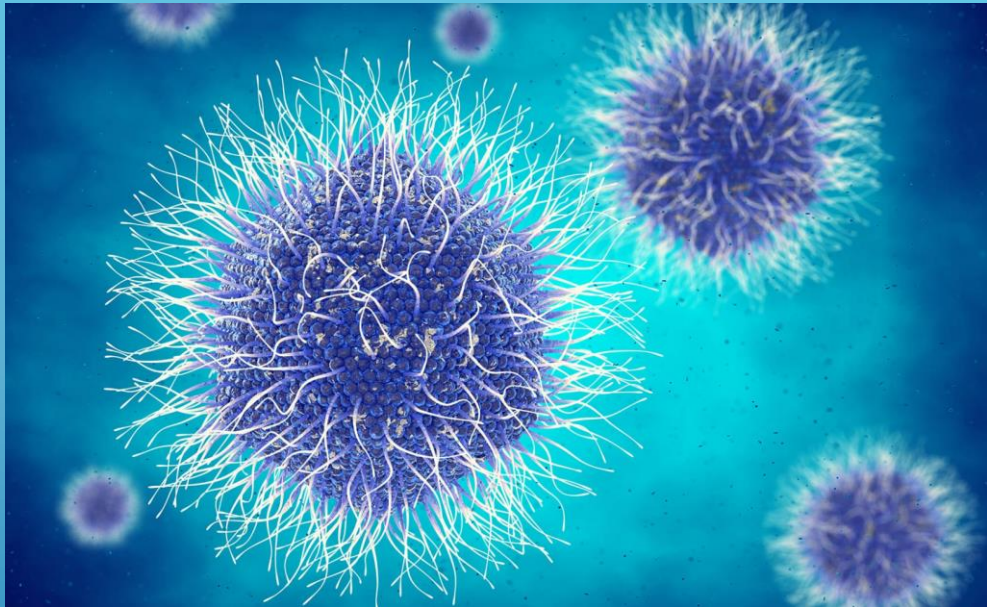


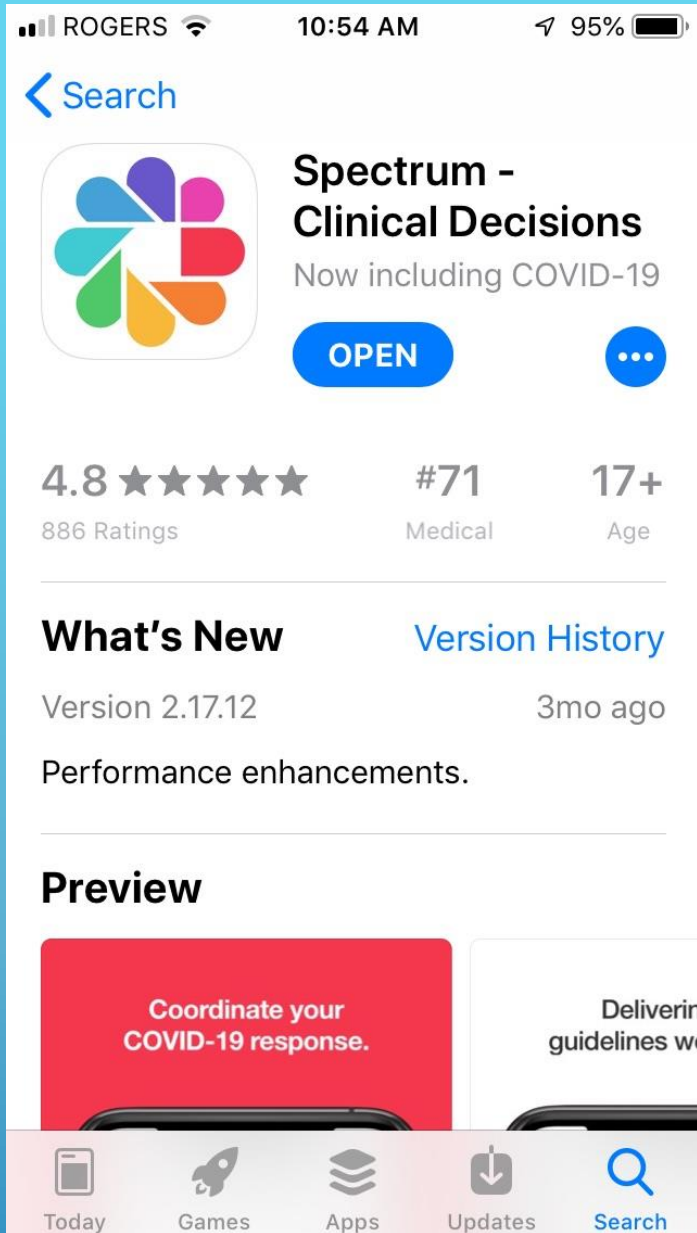
POST-COVID-19 RECOVERY, REHABILITATION, & PERSISTENT COVID-19 SYMPTOMS



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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None to declare

Rehabilitation contribution to the SPECTRUM app – both the app and the contribution are without compensation or conflict

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/CommunicableDiseaseControl/covid19/IH-PH-COV-506%20COVID-19%20Guide%20to%20Home-Based%20Health%20and%20Wellness.pdf>

OBJECTIVES / OUTLINE:

Describe COVID-19 presentations in the acute, post-acute and persistent/chronic phases.

Develop an approach to the recognition, evaluation, and management of post-COVID-19 sequelae.

- Pulmonary function
- Cardiac function
- Vascular function
- Central nervous function
- Peripheral nervous function
- Musculoskeletal function
- Gastrointestinal function
- Fatigue
(Myalgia Encephalomyelitis /Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)
- Psychologic function
- Psychiatric

LESSONS LEARNED FROM PATIENTS AND EPIDEMIC AND NOVEL VIRUSES

Polio (1910)

Spanish Flu (1918)

HIV (1969, 1981)

Sars-Cov-2 (2002)

Swine/ H1N1 (2009)

MERS 2012

Fear
At risk populations
Population spread
Continental leaps

Some known knowns
Some known unknowns
Unknown unknowns



Presentation: Post-Acute COVID-19 Recovery and Rehabilitation

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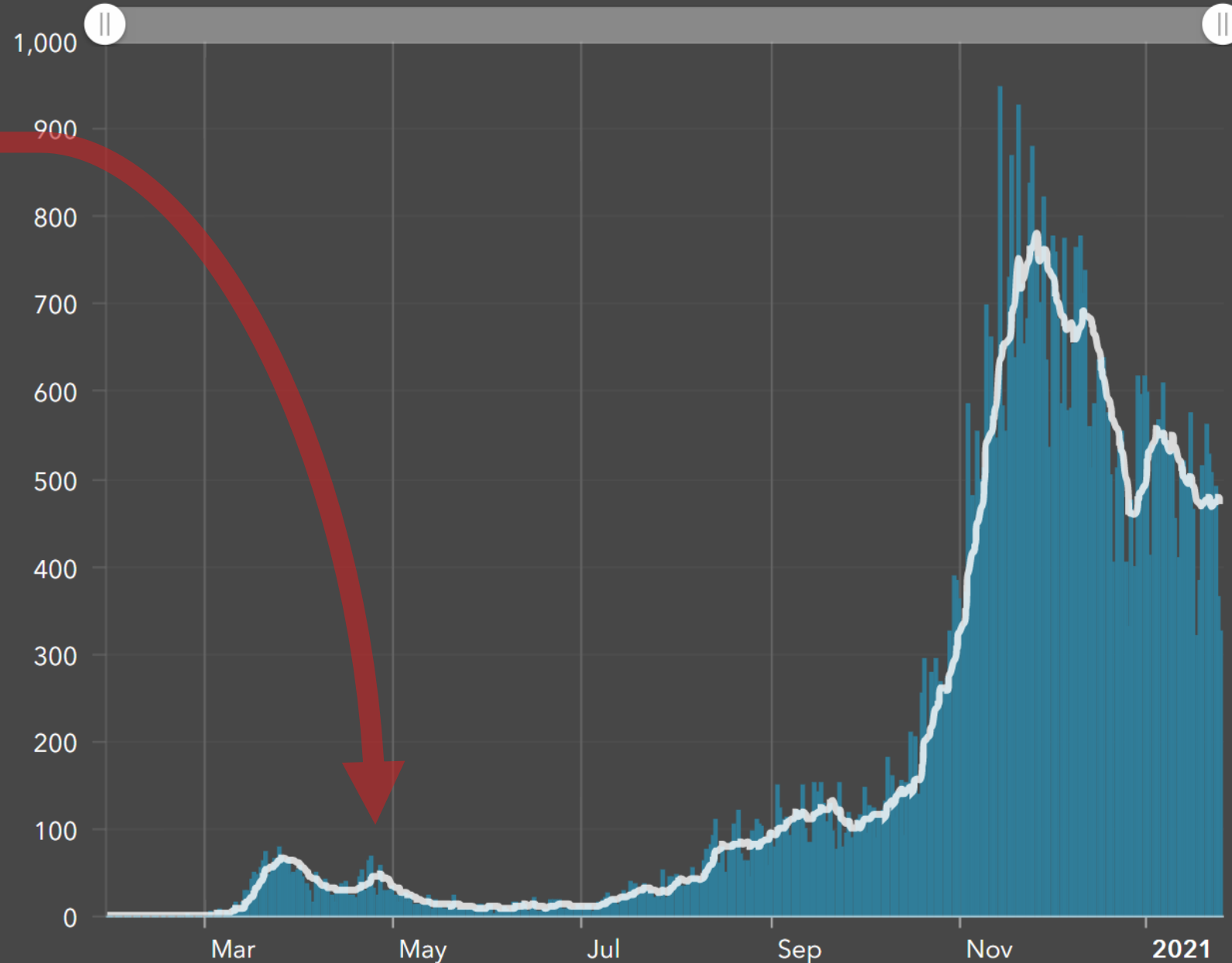
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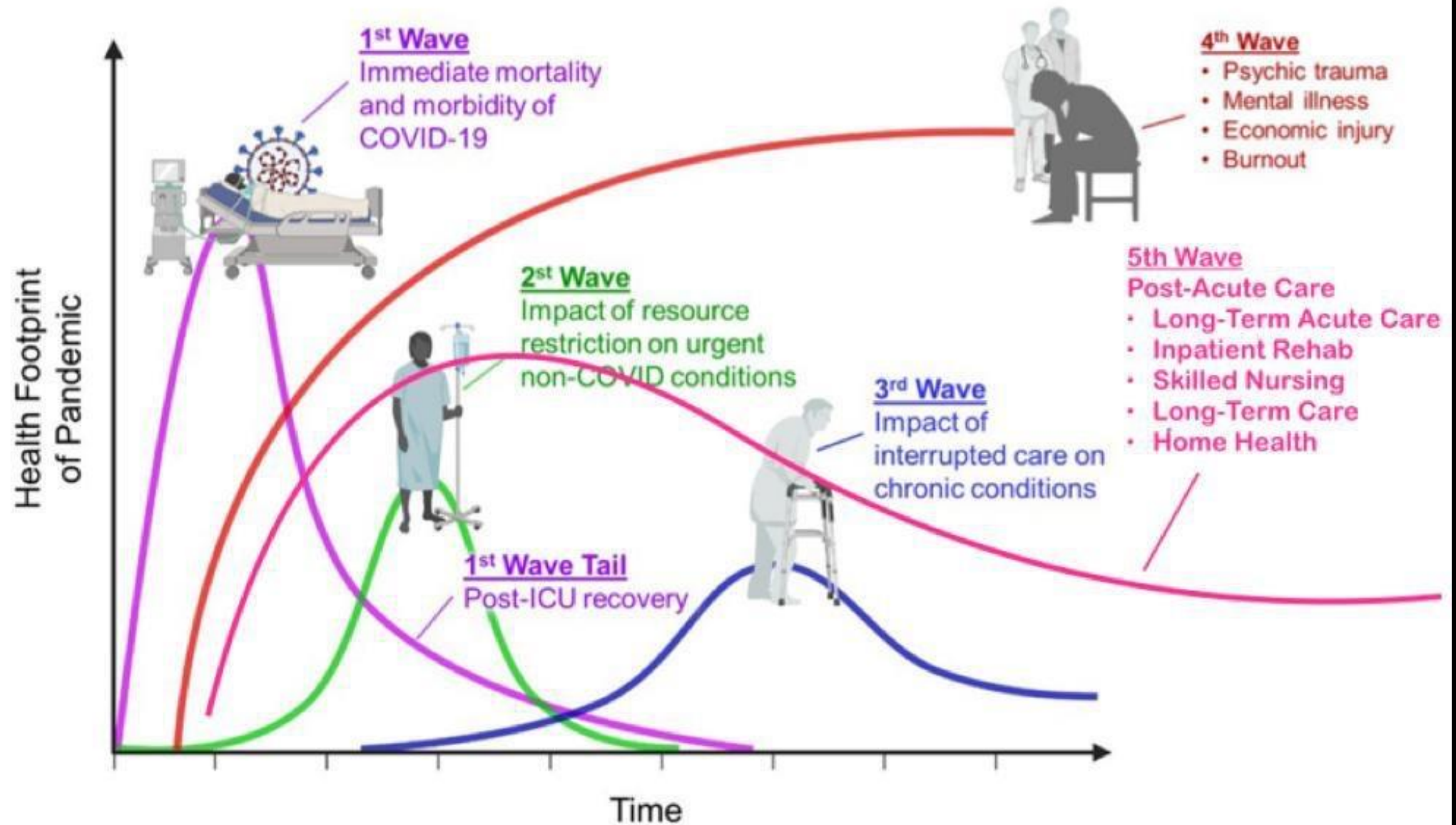
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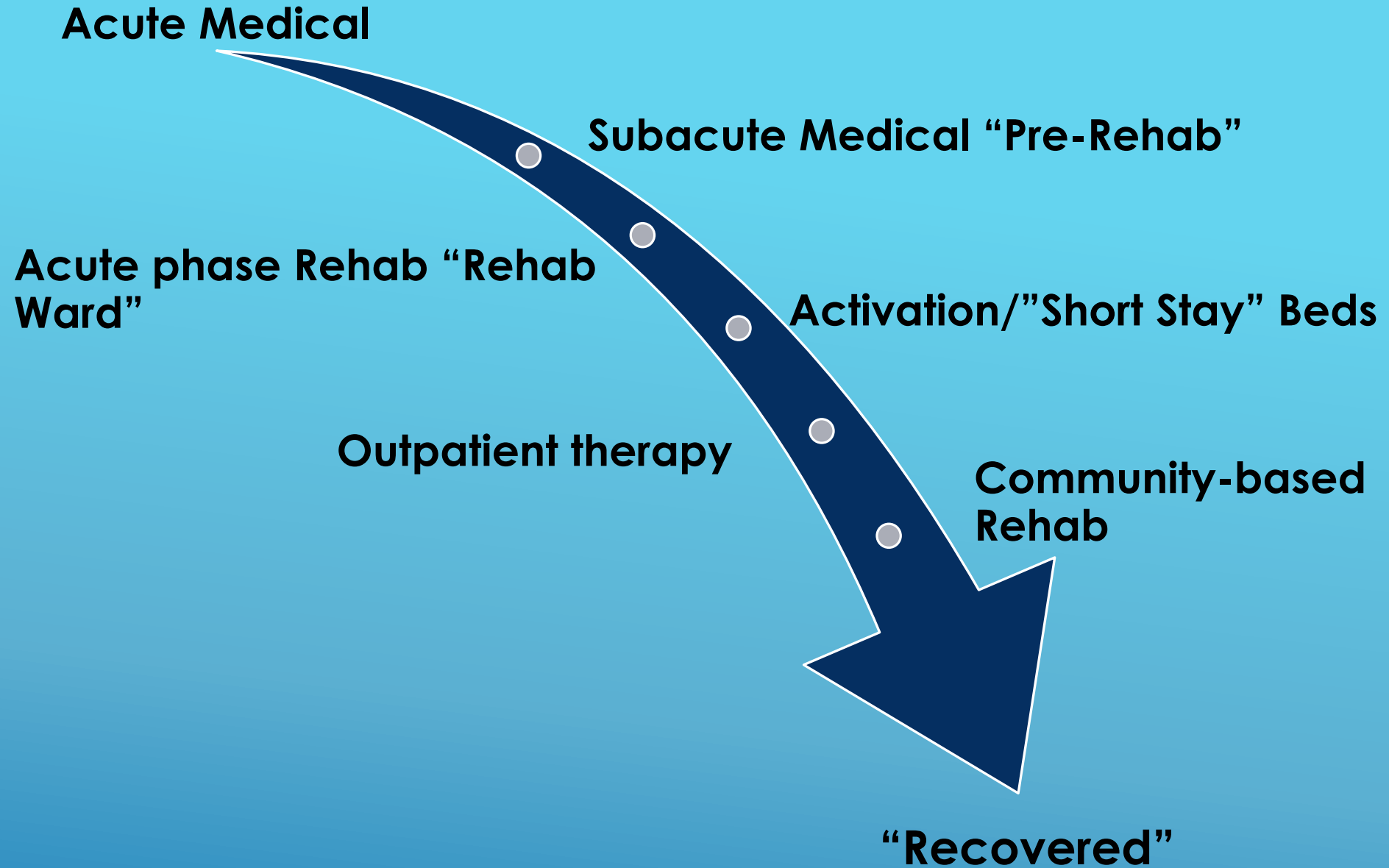
B.C. Cases Reported to Public Health





Source: Twitter, Dr. Victor Tseng 2020, modified by Dr. Brian McMichael 2020.

Typical Rehabilitation Services access and flow:



Rehab should be part of COVID-19 response team

Integration, Coordination

Acute Medical



Recommendations for optimal patient care

1. EMTs are encouraged to fully integrate rehabilitation personnel into the multidisciplinary team and ensure that they participate in daily ward rounds and other consultations.
2. Rehabilitation personnel should be involved in deciding on the referral or discharge of any patient with significant functional limitations and on follow-up requirements.
3. Pre-deployment training should emphasize multidisciplinary practice and patient-centred care.



Subacute Medical “Pre-Rehab”

COVID “Ward”/cohort - specialized team suggested.
PPE requirements during rehab activation.

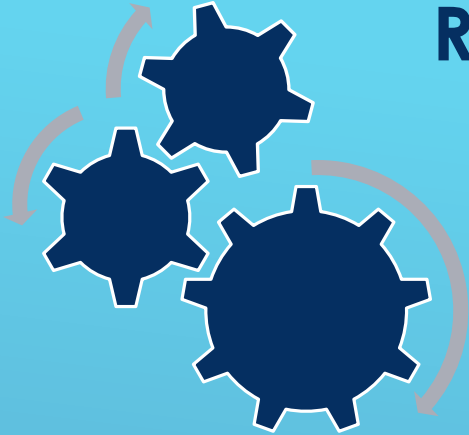
Acute phase Rehab “Rehab Ward”
Vulnerable highly co-morbid population needs separate stream, space, equipment, and staffing.

Activation/”Short Stay” ward

May not be able to fast track to usual program.
When is a patient clear of COVID?

Outpatient therapy

Multiple populations using space and equipment. Level of pre-cautions required. Not currently available.



We need to be ready

Ready to be flexible

Ready to re-tool equipment and spaces

Ready to cohort populations

Ready to re-allocate staff

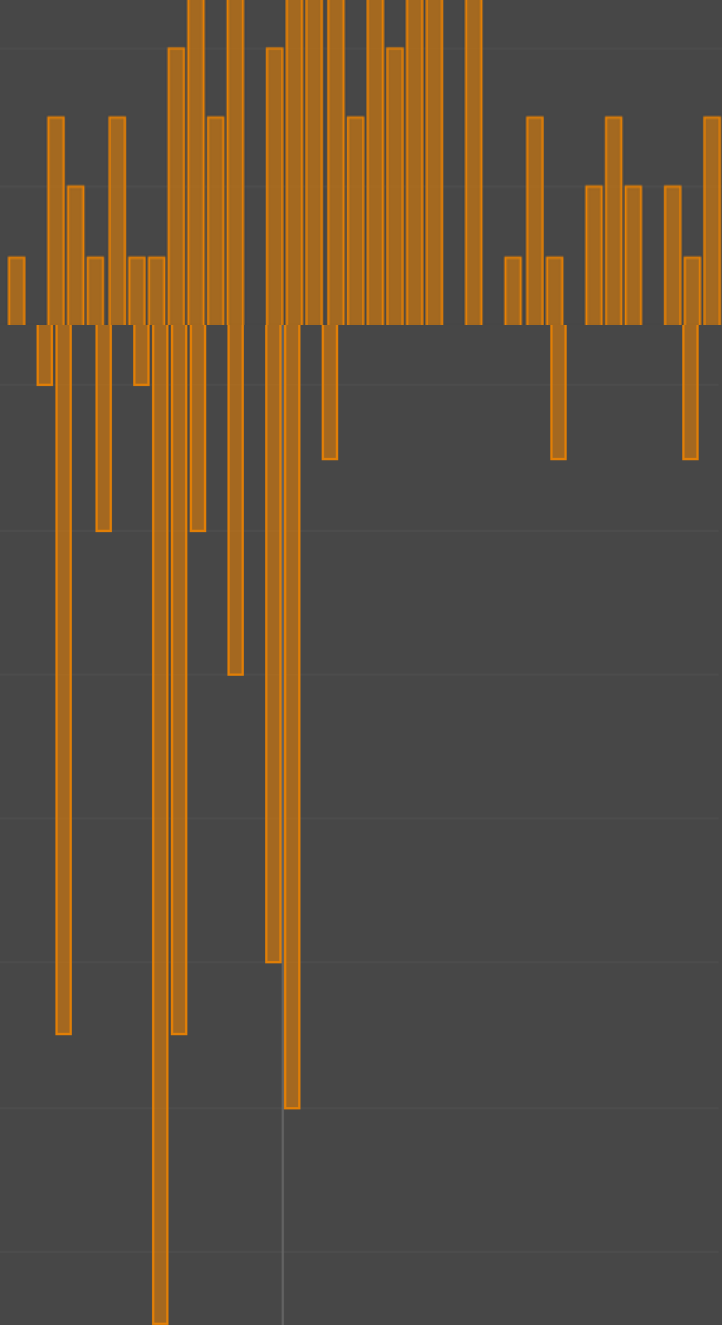
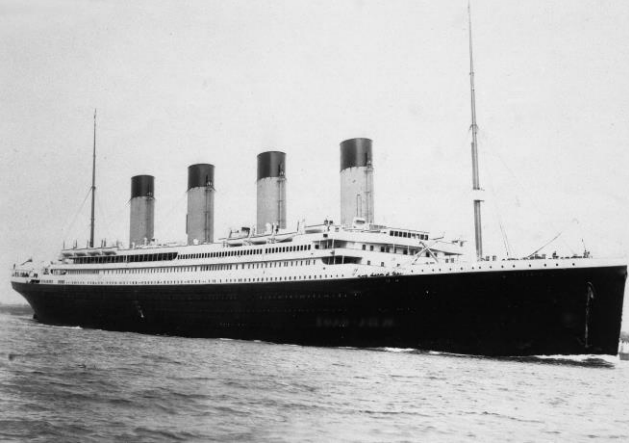
Ready new innovations in care

Yet preserve existing care

Key points:

- **novel, un-precedented, unpredictable**
- **majority of cases survive**
- **not just a pulmonary disease**
- **luxury of time and connections around the world**
- **we are innovating on a fast track to beat the second wave**

Correction-the 2nd wave is here!



CASES BELOW THE WATER LINE:

Those who sought testing are the “tip of the iceberg” of those who actually had a mild case.

Suspect incomplete recovery is likely without some support and re-activation curriculum available to them.

Further study needed on those who stayed home – may need augmentation to community based activation programs to recover fully.

Need for Telehealth outreach and online resources.



Long-Term Health Impact of COVID-19: Emerging Updates

August 22, 2020 | Article No. 16

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Insights

- Recovering from COVID-19 does not bring an end to the health impact of the disease.
- There is emerging evidence and hypotheses regarding the long-term sequelae of COVID-19.

Doubted and dismissed: COVID-19 'long-haulers' share their experiences



B.C. Ministry of Health says it's adapting its response as health officials learn more about the virus



[Maryse Zeidler](#) · CBC News · Posted: Sep 20, 2020 6:00 AM PT | Last Updated: September 20



Jonah McGarva says he still experiences at least a dozen symptoms related to COVID-19, months after he first started feeling ill. (Ben Nelms/CBC)



Group by Susie Goulding

COVID Long-Haulers Support Group Canada

Private group · 11.7K members



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RECENT LITERATURE POST-COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

August 11, 2020 n=143, Italian study.

87.4% persistent symptoms

60% three or more symptoms

44.1% worsened quality of life.

Carfì, A., et al. (2020). Persistent Symptoms in Patients After Acute COVID-19. *JAMA*, 324(6), 603-605. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.12603

August 23, 2020 n=55

30.91% Gastrointestinal symptoms

18.18% Headache

16.36% Fatigue

14.55% Exertional dyspnea

1.81% Cough/sputum

74.55% Lung CT changes

25.45% DLCO abnormal

D-dimer marker?

Zhao, Y. M., et al. (2020). Follow-up study of the pulmonary function and related physiological characteristics of COVID-19 survivors three months after recovery. *EClinicalMedicine*, 25, 100463. doi:10.1016/j.eclinm.2020.100463

RECENT LITERATURE POST-COVID-19 / CONTINUED

October 17, 2020 n=51 Chest CT changes from acute phase to after discharge phase

Ground glass	17.7%	to	9.8%
Opacities	80.4%		23.5%
Consolidation	49%		2%
Septal thickening	80.4%		23.5%

Liu, C., et al. (2020). Chest Computed Tomography and Clinical Follow-Up of Discharged Patients with COVID-19 in Wenzhou City, Zhejiang, China. *Ann Am Thorac Soc*, 17(10), 1231-1237. doi:10.1513/AnnalsATS.202004-324OC

November 1, 2020 n=100, German study. Cardiac MRI at 64-92 days.

78% abnormal regardless of severity of COVID-19 presentation

60% myocardial inflammation

32% pericardial enhancement

Puntmann, V. O., et al. (2020). Outcomes of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Patients Recently Recovered From Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). *JAMA Cardiol*, 5(11), 1265-1273. doi:10.1001/jamacardio.2020.3557

RECENT LITERATURE POST-COVID-19 / CONTINUED

Jan 1, 2021 n=26, Cardiac MRI, competitive college athletes, asymptomatic to mild infection, no hospitalization, no therapy required.

15% myocarditis

30% late enhancement -prior myocardial injury

Rajpal, S., et al. (2021). Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Findings in Competitive Athletes Recovering From COVID-19 Infection. *JAMA Cardiol*, 6(1), 116-118. doi:10.1001/jamacardio.2020.4916

Jan 1, 2021 n=538, 3 months post discharge.

49.6% fatigue, sweating, myalgia, arthralgia, chills, limb edema, dizziness.

39% respiratory symptoms

28.6% alopecia

22.7% psychosocial symptoms

13% cardiovascular symptoms

Xiong, Q., et al. (2021). Clinical sequelae of COVID-19 survivors in Wuhan, China: a single-centre longitudinal study. *Clinical Microbiology and Infection*, 27(1), 89-95. doi:10.1016/j.cmi.2020.09.023

RECENT LITERATURE POST-COVID-19 / CONTINUED

Jan 16, 2021 n=1733 6 month follow-up.

Stratified by high acute severity

76% had one persistent symptom

63% fatigue or muscle weakness

26% sleep disturbance

27% pain and discomfort

23% depression/anxiety

22% hair loss

11% smell disorder

7% mobility impaired

2% activity limited

1% impaired in very basic ADLs

3 times more likely to endure muscle weakness/fatigue

2 times more likely to suffer depression or anxiety.

Huang, C., et al. (2021). 6-month consequences of COVID-19 in patients discharged from hospital: a cohort study. *The Lancet*, 397(10270), 220-232. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(20)32656-8

CAUTION ON THE LITERATURE TO DATE:

BEWARE:

Small numbers

Short time intervals

Subjective symptoms hard to measure

Patient self reports

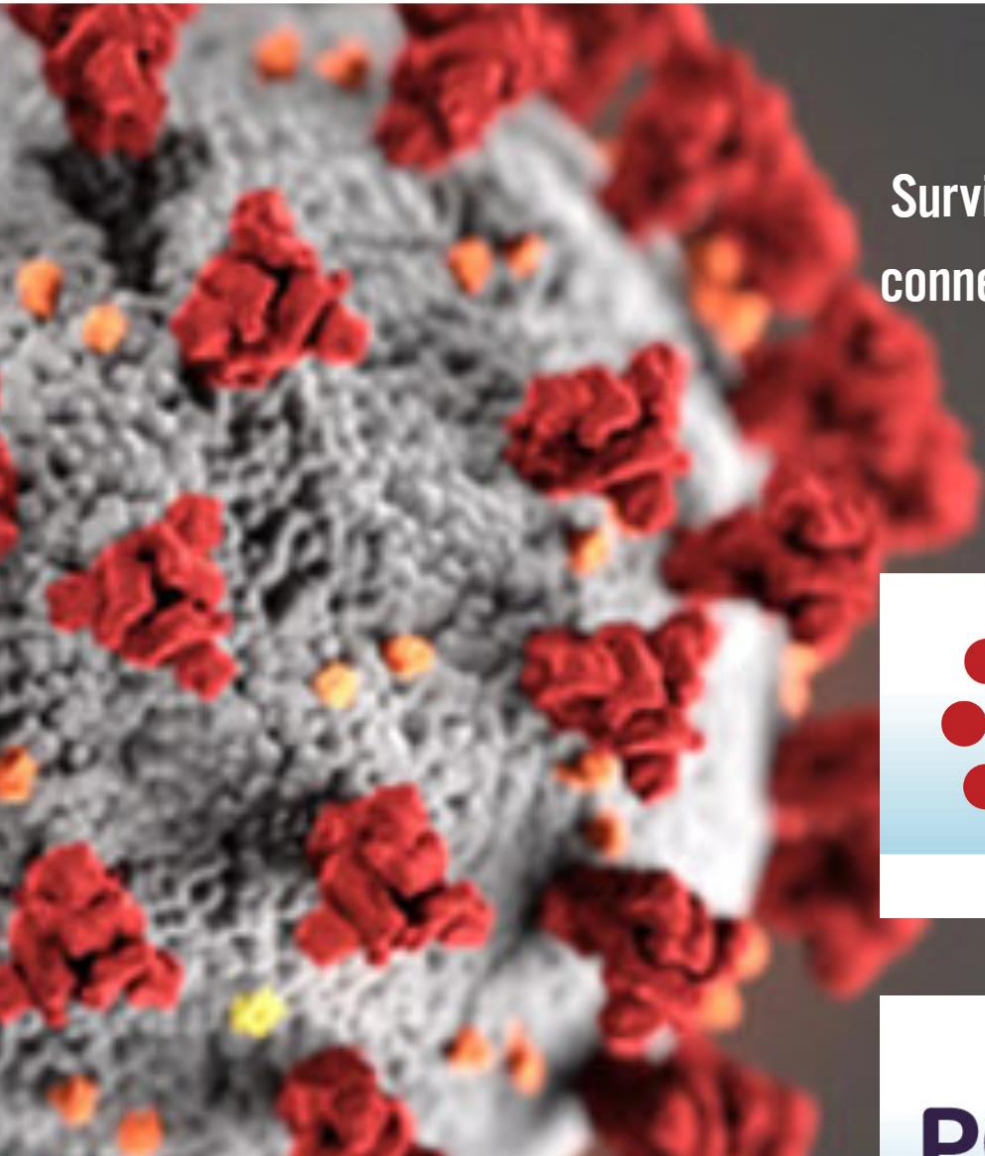
Gets better as time goes by

FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

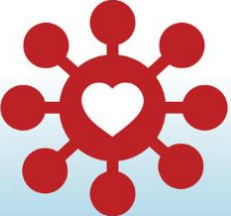
Huang et al acuity markers to predict those most likely to need follow-up

Objective scoring systems, scales, and physical measures

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Survivor Corps is one of the largest and fastest growing grassroots movements connecting, supporting, educating, motivating and mobilizing COVID-19 Survivors to support all medical, scientific and academic research, help stem the tide of this pandemic and assist in the national recovery.



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Figure 2. The 50 Most Common Long Hauler Symptoms

50 Most Common Long Hauler Symptoms

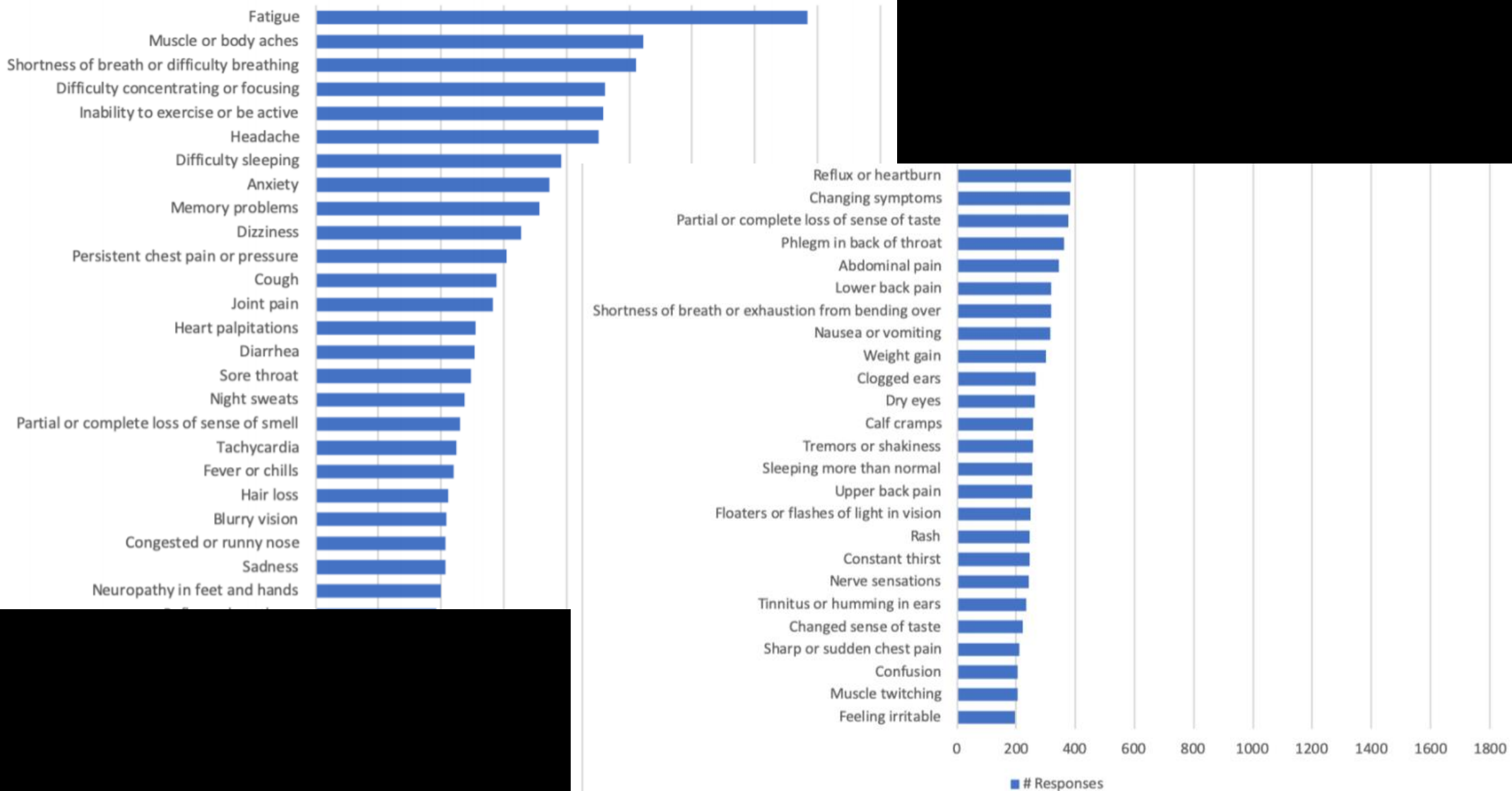
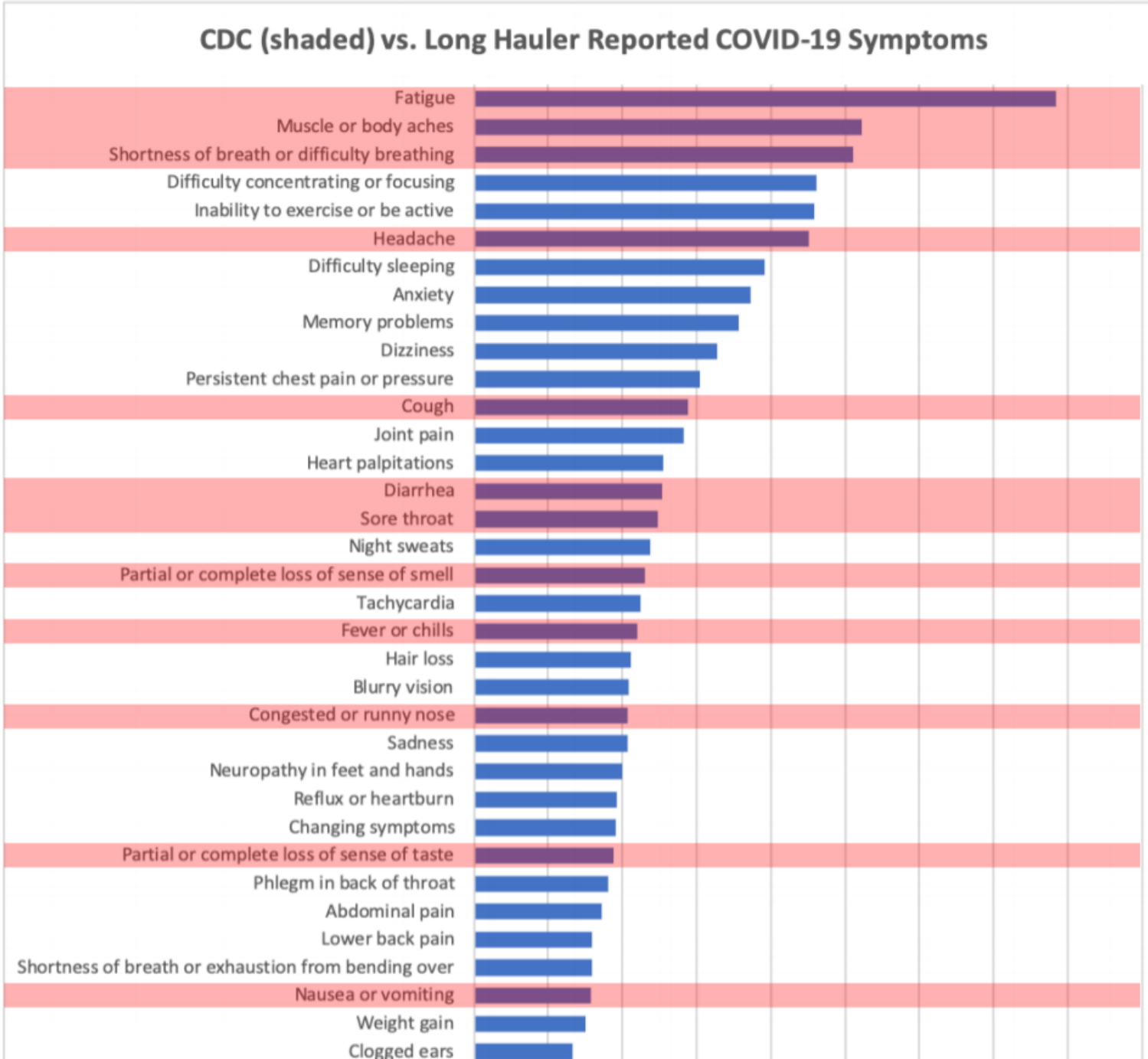


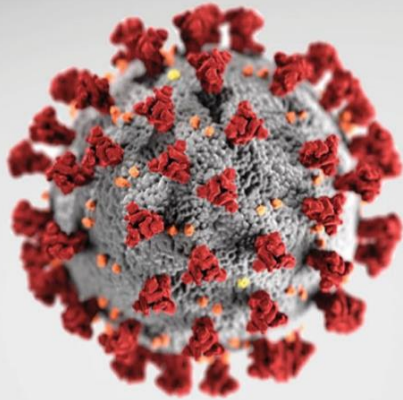
Figure 4. CDC Verses Long Hauler Reported COVID-19 Symptoms



Other COVID sequelae tracking:


<https://www.bma.org.uk/media/3070/bma-covid-tracker-survey-full-results-aug-2020.pdf>

CDC. (2020, Nov 13, 2020). Long-Term Effects of COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects.html>




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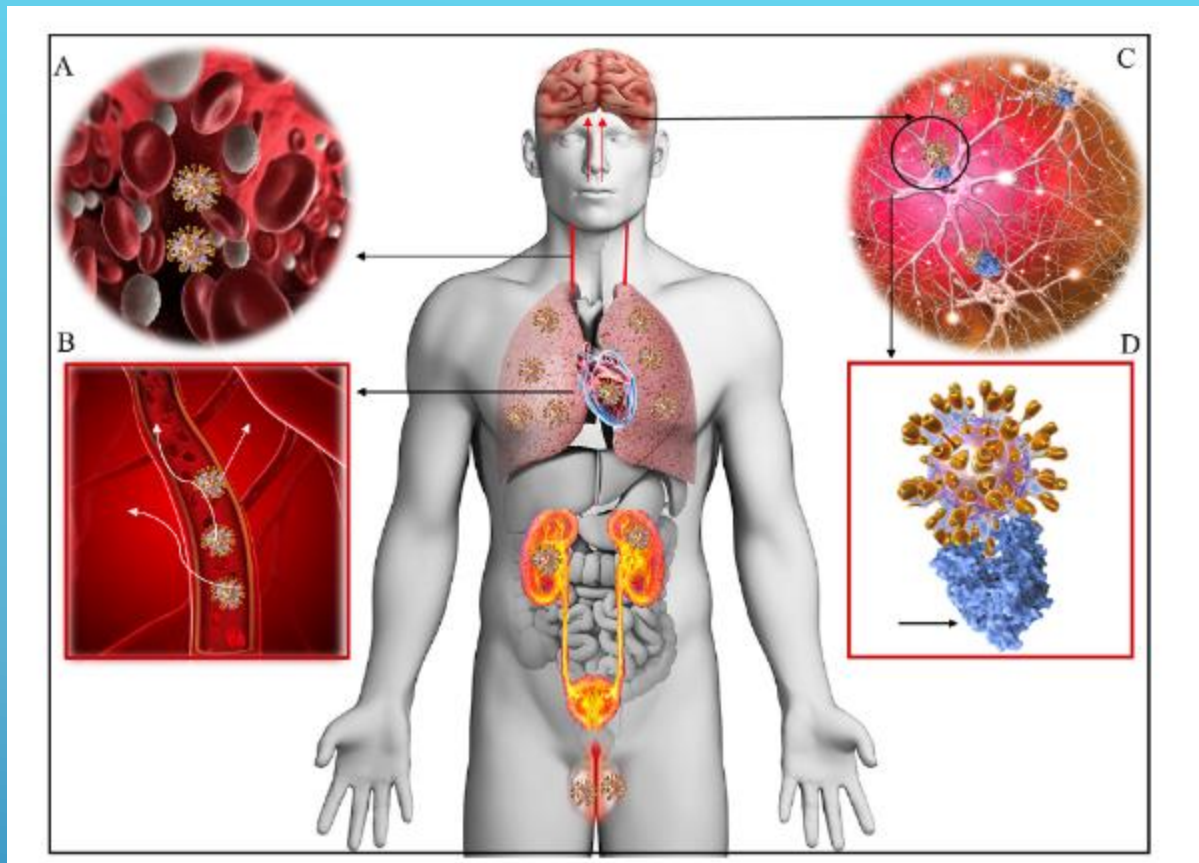
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SEQUELAE – THEORIES

SUPPORTIVE TREATMENT, SOME THERAPIES EMERGING



ACE2 receptors neurotropism? – direct invasion

Increased inflammatory response?

Cytokine storm?

S1 protein receptor for CNS entry?

“OUR IGNORANCE IS PROFOUND” DR. KRUMHOLZ ACUTE PHASE = A MULTISYSTEM ATTACK?

Pulmonary – 3-67% ARDs*, milder resp symptoms majority

Cardio, vascular – inflammation. MI, CHF, myocarditis – 8-33%

Neurological – 30-84% admitted

CNS – strokes ischemic + hemorrhagic – 5%-23%

PNS – Loss of smell and taste - 40-70%

Neuromuscular – myalgia 40%

ICU related – PICS, weakness – 70-80%+ prolonged admission (\pm 21 days)

Hyper-coagulation – 30-80%

Fatigue – 44%+

Neurocognitive – 36-80%

Psychiatric –depression anxiety, PTSD - 48%+

Renal – catabolic, AKI, dialysis

Other – GI, dermatology, hepatology, endocrine

N Engl J Med. 2020 Apr 15. Neurologic Features in Severe SARS-CoV-2 Infection. Strasbourg, France. Julie Helms, M.D., Ph.D. Stephane Kremer, M.D., Ph.D.

PULMONARY ACUTE-SUBACUTE-PERSISTENT . . .

Acute Critical Phase (ICU)

Ventilation support/ weaning

Reduction of dyspnea, airway clearance*

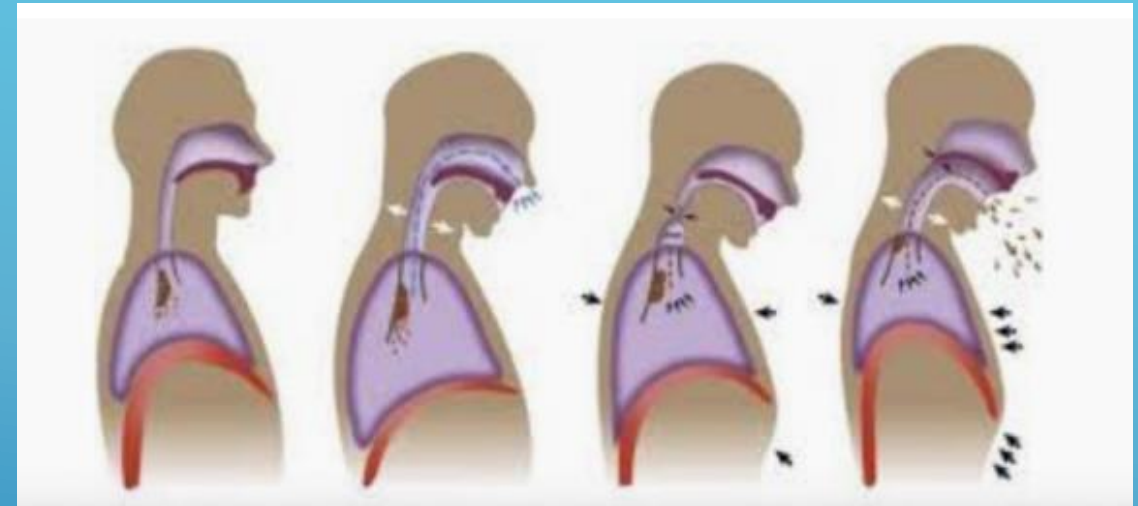
Positional therapy

WHO advises early activation, fatigue level (Carda et al, 2020)

PT – proning, sit, dangle, mobilize, clearance

OT – delirium, early ADLs, seating

SLP – dysphagia, communication



PULMONARY ACUTE-SUBACUTE-PERSISTENT . . .

Acute Ward (out of ICU or not needing it)

Mobilize (get out of bed)

Therapeutic postures

Limb exercises

Neuromuscular electrical stim*

Respiratory muscle training

Bronchial clearance closed circuits

OT – ADLS, cognitive, coping, mobilize

SLP – dysphagia, cognitive

RT – trach, respiratory

Discharge planning team



PULMONARY ACUTE-SUBACUTE-PERSISTENT . . .

Post-Acute (Intermediate rehab location)

Depends on degree of pre- and post- comorbidities, recovery sequence

Trach weaning + phonation, secretions

Mobilize muscle strength

Specific mobility aides

Respiratory muscle training

PT, OT, SLP, RT, discharge team

Tele-follow ups

Community* and home program



PERSISTENT PULMONARY SYMPTOMS

Emerging data indicate persistent symptoms months after treatment

87% of hospital patients have persistent lung symptoms

PRESENTATION: wide range of lung disease

Chronic cough, dyspnea, fatigue.

Fibrotic lung disease, bronchiectasis, and pulmonary vascular disease

Evidence = acute presentation, and extrapolations from the 2003 outbreak of severe acute respirator syndrome (SARS) and data on acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)

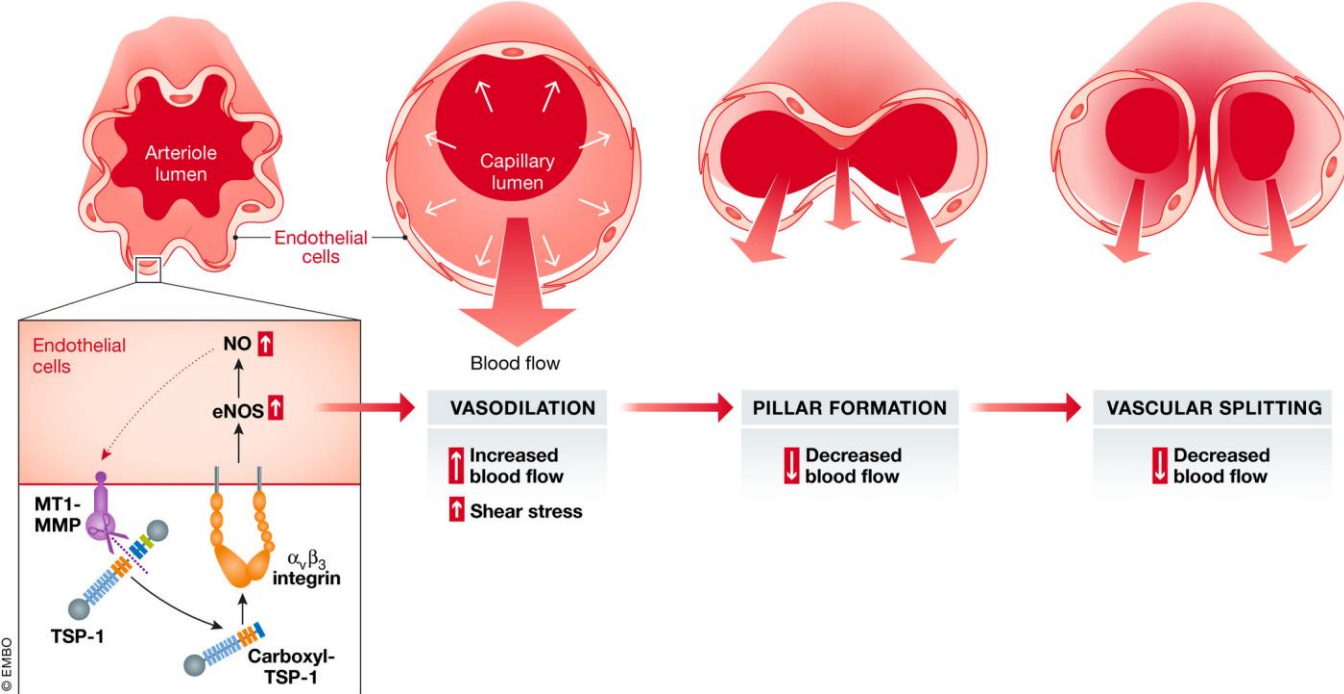
Different type of lung presentation: big issue needing a lot of conversation =

intersusceptive angiogenesis

Vessels are supposed to grow forward, but here they

grow inside themselves

Big problem = clots



The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Pulmonary Vascular Endothelialitis, Thrombosis, and Angiogenesis in Covid-19

Maximilian Ackermann, M.D., Stijn E. Verleden, Ph.D., Mark Kuehnel, Ph.D., Axel Haverich, M.D., Tobias Welte, M.D., Florian Laenger, M.D., Arno Vanstapel, Ph.D., Christopher Werlein, M.D., Helge Stark, Ph.D., Alexandar Tzankov, M.D., William W. Li, M.D., Vincent W. Li, M.D., Steven J. Mentzer, M.D., and Danny Jonigk, M.D.

EMBO Mol Med (2020)12:e11663
<https://doi.org/10.15252/emmm.201911663>

PERSISTENT PULMONARY SYMPTOMS - MANAGEMENT

INVESTIGATION

Repeat CXR

Pulmonary function tests
- DLCO

Oximetry with activation

MANAGEMENT/RESOURCES

Respirology consultation

Pulmonary Rehab program-where
available

Very prescribed incremental activation

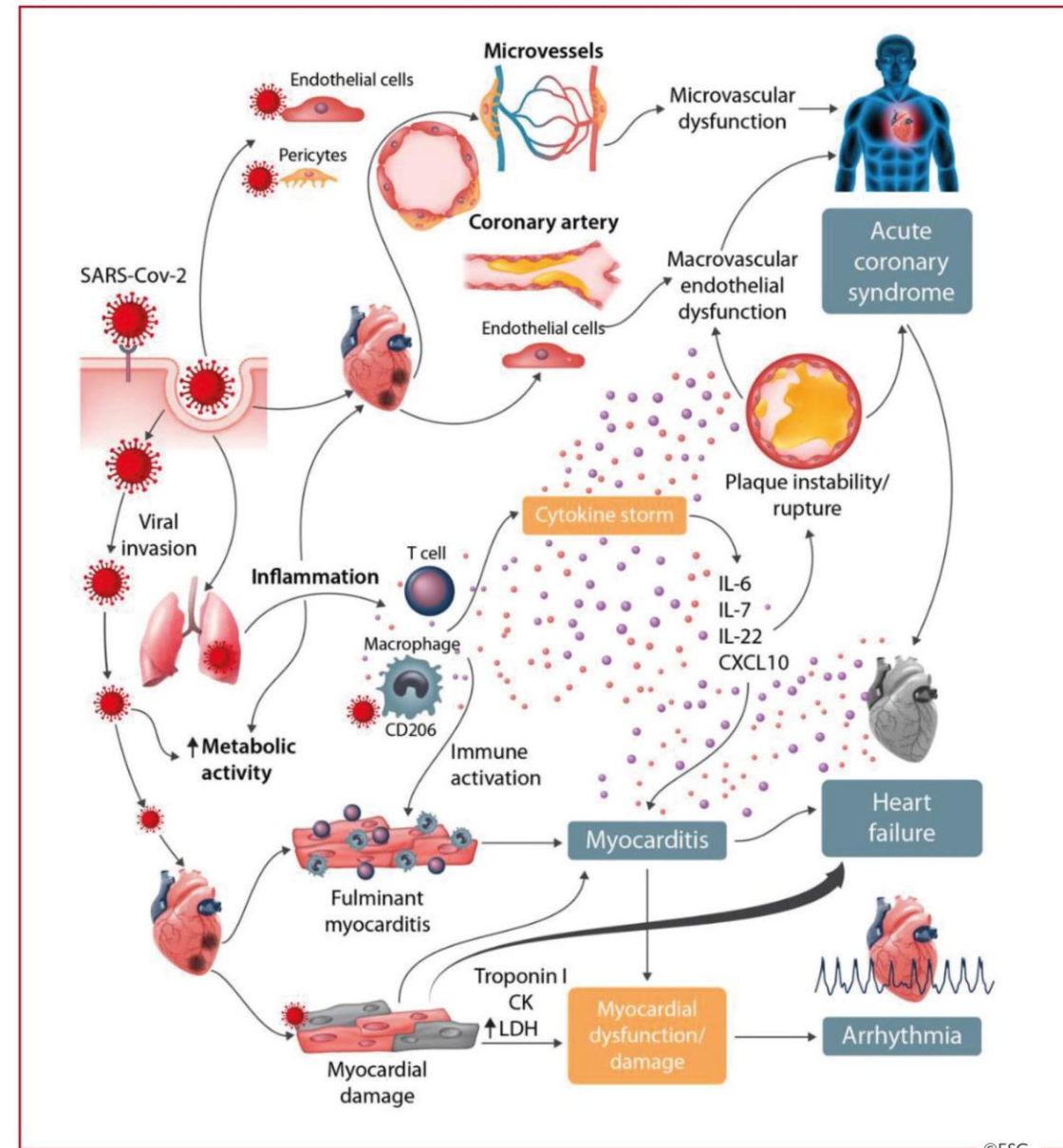
Psychologic support – virtual outreach

There are studies to suggest ongoing
recovery > 3mo.

CARDIAC SYSTEM

[ESC Guidance for the Diagnosis and Management of CV Disease during the COVID-19 Pandemic \(escardio.org\)](https://www.escardio.org)

Figure 3 Cardiovascular involvement in COVID-19 – key manifestations and hypothetical mechanisms



SARS-CoV-2 anchors on trans-membrane ACE2 to enter the host cells including type-2 pneumocytes, macrophages, endothelial cells, pericytes and cardiac myocytes leading to inflammation and multi-organ failure. Infection of endothelial cells or pericytes is of particular importance because this could lead to severe microvascular and macrovascular dysfunction. In addition, immune over-reactivity can potentially destabilize atherosclerotic plaques and explain the development of acute coronary syndromes. Infection of the respiratory tract, particularly type-2 pneumocytes, by SARS-CoV-2 is manifested by the progression of systemic inflammation and immune cell over-activation leading to "cytokine storm", resulting in increased levels of cytokines such as IL-6, IL-7, IL-22 and CXCL10. Subsequently, it is possible that activated T cell and macrophages may infiltrate infected myocardium resulting in the development of fulminant myocarditis and severe cardiac damage. This process may be further intensified by a cytokine storm. Similarly, the viral invasion may cause cardiac myocyte damage directly leading to myocardial dysfunction and contribute to the development of arrhythmias. From Guzik et al., COVID-19 and the cardiovascular system - implications for risk assessment, diagnosis and treatment options. *Cardiovasc Res.*, 2020, doi: 10.1093/cvr/cvaa106.⁴³

PERSISTENT CARDIAC SYMPTOMS

Type 2 Myocardial Infarction

- common during acute phase
(supply:demand mismatch)
- one-year mortality 10-25%

Stress cardiomyopathy

- during acute phase in up to 35% of hospitalized
- require follow-up imaging 4-6 weeks

Pericarditis

- Can be hard to sort out, investigation negative
- Age related changes
- Steroid and colchicine

Myocarditis up to 80%, 25 % at 3 mo

- virus can infect cardiac myocytes
- potential for acute and chronic
- acute fulminant vs latent
- Edema
- Inflammation
- Fibrosis
- Possible cause of long term cardiomyopathy

Arrhythmias

Endothelial dysfunction

Autonomic dysfunction

POST COVID-19 CARDIAC – MANAGEMENT

Anyone who had reduced Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF) (or elevated TNT) during acute COVID infection:

- should be followed by Cardiology until EF normalizes

Anyone with symptoms post COVID of shortness of breath:

- needs an ECG, CXR & transthoracic echocardiogram
- if reduced LVEF referral to Cardiology

Anyone suffering chest pain:

- think pericarditis or ischemia
- ECG/CXR/Echo

If unsure:

CALL your Cardiologist

Rapid access clinic options - RACE/RAMEC

NEUROLOGIC IMPACTS – ACUTE (FRANCE)

Neurologic signs — no./total no. (%)	49/58 (84)
Temperature >38.5°C at time of clinical examination	8/49 (16)
Positive findings on CAM-ICU‡	26/40 (65)
Agitation	40/58 (69)
Corticospinal tract signs	39/58 (67)
Dysexecutive syndrome	14/39 (36)
Brain MRI — no./total no. (%)	
Leptomeningeal enhancement	8/13 (62)
Perfusion abnormalities	11/11 (100)
Cerebral ischemic stroke	3/13 (23)§
CSF analysis — no./total no. (%)¶	
Oligoclonal bands with the same pattern in serum	2/7 (29)
Elevated CSF IgG and CSF protein levels	1/7 (14)
Low albumin level	4/7 (57)
Negative RT-PCR for SARS-CoV-2 in CSF	7/7 (100)

58 consecutive patients admitted to ICU

84% Neurological features

PICS (POST-INTENSIVE CARE SYNDROME) ICUAW (ICU ACQUIRED WEAKNESS)

“New or worsening impairments in physical, cognitive, or mental health status after critical illness” – 70-80%

Can exceed 10% loss of muscle mass in 1 week.

Persistent Impairments at 1 + 5 year f/u

Diaphragmatic weakness

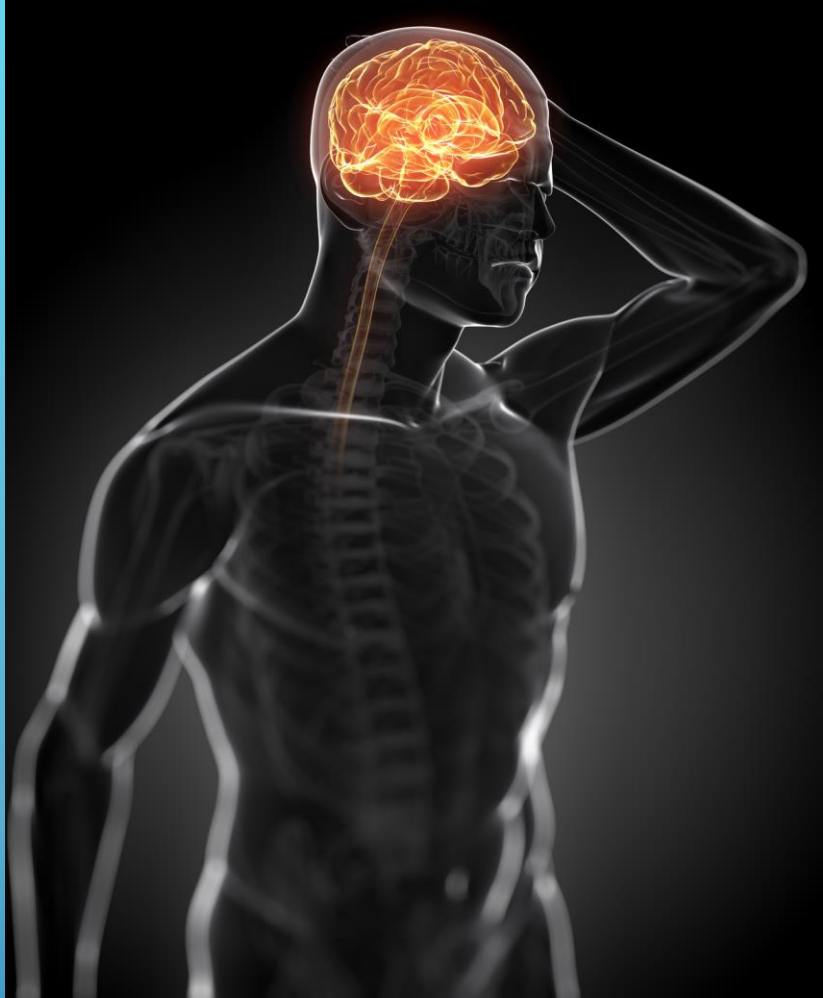
Post-intubation dysphagia (30%)

1/3 don't return to work

2 year follow up, 80% required at least one further inpatient admission (rehab or other inpatient)

Need a routine rehab follow through - blunted cognition, affective disorder, restricted level of function

NEUROCOGNITIVE



Longer duration hypoxemia association with worse cognitive impairment* (Kapfhammer et al, 2004)

Full sequelae unknown, mild-moderate patients captured?
“dysexecutive syndrome” 36%

ARDs critical illness survivors @ 2 years = 56% deficiencies in short-term memory, 29% executive function

Symptoms

Slower processing

Slow to respond

May get label: “Just depressed”

Paradoxical euphoria

Poor working memory

Poor divided attention/shifting attention

Poor retrieval

“Bone crushing” fatigue

Paradoxical insomnia

Depressed mood

- Reactive
- Neurobiologic

Management

Pacing is key

Memory support strategies (Cognitive OT)

Work up for depression mimics

TSH

Nutritional screen

Chronic fatigue vs Depression – KEY QUESTION

If you woke up tomorrow and you had unlimited energy, what would you do?

ME/CFS will list dozens of things

If depressed ON TOP of ME/CFS

– manage as you would any depression

BRAIN FOG

International Association for

IACFS/ME

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ Myalgic
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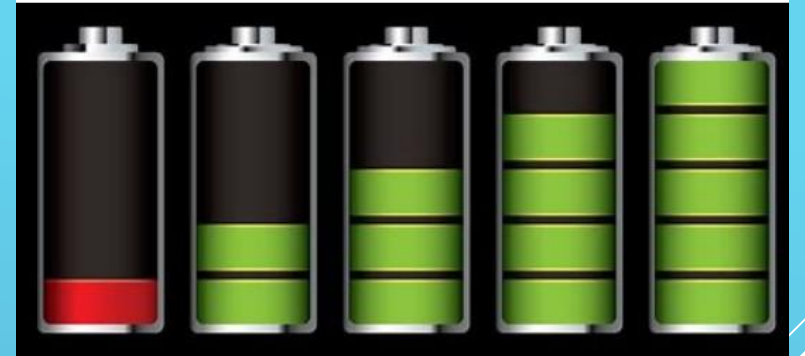
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**ME/CFS Primer For
Clinical Practitioners**

CANADIAN CONSENSUS CRITERIA OF MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS (ME) / CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME (CFS)

- ❖ Pathologic Fatigue
- ❖ Post Exertional Malaise
- ❖ Unrefreshing Sleep
- ❖ Pain (chronic widespread +)
- ❖ Neurocognitive Symptoms
- Autonomic Symptoms (difficulty standing)
- Endocrine Symptoms (temperature control)
- Immune Symptoms (flu like and sensitivities)
- ❖ = mandatory for diagnosis



MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC FATIGUE AND MUSCLE PAIN

Living within an “energy envelope” (**PMR and **OTs have expertise here . . .)

Chunking

Alternating

Pacing

Resting

Energy conservation techniques –

Post-exertional myalgia (PEM) ATP-ADP System theorized

Not “no pain no gain” to motivate exercise

Instead “Conserve it to preserve it” a Post-polio syndrome expression

Potentially respond to neurostimulant – empirically trialled

Concept of “re-triggering old injuries”

Concussion, Mild Traumatic Brain injury, Post-traumatic stress disorder, Sleep disorder, Anxiety disorder, Depressive disorder . . .

NEW RESEARCH - TEST FOR PEM? CARDIOPULMONARY EXERCISE TEST (CPET)

› [Phys Ther.](#) 2013 Nov;93(11):1484-92. doi: 10.2522/ptj.20110368. Epub 2013 Jun 27.

Discriminative validity of metabolic and workload measurements for identifying people with chronic fatigue syndrome

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Abstract

Background: Reduced functional capacity and postexertion fatigue after physical activity are hallmark symptoms of chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) and may even qualify for biomarker status. That these

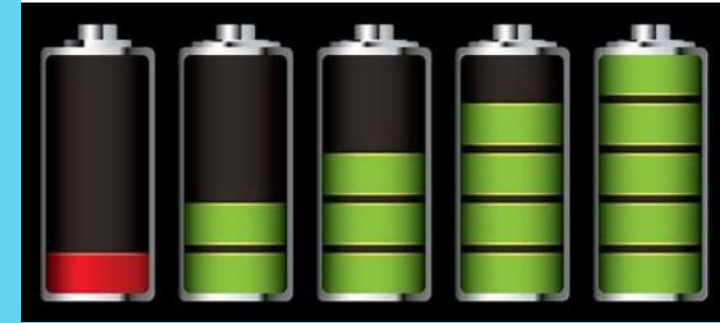
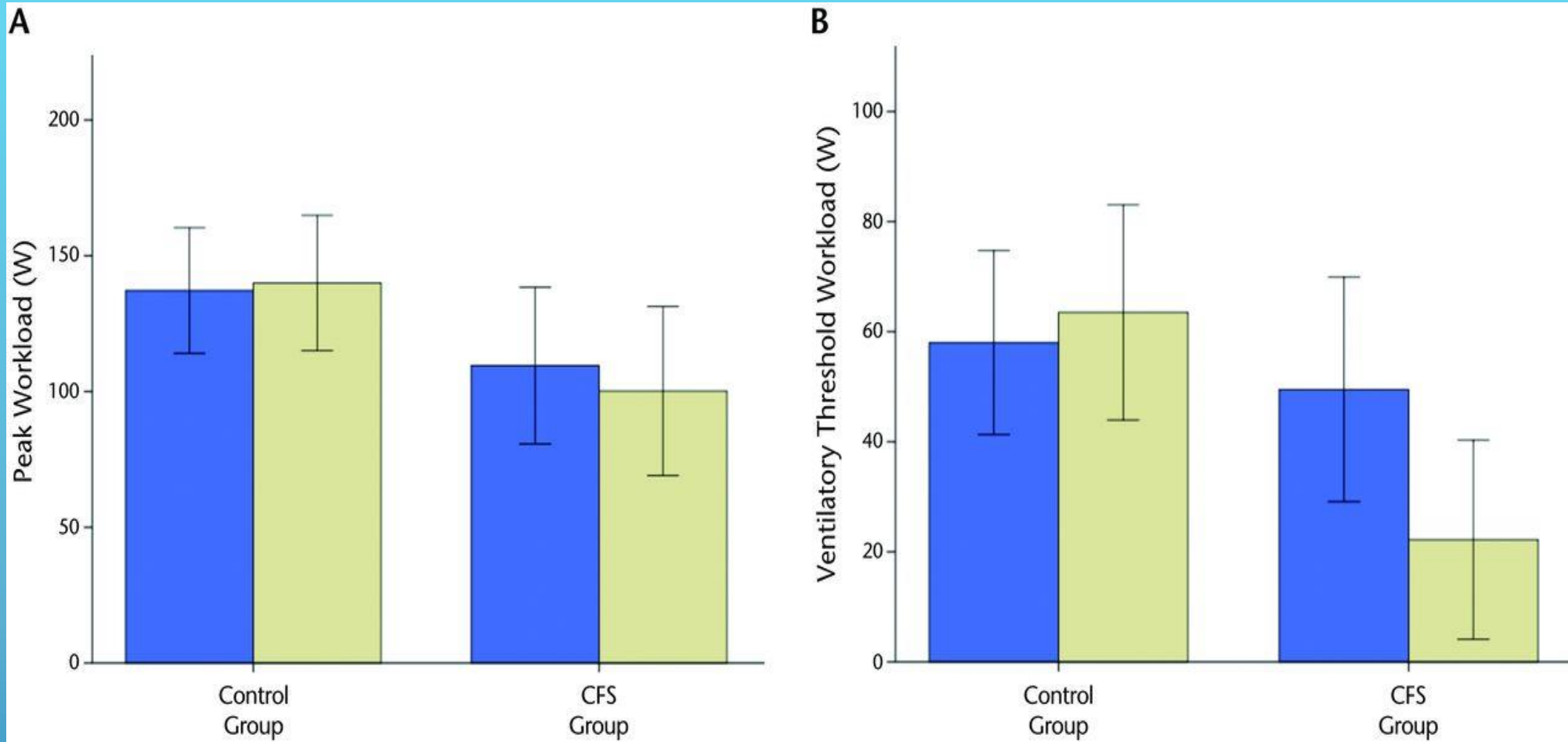


FIGURE 2 MEASUREMENTS OF WORKLOAD AT PEAK EXERCISE (A) AND AT THE VENTILATORY THRESHOLD (B) IN PARTICIPANTS WITH CFS



U.S. ME/CFS MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS
CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME
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U.S. ME/CFS CLINICIAN COALITION

Resources for Medical Providers Caring for People with
Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

<https://mecfscliniciancoalition.org/>

PSYCHOLOGIC SEQUELAE

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(Partnership between Integrated Quality Management, Calgary Zone Patient & Family Centred Care, and Primary Data Support, Analytics. Calgary Zone Patient & Family Centred Care)

Calgary post-ICU survey: very positive survey of experiences

Emotional / Psychologic toll

80-90% access to a phone, mattered

Isolations cited

Positive staff patient support experienced

Steroid can have a confounding effect

Psychiatric PTSD – multiple primary care resources

Harvard Psychopharmacology Algorithm for PTSD:

http://psychopharm.mobi/algo_live/

“Even though I was on sedation I could hear their voices and know they were taking care of me.”

“ICU nurses, they are so excellent, they are angels really”

“The only thing that filled my mind is to communicate with my family out of the country but I wasn’t able to communicate because my phone died and no charger. Even my last words to my family, especially my mom, but I can’t because my phone has no charger.”

“Really scary and uncomfortable with all the equipment hooked up to me. I thought I was going to die. But nothing to do with the nurses and doctors, they were really good. Just for me, was a nightmare.”

“During this stay you see very few people and when you see the hospital staff they are always in full gear and it gives you a bit of anxiety.”



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REHABILITATION IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19

A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

Rehabilitation of the individual

Rehabilitation of the health care system

MONTEFIORE EXAMPLE OF EXERCISES:

Table 2: LEVEL 1 EXERCISES

Deep breathing exercises	2 minutes	Aerating the lower parts of the lung
Pursed lip breathing exercises	2 minutes	Exercising the breathing muscles
Blowing exercises	10 times	Exercising the breathing muscles
Ankle pumps	Repeat 2-3 times. Increase gradually to 8 times (1 set)	Improve leg circulation. Prevent ankle contractures
Hip and Knee Bends	Repeat 2-3 times. Increase gradually to 8 times (1 set)	Maintain hip and knee range of motion
Crossing your legs in bed	Repeat 2-3 times. Increase gradually to 8 times(1 set)	Maintain hip external rotation
Overhead arm stretch	Repeat 2-3 times. Increase gradually to 8 times(1 set)	Maintain shoulder abduction and extension
Touching back of neck	Repeat 2-3 times. Increase gradually to 8 times(1 set)	Maintain shoulder external rotation
Touching upper back	Repeat 2-3 times. Increase gradually to 8 times(1 set)	Maintain shoulder internal rotation
Sitting side of the bed	As long as tolerated	Improve sitting balance. Reduce postural dizziness
Sit to Stand	10 times(1set)	Improve ability to get up
Relaxation	10 minutes	

Table 1: Sequence of Exercise Progression

Level 1	<p>These exercises are suitable for a patient who is very weak and has to lie down most of the time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start with the breathing exercises (exercises 1-3) done at least twice a day, and increase to 4-6 times a day Gradually, add the other exercises as tolerated. You can do a few of the different exercises at each session Once you can do all the exercises in one session without any difficulty, repeat them 2-3 times a day
Level 2	<p>Once the patient can complete level 1 exercises with ease, proceed to level 2, which are mainly seated exercises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with level 1 exercises Start with a few of the exercises in Level 2 Gradually increase the number of exercises that can be done at each session Increase to repeating the exercises 2-3 times a day
Level 3	<p>Once the patient can complete level 2 exercises with ease, proceed to level 3, which are mainly standing exercises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with level 1 and 2 exercises Start with a few of the exercises in Level 3 Gradually increase the number of exercises that can be done at each session Increase the numbers of sessions as tolerated. The goal is to do this 2-3 times a day

RESOURCES FOR POST-COVID SEQUELAE

United Kingdom sites: “Long COVID Recovery”

For Patients: <https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

For Physicians <https://www.bmj.com/content/370/bmj.m3026>

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Management of post-acute covid-19 in primary care

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What Do We Know About Long Covid



Research About Feedback Contact


Your COVID Recovery

What is COVID-19? ▾

Managing The Effects ▾

Your Wellbeing ▾

Your Road To Recovery ▾




Supporting your recovery after COVID-19

As you find yourself recovering from COVID-19 you may still be coming to terms with the impact the virus has had on both your body and mind.

These changes should get better over time, some may take longer than others, but there are things you can do to help.

Your COVID Recovery helps you to understand what has happened and what you might expect



"Long covid" in primary care

Assessment and initial management of patients with continuing symptoms

Post-acute covid-19 appears to be a multi-system disease, sometimes occurring after a relatively mild acute illness. Clinical management requires a whole-patient perspective. This graphic summarises the assessment and initial management of patients with delayed recovery from an episode of covid-19 that was managed in the community or in a standard hospital ward.

An uncertain picture

The long term course of covid-19 is unknown. This graphic presents an approach based on evidence available at the time of publication. However, caution is advised, as patients may present atypically, and new treatments are likely to emerge

Managing comorbidities

Many patients have comorbidities including diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease or ischaemic heart disease. These need to be managed in conjunction with covid-19 treatment. Refer to condition specific guidance, available in the associated article by Greenhalgh and colleagues

Safety netting and referral

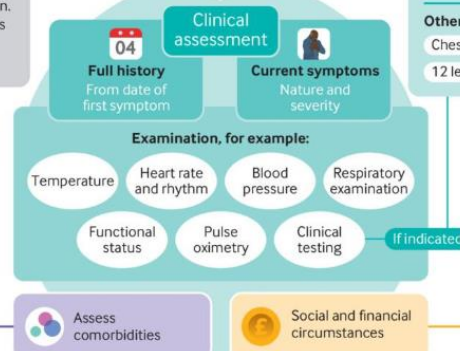
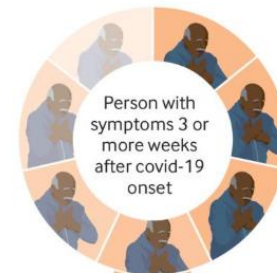
The patient should seek medical advice if concerned, for example:

- Worsening breathlessness
- PaO₂ < 96%
- Unexplained chest pain
- New confusion
- Focal weakness

Specialist referral may be indicated, based on clinical findings, for example:

- Respiratory** if suspected pulmonary embolism, severe pneumonia
- Cardiology** if suspected myocardial infarction, pericarditis, myocarditis or new heart failure
- Neurology** if suspected neurovascular or acute neurological event

Pulmonary rehabilitation may be indicated if patient has persistent breathlessness following review



Investigations

Clinical testing is not always needed, but can help to pinpoint causes of continuing symptoms, and to exclude conditions like pulmonary embolism or myocarditis. Examples are provided below:

Blood tests

- Full blood count
- Electrolytes
- Liver and renal function
- Troponin
- C reactive protein
- Creatine kinase
- D-dimer
- Brain natriuretic peptides
- Ferritin – to assess inflammatory and prothrombotic states

Other investigations

- Chest x ray
- Urine tests
- 12 lead electrocardiogram

Social, financial, and cultural support

Prolonged covid-19 may limit the ability to engage in work and family activities. Patients may have experienced family bereavements as well as job losses and consequent financial stress and food poverty. See the associated article by Greenhalgh and colleagues for a list of external resources to help with these problems

Medical management

- Symptomatic, such as treating fever with paracetamol
- Optimise control of long term conditions
- Listening and empathy
- Consider antibiotics for secondary infection
- Treat specific complications as indicated

Self management

- Diet
- Sleep
- Quitting smoking
- Limiting alcohol
- Limiting caffeine
- Daily pulse oximetry
- Attention to general health
- Rest and relaxation
- Self pacing and gradual increase in exercise if tolerated
- Set achievable targets

Mental health

In the consultation:

- Continuity of care
- Avoid inappropriate medicalisation
- Longer appointments for patients with complex needs (face to face if needed)

In the community:

- Community linkworker
- Patient peer support groups
- Attached mental health support service
- Cross-sector partnerships with social care, community services, faith groups

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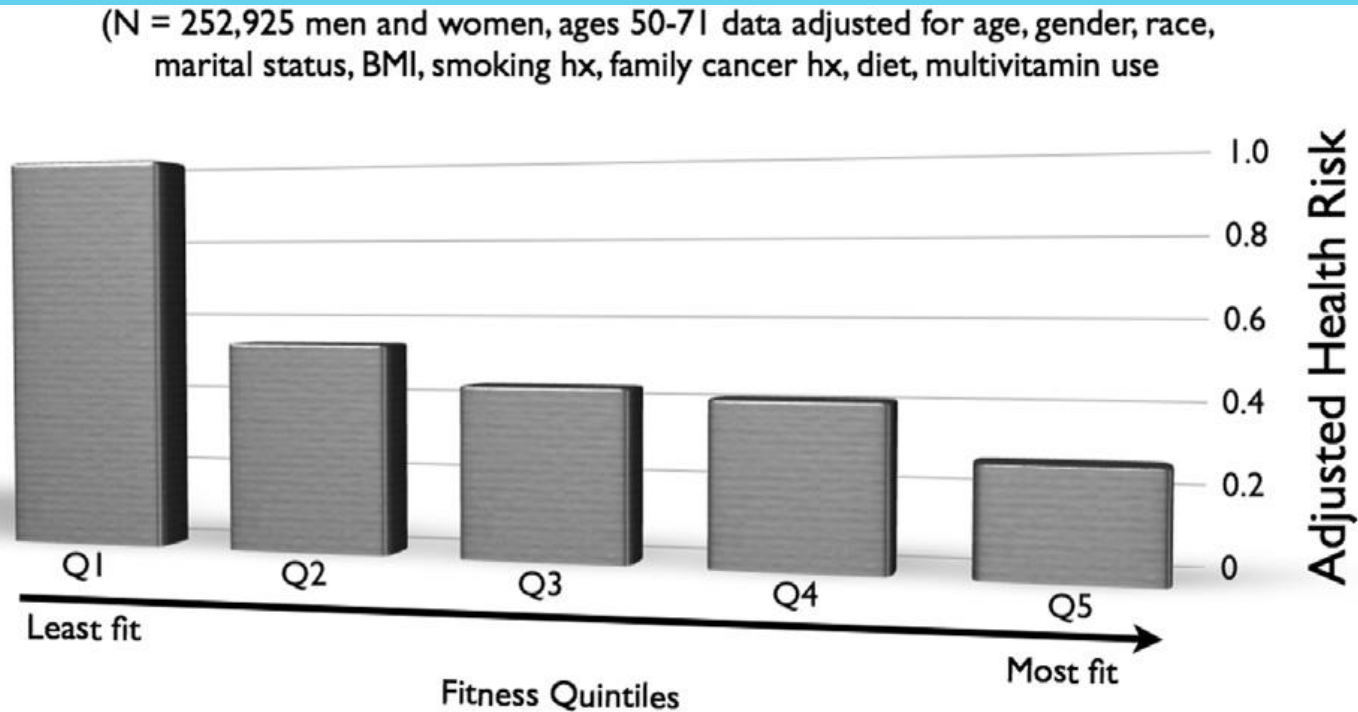
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Trump drawing plans to put UK on o t to fight COVID-19

measures to counter obesity, UK Prime Minister Boris
for use of bariatric surgery to reduce the impact of CO

THE BEST REHABILITATION...



... might be “pre-habilitation”

WWII soldiers

Anesthetic risk cardiopulmonary
rehab for high risk

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WHAT'S NEXT ?...?

IN ADDITION TO WORRYING ABOUT THE BIG 2ND ACUTE WAVE AND VACCINATIONS

The “Long Haulers”

Recognition

Treatment

Support

New planning levels:

City and local initiatives

Provincial and National CDC directives

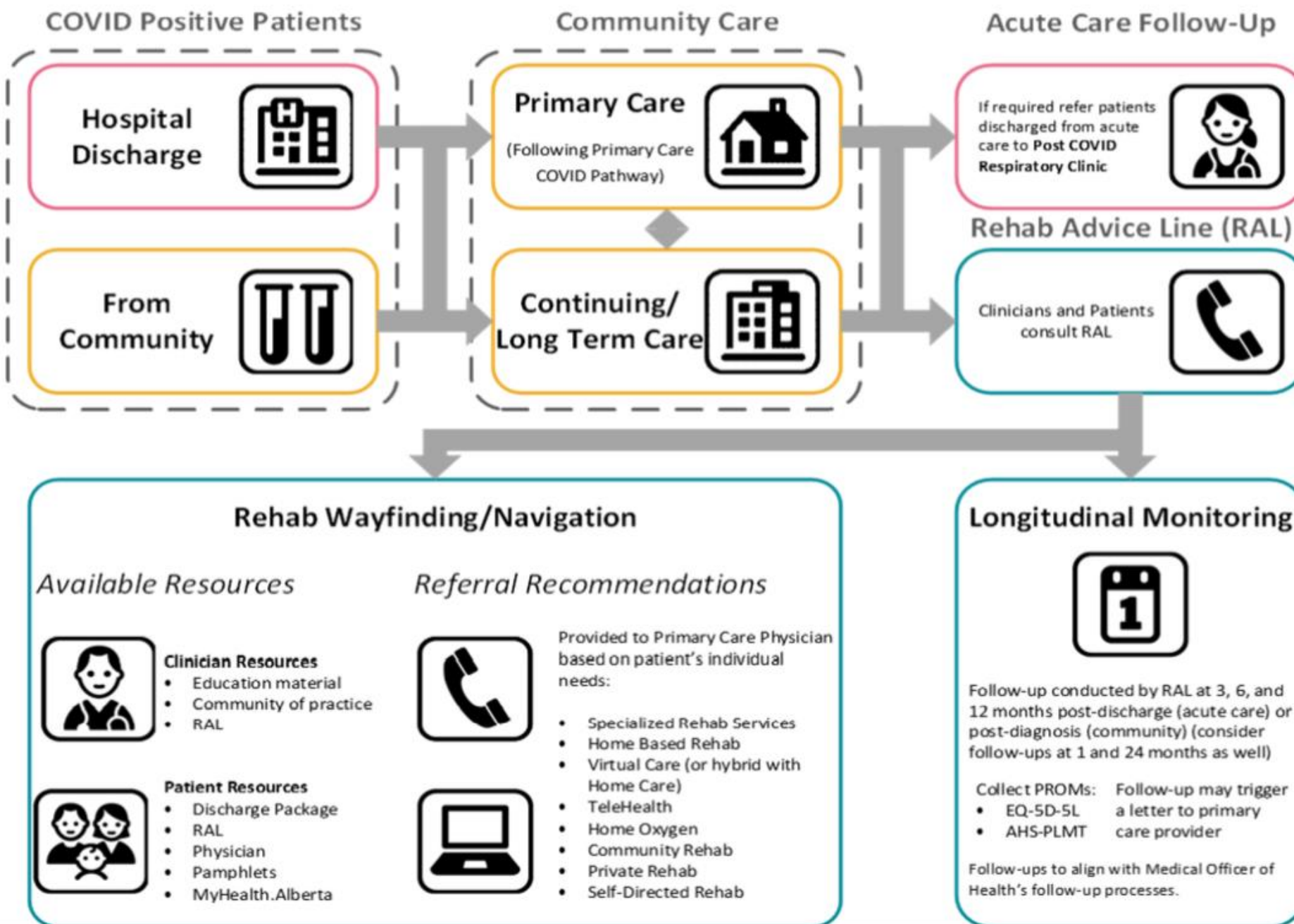
Population health initiatives

New ways to reach out and treat

Virtual medicine

Virtual rehab

COVID19 Rehab: Community Care Flow



BC POST-COVID-19 CLINIC DEVELOPMENTS



Vancouver Acute Administration


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Vancouver, BC V5Z 1M9
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Memorandum

Date: January 22, 2021
To: All Vancouver Acute staff and physicians
From: Cori Ross, Director, Ambulatory Care, Vancouver Acute
Dr. Zachary Schwartz, Physician Leader, Post-COVID Recovery Clinic
Ben Fischer, Patient Services Manager, Ambulatory Care, Vancouver Acute
Cc: Michelle de Moor, Interim Vice President, Vancouver Acute Services
Dr. Marcel Dvorak, Senior Medical Director, Vancouver Acute Services
Dr. William Henderson, Chief Medical Officer, COVID-19 Vancouver Acute Emergency
Operations Centre
Lori Korchinski, Director, COVID-19 Vancouver Acute Emergency Operations Centre
Re: **VGH Post-COVID-19 Recovery Clinic opens**

BC POST-COVID-19 CLINIC DEVELOPMENTS

8565 (BCHA.0186) Post-COVID-19 Recovery Clinic Referral (R. Dec 16-20) Fillable [15851].pdf (providencehealthcare.org)

 POST-COVID-19 RECOVERY CLINIC REFERRAL  * 8 5 6 5 * Referral Other	Print Clear Form Attach Patient Label Here
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Referral Date:

NOTE: Referrals will only be accepted for **confirmed** COVID Positive patients or Official Epi-Linked Cases (refer to BCCDC). The Post-COVID-19 Recovery Clinics are designed to see patients at **3 or more months post-symptom onset**. This referral is **NOT** for cases requiring urgent care.

This referral will be triaged (see below). We will inform patients of any scheduled appointments. For specific wait times, please refer to Pathways. If you require further support or have questions regarding your post-COVID patient, please request advice from "COVID – GIM Post Infection Care" via the RACE app: <http://www.raceconnect.ca/race-app/>

REFERRING CLINICIAN	
Name: <input type="text"/>	MSP Number: <input type="text"/>
Phone: <input type="text"/>	Fax: <input type="text"/>
Email Address: (to participate in care conferencing-billing code #14077) <input type="text"/>	
FAMILY PHYSICIAN: (if different from referring clinician) <input type="text"/>	
MSP Number: <input type="text"/>	Phone: <input type="text"/>
	Fax: <input type="text"/>

POST-COVID CLINICS - CANDIDACY

REASON FOR REFERRAL (this will be used for Triage purposes)

Category A

- Hospitalization for COVID-19
- 2 or more ER presentations following diagnosis of COVID-19
- New evidence of end organ impairment without identifiable cause:
(check all that apply) cardio neuro
 resp renal musculoskeletal

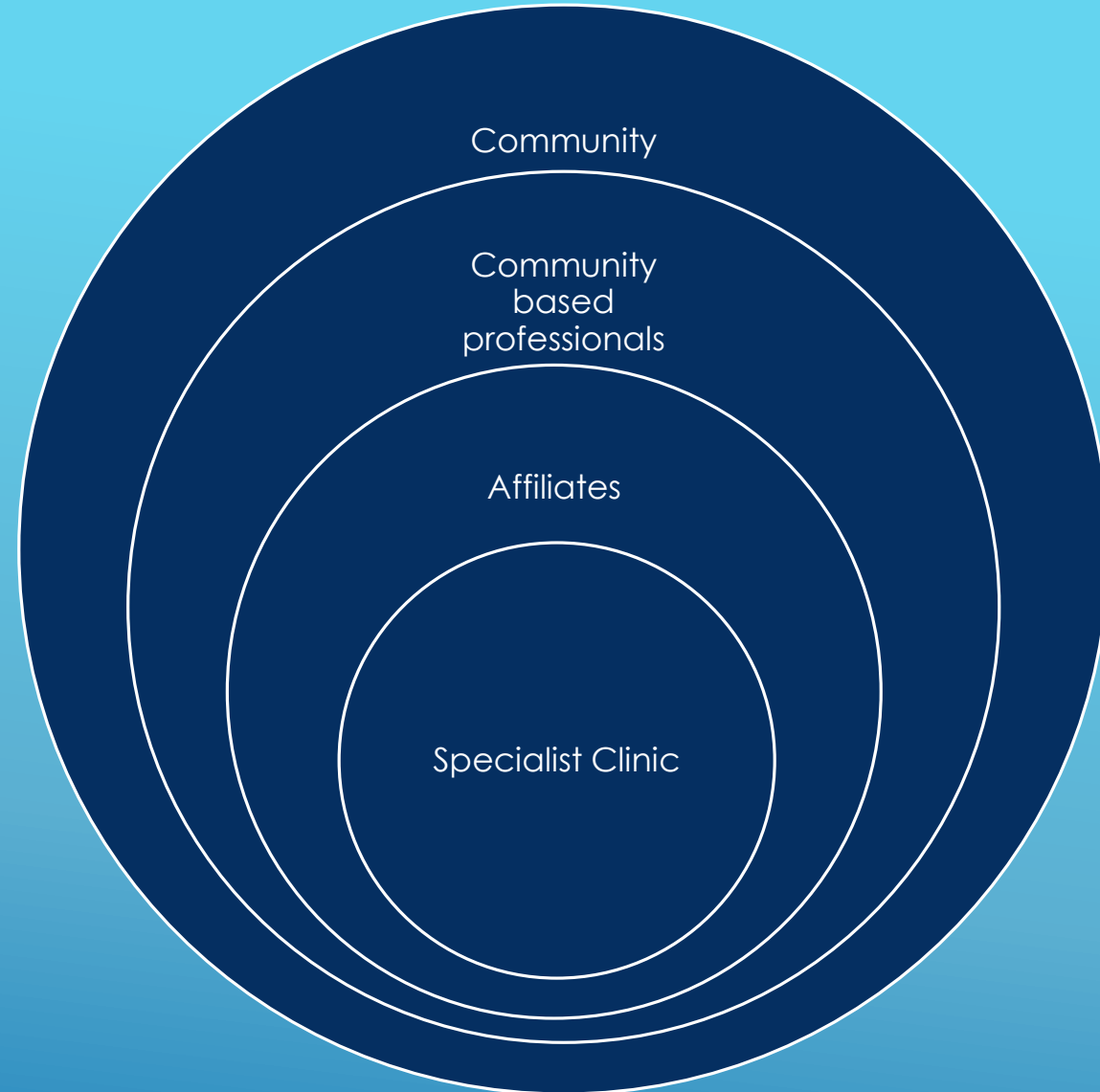
Category B

- NYHA dyspnea scale 3 or higher (new finding)
- Inability to return to work or school post diagnosis of COVID-19 for 12 or more weeks
- Functional deterioration post diagnosis of COVID-19 (dependence on ADLs or iADLs) for 12 or more weeks

Category C

- Unexplained, persistent symptoms for more than 12 weeks post symptom-onset, thought to be related to COVID-19

FUTURE DIRECTIONS? WHAT MODEL FOR POST-COVID-19 CARE FOR BC?



REFERENCES FOR MANAGEMENT

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**COVID-19 Guide to Home-based
Health & Wellness**

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For Patients: <https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

For Physicians <https://www.bmj.com/content/370/bmj.m3026>

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UBC CPD site: The Journey to Recovery: Post-COVID-19 Care in BC

Webinar Series | UBC CPD

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REFERENCES FOR EXERCISE AND ACTIVATION

ACTIVITY RESOURCES:

Now that many of us find ourselves isolated at home, cut off from each other and more sedentary than usual, movement has become more important than ever. Follow the Link below for **Physical Literacy at Home** and ways to get moving.
<https://sportforlife.ca/facing-covid-19-together/>

Cycling Canada is excited to explore new avenues with the launch of its new blog Shifting Gears, which will give a voice to the Canadian cycling community to address various issues and experiences, as well as learn from leaders of the industry on a variety of topics during these uncertain times.
CYCLING CANADA SHIFTING GEARS

GENERAL EXERCISE:

UBC recreation – Get Active At Home
https://recreation.ubc.ca/get-moving/active-at-home/?_ga=2.12930231.144655773.1586641631-960679141.1581867524

Canadian Society for exercise physiology
<https://csepguidelines.ca/>

General activity in small spaces – multiple difficulty levels, including cardiovascular, HIIT, yoga, many free resources, good for self-directed and minimal equipment
<https://www.fitnessblender.com/>

Strategies and Actions for Independent Living – home activation program

Level 1: Sitting - SAIL Home Activity Program

www.interiorhealth.ca › [Forms](#) › [821142.pdf](#) - PDF file

Level 2: Standing - SAIL Home Activity Program

www.interiorhealth.ca › [Forms](#) › [821143.pdf](#) - PDF file

Level 3: Moving - SAIL Home Activity Program

www.interiorhealth.ca › [Forms](#) › [821144.pdf](#) - PDF file

REFERENCES FOR EXERCISE AND ACTIVATION

KAMLOOPS SPECIFIC GROUPS:

Ways to stay Active in our Community!!

F3FIT

Check out their YouTube Channel for great online workouts.

SPORTBALL KAMLOOPS

2 videos per week for 15-20 mins fitness videos on Facebook for kids to get them and keep them active with Coach Marvin.

YOGA NOW KAMLOOPS

All of our classes are all-levels, beginner friendly and are accessible anytime on their Facebook page for free. You can schedule your yoga time and get the movement and stress relief you need whenever it suits you. They will continue to share 2-3 new classes each week.

KAMLOOPS YMCA

YThrive Home will help you get your daily dose of YMCA fitness and community with amazing workouts! Workouts are designed for almost any fitness level and can be done from your living room for FREE.

NIKE TRAINING CLUB

Over the coming weeks, they'll provide you with workouts, nutrition advice and expert help, so we can all come back from this stronger than ever. Join in with a community of living room athletes. NTC Premium normally comes at a cost, but they have opened it up for free until further notice.

KAMLOOPS FIT CENTER

Everyday live at 10:00 am on the Kamloops Fit Center Instagram, you can tune in live to free fitness classes (or by donation) to stay in shape and active during these times. Classes are available for 24 hours before their expire.

OXYGEN KAMLOOPS

Daily classes on their Facebook page with yoga, meditation, and fitness classes to choose from.

ANYTIME FITNESS

Providing virtual workouts live on Facebook weekdays at 6:30 am PST.

K SPIN

Providing daily free virtual spin classes by signing in through the Mind body app and then joining in through Zoom. Weekdays at 5:30 pm and weekends at 9:30 am. All classes are saved on their community Facebook page to be able to access and use anytime.

BARRE KAMLOOPS

Providing daily Barre classes on their Facebook community page.



HYPER-COAGUABLE THEME:



“COVID-toes”

DVTs and PE's – Dutch study

Reports of amputations – rarer

Notice to BC Physicians as a reportable constellation in children and adolescents

MISC syndrome warning

Proving MISC is a challenge

Multiple overlap with Kawasaki

Little information about the long haul of hyperinflammation cases

Hard for families to go through the workup and overlap with conjunctivitis, creates a lot of anxiety

Some of symptoms unknown relations

NP swabs are negative

Chronic hives

Need more research on the MISC cases for the probable longer symptoms that might be experienced

Parents describe children a being fatigued and not themselves

Translation of the adult symptoms, but far less data

Severe phenotype is not as clear cut as it should be.



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