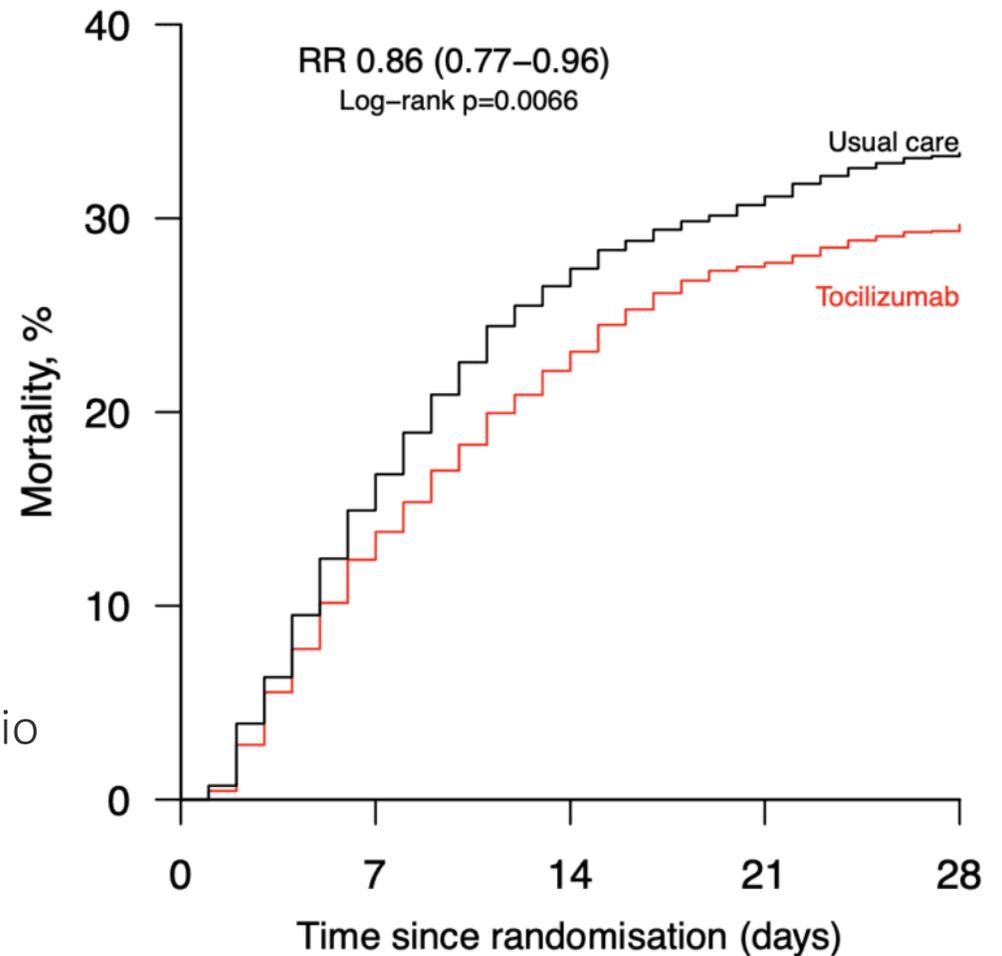
**Number at risk
(number censored)**

Remdesivir	158	155	147	123	101	82	63	25
	(0)	(2)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(26*)
Control	78	78	75	64	52	46	38	17
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(16*)

The RECOVERY Trial: Tocilizumab

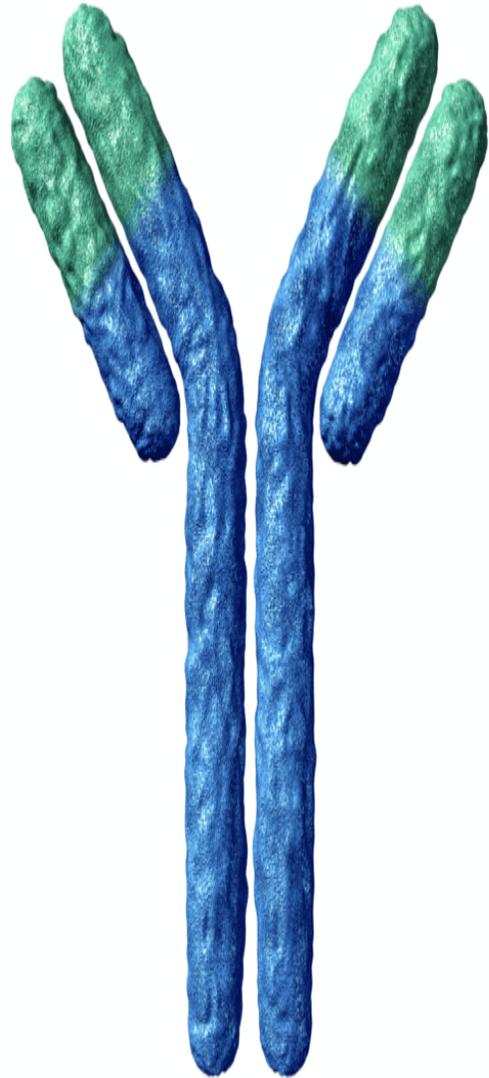
- An additional clear mortality benefit was seen in those receiving systemic corticosteroids (27% vs 33%; Risk Ratio 0.80; 95% CI 0.70 to 0.90)
- This mortality benefit was not seen in tocilizumab monotherapy (i.e. those not getting steroids)

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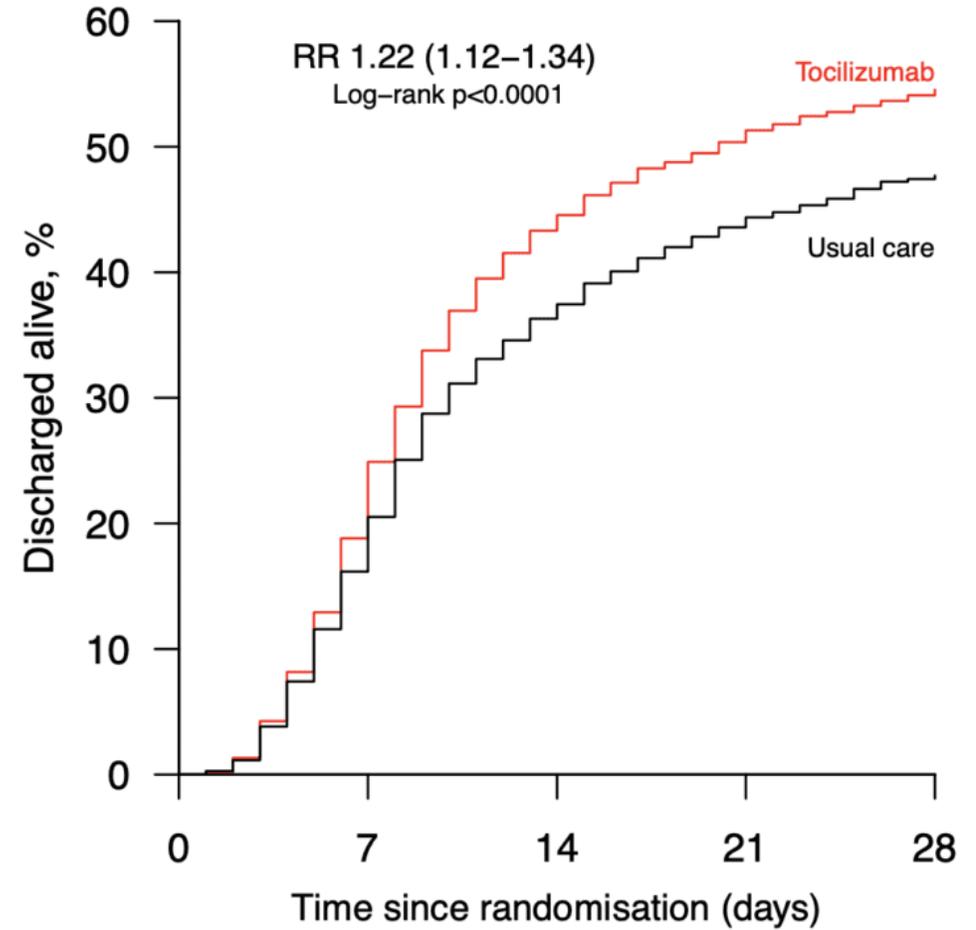


Number at risk

Active	2022	1741	1553	1386	1284
Control	2094	1740	1518	1372	1250



The RECOVERY Trial: Tocilizumab



Number at risk	0	7	14	21	28
Active	2022	1517	1120	911	787
Control	2094	1662	1308	1096	954

Coronavirus Treatment Summary

- **To date no specific drug/drug combo with proven efficacy against coronavirus**
- **Mainstay is supportive management including advanced organ support for patients with severe disease**
- **Both novel and repurposed therapies under investigation**
- **Different therapies may be beneficial for different phases and presentations of COVID-19 illness**

Coronavirus Coagulopathy

- **Septic inflammation and DIC common SARS and MERS[†]**
 - **Acute Phase Reactants: fibrinogen, factor VIII, thrombocytosis**
 - **Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC): clotting and lysing**
 - **Low fibrinogen & platelets**
 - **Elevated PT/PTT/d-dimer**
- **Coagulopathy is common in sick COVID-19 patients**
 - **50% of non-survivors; 7% of survivors[‡]**
 - **DIC: 71% non-survivors; 0.4% of survivors^Δ**
- **Clotted fingers/toes without high dose pressors**



[‡]Zhou F, et al. "Clinical course and risk factors for mortality of adult inpatients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China: a retrospective cohort study." *The Lancet* (2020).

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Society COVID Recommendations

Limited data to alter generic ICU ppx



ASA Critical Care Committee Member Experience

- Full range of tx



International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis

- All COVID without contraindications: ppx LMWH

American Society of Hematology

- Monitor for DIC
- LMWH ppx hospitalized COVID (unless low plt/ fibrinogen)
 - ***Dose adjustment for obesity and renal failure***
- Full anticoagulation only for documented thrombus





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COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy is Common

National Poll on Healthy Aging report, University of Michigan (November, 2020)

Views on Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

AMONG ADULTS AGE 50-80

- 20%** Would like to get it as soon as possible
- 46%** Would like to get it, but wait until others receive it
- 20%** Unsure about getting it
- 14%** Don't want to get it



Malani P, Singer D, Solway E, Kirch M, Kullgren J. Older Adults' Perspectives on a COVID-19 Vaccine. University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging. November 2020. Available at: <http://hdl.handle.net/2027.42/163523>



COVID-19 vaccines that have received FDA Emergency Use Authorizations

- **Two vaccines have received FDA Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) :**
 - Pfizer/BioNTech (BNT162b2) – 95% effective (manufacturer data)
 - Moderna (mRNA-1273) – 94.5% effective (manufacturer data)
- **Both are mRNA vaccines with a 2-dose schedule. People being vaccinated should complete the two-dose series with the same vaccine product.**
- **Duration of protection is not yet known.**
- **For the latest information about authorized vaccines, visit www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines.**

COVID-19 vaccine trials by the numbers

Pfizer/BioNTech

- **45,302** enrolled
 - **43,125** received 2nd dose
- **150** clinical sites
 - 39 U.S. states
- Racial/ethnic distribution
 - **13%** - Hispanic
 - **10%** - African American
 - **6%** - Asian
 - **1%** - Native American
- **40%** ages 56-85

Moderna

- **30,000** enrolled
 - **25,654** received 2nd dose
- **89** clinical sites
 - 32 U.S. states
- Racial/ethnic distribution
 - **63%** - White
 - **20%** - Hispanic
 - **10%** - African American/Black
 - **4%** - Asian
 - **3%** - All others
- **64%** ages 45 and older
 - **39%** ages 45-64
 - **25%** ages 65+

Sources: <https://www.pfizer.com/science/coronavirus/vaccine>;
<https://www.modernatx.com/cove-study>

For more information, visit www.clinicaltrials.gov



“In some ways Epidemics like diseases does not exist until we have agreed that it does, by perceiving, naming, and responding to it.”

**Charles Rosenberg,
Framing Disease,
Illness, Society and
History (1992)**

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Conclusions

- **History writes the story of pandemic and epidemics but we can learn the natural history of the events and make better choices**
- **We (health care providers) need to be better steward of this understanding and be united**
- **Prepare now as this infection and pandemic will not be the last in our life time**