

# COVID-19 Evidence Bulletin

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Details of new guidance and evidence relating to the response to COVID-19. Please check SaTH, NHS and Government guidance in conjunction with these resources where necessary.

## General

**Management of coexisting conditions in the context of COVID-19** [BMJ Best Practice evidence summary]

A summary of important considerations for the care of people with co-existing medical conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Key points from guidance and position statements are summarised for each condition.

Available [here](#)

## Cancer care

**Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): Cancer care during the pandemic** [UpToDate evidence summary]

Available [here](#)

## Cardiology

**COVID-19 rapid guideline: acute myocardial injury** [NICE]

Available [here](#)

## Communication

**Critical Care COVID-19 Communication Chart** [ICM Anaesthesia COVID-19]

Developed together with the Speech and Language Therapy Team at Weston General Hospital, this symbol board can assist medical staff in communication with patients who are critically ill due to COVID-19. It can make communication quick and easy, even if the patient is being ventilated or has a tracheostomy (but is alert).

Available [here](#)

**Having courageous conversations by telephone or video during the COVID-19 pandemic** [Royal College of Nursing]

These guidelines have been developed to support nursing staff who are having to initiate challenging and courageous conversations with patients remotely.

Available [here](#)

## Critical and Intensive Care

**Managing tracheostomised patients with prolonged disorders of consciousness during COVID-19** [Royal College of Physicians]

Available [here](#)

**Considerations for tracheostomy in the COVID-19 outbreak** [National Tracheostomy Safety Project]

Available [here](#)

## End of Life Care

**COVID 19 & End of Life Care / Care after Death** [Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust]

Available on [SaTH Intranet](#) (version 3, updated 17<sup>th</sup> April)

## Gastroenterology

**COVID-19 rapid guideline: gastrointestinal and liver conditions treated with drugs affecting the immune response** [NICE]

Available [here](#)

## Haematology

**BSH guidance on Vitamin B12 replacement during the COVID-19 pandemic** [British Society for Haematology]

Available [here](#)

## Mouthcare

**Mouthcare for patients with COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19** [Public Health England]

This guidance outlines mouthcare for hospitalised adults and children with COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 who are non-ventilated, ventilated and those having step down or end of life care.

Available [here](#)

## Neonatology

**COVID-19 - guidance for neonatal settings** [British Association of Perinatal Medicine]

Available [here](#)

## Nutrition

**Is it safe for patients with COVID-19 to fast in Ramadan?** [Rapid evidence review from the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine]

Available [here](#)

## Obstetrics and Gynaecology

**ISIDOG Recommendations Concerning COVID-19 and Pregnancy** [International Society of Infectious Disease in Obstetrics and Gynecology]

Available [here](#)

**COVID-19: management in obstetric and gynecological settings** [International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology]

Available [here](#)

## Ophthalmology

**Ocular manifestation of COVID-19** [evidence search carried out by Shrewsbury and Telford Health Libraries]  
Available [here](#)

Further evidence searches can be [requested](#) from Shrewsbury and Telford Health Libraries.

**Medical Retinal Management Plans during COVID-19** [Royal College of Ophthalmologists]  
Available [here](#)

## Paediatrics

**Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): Considerations in children** [UpToDate evidence summary]  
Available [here](#)

**Paediatric tracheostomy and tracheostomy long-term ventilated care during the COVID-19 pandemic** [National Tracheostomy Safety Project]  
Available [here](#)

## Palliative Care

**Clinical guide for the management of palliative care in hospital during the coronavirus pandemic** [NHS England]  
Check the [NHS England Specialty Guides](#) page for the latest version. The 22<sup>nd</sup> April version is available [here](#) (no password required]

## Rehabilitation

**Rehabilitation during the pandemic - FAQs** [Chartered Society of Physiotherapy]  
Access to high quality community rehabilitation for those worst affected by Covid19 will be critical. We answer some of your frequently asked questions about what all this means for rehabilitation during the Covid19 pandemic.  
Available [here](#)

## Renal Care

**Clinical guide for acute kidney injury in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 outside the intensive care unit during the coronavirus pandemic** [NHS England]  
Check the [NHS England Specialty Guides](#) page for the latest version. The 21<sup>st</sup> April version is available [here](#) (no password required]

**Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): Issues related to kidney disease and hypertension** [UpToDate evidence summary]  
Available [here](#)

## Safeguarding

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack mental capacity** [Department of Health and Social Care]  
This guidance – valid during the coronavirus pandemic – is for health and social care staff who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity.  
Available [here](#)

## Testing

**Guidance: COVID-19: guidance for taking swab samples** [Public Health England]

Video and instructions for how to take swab samples for COVID-19 testing. Guidance is also available on the [SaTH Intranet](#).

Available [here](#)

## KnowledgeShare Evidence Alerts

KnowledgeShare contains many updates on COVID-19 that can be accessed from the [KnowledgeShare website](#) without a password. If you'd like to receive these by email (along with updates on any other topics of interest) please complete the [form](#).

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