

Acute Care Physical Therapy and Novel Coronavirus/COVID-19

How can acute physical therapists add value in a pandemic?

What are the current, future, and ideal roles of the PT?

[COVID-19: Acute PT Resources](#) [Public Google Folder]

April 19th: 6:05pm mountain time. The document has been reorganized including a hyperlinked table of contents and new categorical organization. Some information has been removed or condensed. The public document link remains the same. I've saved a copy of the old version [here](#) for reference. Hopefully, the new organization and formatting is easier to navigate. ~Kyle

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FOUNDATIONAL INFORMATION

UpToDate: COVID-19

- <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-critical-care-issues>
- <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/covid-19-2019-novel-coronavirus-the-basics> (patient/public info)
- <https://www.uptodate.com/home/covid-19-access>

Physiotherapy Management for COVID-19 in the Acute Hospital Setting (non United States)

- https://www.wcpt.org/sites/wcpt.org/files/files/wcptnews/images/Physiotherapy_Guideline_COVID-19_FINAL.pdf
- <https://www.thoracic.org/about/ats-podcasts/physiotherapy-management-for-covid-19-in-the-acute-hospital-setting-a-conversation-with-dr-peter-thomas.php>

Everybody Moves COVID-19 Resources. Johns Hopkins Activity and Mobility Promotion.

https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/physical_medicine_rehabilitation/education_training/amp/everybodemoves/covid-re-sources.html

https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/physical_medicine_rehabilitation/education_training/amp/webinars.html

<https://www.wcpt.org/sites/wcpt.org/files/files/wcptnews/COVID19-Briefing-paper-2-Rehab-PT-May2020.pdf>

COVID-19: Clinical Best Practices in Physical Therapy Management Webinar [March 28]

- Recording: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7342833725268746509>
- https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.apta.org/resource/resmgr/webinars/3-28-20_Presentation_Handout.pdf

Acute Care Physical Therapy: How can we value? Webinars

- Part 1 [March 21] <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/166466466154828299>
https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.acutept.org/resource/resmgr/uploads_for_links/3-21-20_HPA_Webinar_Recording.pdf
- Part 2 [April 11] <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/4558890075258839565>
https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.acutept.org/resource/resmgr/uploads_for_links/04-11-20_Webinar_Recording.pdf

Post Acute COVID-19 Exercise and Rehab (PACER) Project: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLne40IpTInF62gkGJYkRvty0Mzfxect2g>

Physiotalks Podcast: COVID Episodes:

- <https://physiotalk.co.uk/2020/03/18/covid19-chat-physiotalk-23rd-march-8pm/>

Interpreting Epidemiologic Data: <https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1241089577139535874.html>

COVID-19 Reminder to Reason. JAMA. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2009405?query=RP>

RECENT RESOURCES

Sequelae in Adults 6 months after COVID infection. JAMA. Feb 2021

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2776560>

Association Between Early Invasive Mechanical Ventilation and Day-60 Mortality in Acute Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure Related to Coronavirus Disease-2019 Pneumonia. Critical Care Explorations. Jan 2021.

https://journals.lww.com/ccejournal/fulltext/2021/01000/association_between_early_invasive_mechanical.24.aspx

Mortality COVID-19 Requiring Mechanical Ventilation: Hidden Risk Factor

<https://medium.com/@BayesianHealth/the-hidden-risk-factor-fb2383cc6c92>

Risk Factors for 30 day Mortality in Nursing Home Residents with COVID. JAMA.

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2774729>

Readmission and death following hospitalization for COVID. JAMA. Dec 14, 2020.

What now for rehab professionals?

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/authShare/S0003999320309369/20201120T020600Z/>

Inflammation profiles of COVID vs Flu <https://advances.sciencemag.org/content/early/2020/11/13/sciadv.abe3024.full>

Reducing risk and impact of brachial plexus injuries sustained from prone positioning

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32959717/>

Characteristics of Hospitalized COVID patients readmitted to same hospital within 2 months. November 9, 2020

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6945e2.htm>

Sedation and Analgesia in COVID ARDS. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32675640/>

Case Fatality Rates: COVID Mechanical Ventilation

<https://www.atsjournals.org/doi/10.1164/rccm.202006-2405OC>

<https://twitter.com/ayjchan/status/1320344055230963712?s=21>

COVID-19 Webcast Series. Society of Critical Care Medicine. <https://covid19.sccm.org/webcast/>

- Upcoming Webcasts: <https://sccm.org/Education-Center/On-Demand-Webcasts>

Survivorship after COVID-19 ICU stay. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32669623/?doct=Abstract>

ICU and Ventilator Mortality Among Critically Ill Adults With Coronavirus Disease 2019. May 26.

https://pdfs.journals.lww.com/ccmjournal/9000/00000/icu_and Ventilator_mortality_among_critically_ill.95639.pdf

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/sci/early/2020/05/27/science.abc6197.full.pdf>

Tracheostomy Guidance COVID-19. Lancet. May 15.

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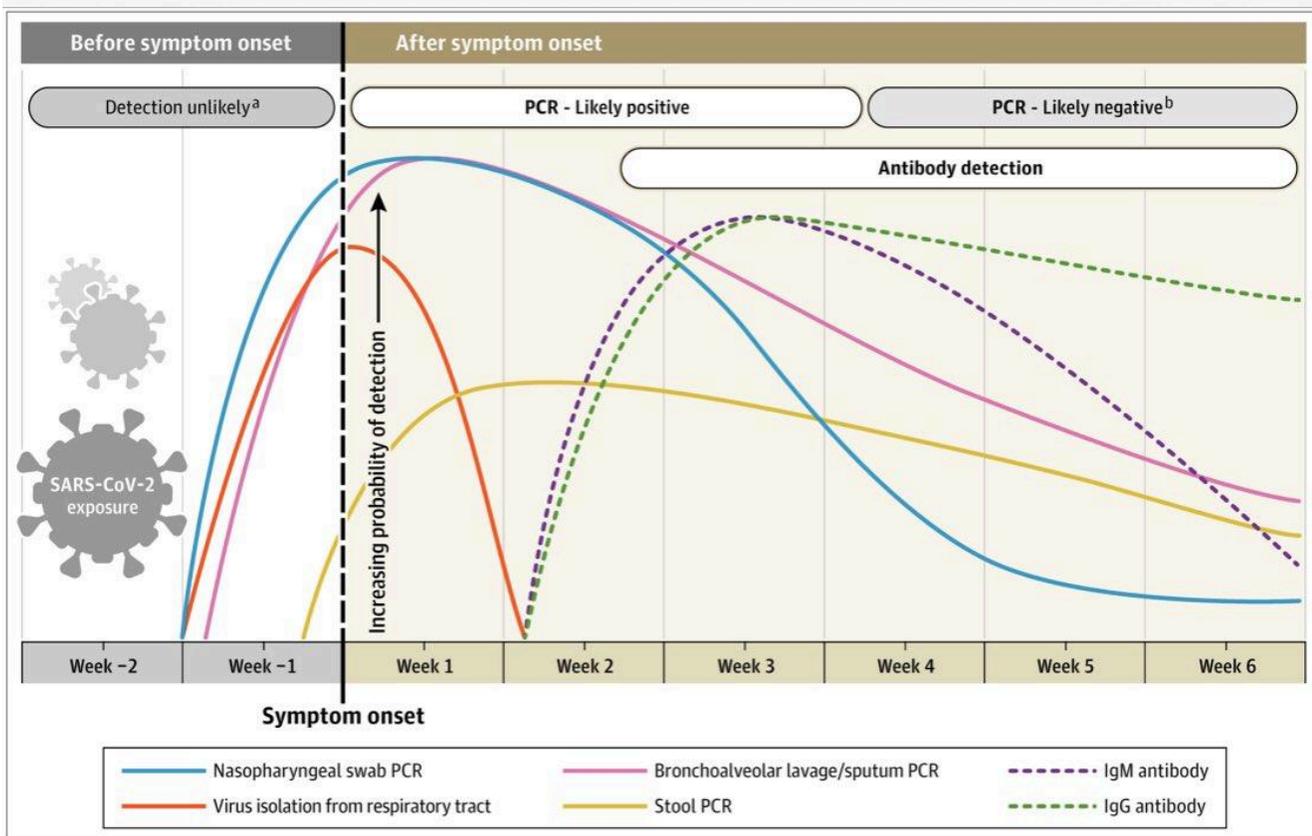
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Face masks in public during COVID-19 pandemic. BMJ. April 9. <https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1435>

Interpreting Diagnostic Tests for SARS-CoV-2. May 3. JAMA.

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<https://www.thoracic.org/about/ats-podcasts/critical-perspective-respiratory-physiology-of-mechanically-ventilated-patients-with-covid-19.php>

COVID Rehab after ICU. BMJ. <https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1787>

Psychology of COVID-19 Critical Care https://www.ics.ac.uk/ICS/Psychology_in_COVID-19.aspx

A Clinical Psychologist Talks About the Challenges Inside and After the ICU for COVID-19 Patients
https://html5-player.libsyn.com/embed/episode/id/14300807/theme/custom/height/90/custom-color/ea5329/menu/no/tdest_id/1899140

Information on post viral fatigue:

https://cec5c48f-2e98-4bb8-9110-208373420a79.filesusr.com/ugd/4f94c1_c7aa8bd5b9c748888a32e5e992dd323f.pdf

Fatigue Symptoms during the First Year after ARDS. *Chest*. April 15 2020.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0012369220306863>

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<https://academic.oup.com/ptj/article/doi/10.1093/ptj/pzaa060/5818364>

Guillain-Barré syndrome associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection: causality or coincidence? April 1, 2020. *Lancet Neurol*.
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMc2009191?articleTools=true>

COVID-19 ICU PT Update. PT Pintcast. April 5, 2020
<https://www.ptpintcast.com/2020/04/05/covid-19-icu-pt-update-with-kyle-ridgeway/>

PANDEMIC GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients.html>

- 1) Minimize Chance of Exposure
- 2) Adhere to Standard Precautions and Transmission Based Precautions
- 3) Precaution with Aerosol General Procedures (AGPs)
- 4) Train and Educate Healthcare Personal

Crisis Communication: Vivek Murthy (19th Surgeon General): Build trust

https://twitter.com/vivek_murthy/status/1244142368875581440

- 1) Transparent and Truthful
- 2) Consistent

- 3) Over Communicate
- 4) Lead with the Science (and scientists)
- 5) Compassionate

PRACTICE GUIDELINES: PHYSICAL THERAPY

What healthcare providers should know about about caring for patients with/suspected to have COVID-19. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients.html>

Physiotherapy Management for COVID-19 in the Acute Hospital Setting (non United States)

https://www.wcpt.org/sites/wcpt.org/files/files/wcptnews/images/Physiotherapy_Guideline_COVID-19_FINAL.pdf

Operational Summary

- Limit staff exposure to COVID-19
- Meet regularly with senior staff including medical staff
- Develop logistics for screening patients without entering room (i.e. calling into room)
- Train staff in proper PPE donning/doffing including N95 fit testing
- Plan for increased PT staffing needs
- Identify staff who can deploy to higher acuity areas (ICU, COVID units)
 - Previous cardiovascular, pulmonary, and/or critical care experience
- “Staff without acute hospital or ICU training may facilitate rehabilitation, discharge pathways or hospital avoidance for patients without COVID-19”
- Identify clinical leaders with advanced ICU skills to:
 - Screen COVID-19 patients
 - Supervise and support junior staff
 - Oversee decision making for complex cases with COVID-19
- Consider increased workload of donning/doffing PPE in staffing models
- Promote debriefing and psychosocial support

Clinical Summary

- Do not routinely enter COVID-19 rooms unless necessary
- Ensure bedside evaluation and treatment is indicated
- Understand precautions, PPE donning/doffing, and aerosolizing procedures
- Limit bedside treatment by finding alternate means of assessment, education, and recommendations
 - Recommend detailed discussion with team, nurse, patient, and family
- Constant communication and feedback: interprofessional, clinical therapists, administration

Italian Physical Therapists’ Response to the Novel COVID-19 Emergency. *Phys Ther.* April 13, 2020.
<https://academic.oup.com/ptj/article/doi/10.1093/ptj/pzaa060/5818364>

A Position Paper of the Italian Association of Respiratory Physiotherapists (ARIR). COVID-19
<https://www.monaldi-archives.org/index.php/macd/article/view/1285/1003>

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS



<https://twitter.com/mkfrdmn/status/1249074578162237440?s=21>

- [Michael Friedman](#)
- [Hopkins Activity and Mobility Promotion \(AMP\) Twitter](#)
- [Activity and Mobility Promotion](#)

Questions to Guide Resource Allocation “Get ‘em out, keep ‘em away!”

Think outside the normal acute care PT paradigm to ask what problems patients, other clinicians, the hospital, and the healthcare system are currently facing (and likely to face) during and after the pandemic?

- How can physical therapists expedite discharge?
- Decrease healthcare access and hospital readmission?
- What can physical therapists do to address current issues and decrease their negative effect?

1) How can PTs improve throughput?

- Emergency Department
- Ventilator Liberation
- ICU Liberation

- Hospital Length of Stay

2) How can PTs progress patients to home efficiently and effectively?

3) Where are the current and potential future bottlenecks?

- Emergency Department
- Intensive Care
- Ventilators
- Discharge to Home (functionally unable, no/limited post-acute care services)

4) What patients generally, and what patients specifically on your service, require significant physical therapy?

5) If a patient will receive limited (or no) post-acute care what can you do within the hospital?

6) If a patient can not discharge anywhere but home, how do we maximize rehabilitation in order to progress to home and decrease length of stay?

7) Will COVID rule outs/positives become a significant portion of hospital admits?

- Burn through PPE, decrease throughput, and slow down, freeze care processes

8) How can physical therapy contribute to maximizing physical function and physiologic resilience?

What strategies, tactics, methods, and operations will accomplish these aims?

What novel solutions must we consider?

Daily Huddle

Constructed by [Brian Hull](#)

- 1) Are we providing the best possible care and frequency to expedite recovery for (listed in priority)
ED “team” could be part of this huddle
 - All vented patients to expedite extubation
 - All non-vented ICU patients to expedite transfer from ICU
 - All floor patients to expedite discharge home or to PAC location
- 2) What help does your team need to accomplish all the above?
- 3) If all the above are met, what help can you offer?
- 4) What additional team floating is needed?
- 5) What additional floating is needed?
- 6) Extra help beyond that sent home or cancelled.

Additional **value focusing therapy** interventions questions:

- 1) Can we provide better or more complete intervention, education, and training for discharge home to prevent:
 - Readmission
 - Falls
 - Functional decline

- Factors that may increase likelihood of hospitalization
 - Symptoms
- 2) Do we have any learning and development needs to better float clinicians?
- Emergency Department
 - Critical Care
 - Ventilators
- 3) Do we need to consider more frequent (BID), longer, or more intensive sessions?

Department and Director Considerations

Constructed by [Matthew Gallagher](#), PT, DPT, MBA Director of Rehabilitation Services and Rheumatology at University of Colorado Hospital

- Emergency Planning and Leadership Structure
 - Governance of Information and Communication
 - Change Management
 - Resource Management
 - Self Care
- 1) Emergency planning/leadership structure
- Creating/solidifying leadership structures so that
 - Defined roles and responsibilities
 - Redundancies in place so that initiatives are process dependent, not person dependent (in case someone gets sick, or needs to take a break)
 - New information is able to be accepted, interpreted, and assigned/delegated as appropriate
- 2) Governance of information/communication
- What is the “source of truth” regarding information
 - Streamlining information flow so there is one entity that delivers information to a department, and this information is valid and current
 - Developing a cadence of messaging, preferably multi-modal and redundant with live communication and written communication
 - Managing conflicting messages and interests that other news/information sources provide and staff will introduce into the setting
- 3) Change management
- Supporting teams in their work when there is incomplete or evolving information
 - Maintaining foundational values and adherence to mission despite the changing landscape
 - Ensuring there is human connection with staff and understanding that we are living in the gray as opposed to black/white
- 4) Resource management
- Identifying current staff and supply resources in preparing for a surge in volumes

- Identifying back-up/potential staff and supply resources for emergency situations
- Investing in necessary training so that current staff and back-up/potential staff are able to step in and be a valuable addition to the team if/when the situation rapidly changes and their support is needed
- Making sure that all the non-COVID patients continue to receive the resources and intervention they deserve to improve their function

5) Self-care

- Building a structure so that staff can take breaks and not always be “on”
- Leading by example in regards to self-care
- “Filling your cup” by engaging in activities/interests outside of professional role

Ethics: Considerations and Resources

Compiled by Maureen Coco, UCSF

- Patient Centered vs. Population Centered
- PPE Utilization and Shortages
- SLP Service Delivery Considerations in Health Care During Coronavirus/COVID-19
<https://www.asha.org/SLP/healthcare/SLP-Service-Delivery-Considerations-in-Health-Care-During-Coronavirus/>
- Optimizing PPE Supply: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>
- Managing PPE Shortages:
<https://www.jointcommission.org/en/standards/standard-faqs/critical-access-hospital/infection-prevention-and-control-ic/000002271/>
- Preparing Workplaces: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>
- Healthcare Rights and Responsibilities. WHO.
https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-rights-roles-respon-hw-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=bcabd401_0
- Hastings Center: Ethics Resources
<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/ethics-resources-on-the-coronavirus/>
<https://www.thehastingscenter.org/ethicalframeworkcovid19/>
- Ethical Framework for Health Care Institutions and Guidelines for Institutional Ethics Services Responding to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic <https://www.thehastingscenter.org/ethicalframeworkcovid19/>

CLINICIAN SUPPORT AND CONSIDERATIONS

That discomfort you are feeling is grief. *Harvard Business Review*. March 23, 2020.

<https://hbr.org/2020/03/that-discomfort-youre-feeling-is-grief>

Crisis not a time to give in depth psychological intervention to staff. Focus on basic needs: food, hydration, rest, supplies.

Take care of psychological needs of patients and family.

<https://twitter.com/DrMeganHoseyPhD/status/1245720449046241282>

Understanding and Addressing Sources of Anxiety Among Health Care Professionals During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

JAMA. April 7, 2020. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2764380>

Managing mental health challenges faced by healthcare workers during covid-19 pandemic. *BMJ*. March 26, 2020.
<https://www.bmj.com/content/368/bmj.m1211>

Before Going Home

...Your Well-Being Checklist

Five simple steps to enable you to power down, rest and recharge.

- ✓ Think of three things that went well today.
- ✓ Identify one thing that was difficult, and **let it go**.
- ✓ Be proud of the care you delivered today, whether that was direct patient care or in support of our entire caregiving community.
- ✓ Choose one thing you will do for self-care before you return to work.
- ✓ Now switch your attention away from here so you can relax and be fully present at home.

Thank you
for everything you did
today to support our
patients, their loved
ones, and each other.



EVALUATION ESCALATION

[Link to Evaluation Escalation](#) Public Google Document

Guiding Questions Throughout Process

- 1) Is this patient mobilizing successfully? Why not?
- 2) Does this patient *require* therapist evaluation and/or treatment to progress? discharge?
- 3) Does a therapist need to see this patient today, never, or later?

- 4) Which discipline should own management?
- 5) What is the lowest possible frequency and minimalist follow up plan that is still effective?
- 6) What detailed recommendations and education can I provide to the team, nurse, and patient?

Assessing the need for bedside evaluation and treatment

- Current clinical and medical status: oxygen demand, symptoms
- Current functional and mobility status
- Previous level of function, age, length of stay
- Comorbid and chronic medical conditions potentially impacting function
- Current medical status, likely response to medical treatment, possible sequelae of medical treatment
- Likelihood of natural improvement vs. risk of serious decline
- Rehospitalization risk

Determine patients previous and current functional and mobility status in order to determine if this patient can discharge and/or requires further therapist evaluation or treatment

Evaluation Escalation

At each time point consider "Do I have enough information to make recommendations and sign off?"

1. Chart review
2. Discussion with team "what is the clinical question or concern?"
3. Discussion with nurse: function, mobility status, concerns. "What barriers and issues are limiting mobility?"
4. Call into room to talk with patient
 - Call family/social support as able
5. Call into room while nurse or other clinician is in room to guide assessment
6. Evaluate and treat at bedside

GENERAL CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Novel Barriers

constructed by [Kenny Venere](#)

- Risk and Reward: What value can we provide and when is bedside intervention worth the risks?
 - Exposure?
 - Spread?
 - PPE Utilization?
- Pandemic Culture: FEAR
 - Less guiding evidence
 - More system and personal stress and strain
 - More conservative management? Increased sedation, less mobility, lack of historic success cases to drive decisions

- Novel Illness
 - COVID-19 patients *potentially* decompensate more quickly
 - Observations and communications reveal longer course of intubation and increased need for deep sedation

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Logistical Considerations

- Supplemental Oxygen Utilization During Physical Therapy Interventions. Official Guidelines from the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section. http://cardiopt.org/pdf/pubs/Supplemental_Oxygen.pdf

Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients.html>

“Some procedures performed on patients with known or suspected COVID-19 could generate infectious aerosols. In particular, procedures that are likely to induce coughing (e.g., sputum induction, open suctioning of airways) should be performed cautiously and avoided if possible”

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“Strongly recommended that airborne precautions are utilized during *respiratory* physiotherapy interventions.”

“...physiotherapists are likely to be in close contact with the patient e.g. for mobilisation, exercise or rehabilitation interventions that require assistance. In these cases, consider use of a high filtration mask (e.g. P2/N95). Mobilisation and exercise may also result in the patient coughing or expectorating mucous.”

- Coughing
 - Position > 6 feet away (outside “blast zone”)
 - Patient catch cough in tissue
 - Hand hygiene after
 - If patient unable, assist in above
- Given the possibility for cough and/or increased O2 flow during activity and mobility I would consider airborne precautions for all patients on oxygen or with continued cough. Initiate discussion with your department and infectious disease team regarding likelihood and risk of aerosolization during PT treatments. We currently are

adhering to airborne precautions during PT for all COVID-19 cases. Can also consider placing a surgical mask over patient/oxygen device as PPE supplies and local policy/procedure allows. -Kyle Ridgeway, DPT, CCS

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients.html>

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Variation in Aerosol Production Across Oxygen Delivery Devices in Spontaneously Breathing Human Subjects.

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.15.20066688v1>

- No difference between room air, 6L, 15L heated high flow regardless of coughing
- Done in healthy human subjects
- Research done to facilitate use of high flow oxygen given recommendations to avoid despite evidence outside COVID that can be important treatment for respiratory failure

Airborne spread of infectious agents in the indoor environment. Review. American Journal of Infection Control. 2016.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7115322/>

Cough can potentially aerosolize and droplets can travel 5-6 feet

If performed, the following should occur:

- HCP in room should wear an N95 or higher-level respirator, eye protection, gloves, and a gown.
- Number of HCP present during the procedure should be limited to only those essential for patient care and procedure support. Visitors should not be present for the procedure
- AGPs should ideally take place in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room AIIR
 - Formerly, negative pressure isolation room, an AIIR is a single-occupancy patient-care room used to isolate persons with a suspected or confirmed airborne infectious disease.
- Clean and disinfect procedure room surfaces promptly”

Tran K, Cimon K, Severn M, Pessoa-Silva CL, Conly J. Aerosol generating procedures and risk of transmission of acute respiratory infections to healthcare workers: a systematic review. *PLoS One*. 2012;7(4):e35797.

doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0035797

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3338532/>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3338532/pdf/pone.0035797.pdf>

Transmission Potential of SARS-CoV-2 in Viral Shedding Observed at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.03.23.20039446v2>

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Considerations

Refer to recommendations from professional organizations as well as local policy and procedure

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COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and physiotherapy practice

This infographic is intended to help CSP members make an informed decision on what Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they need to wear when working in direct (non-virtual) contact with patients in any setting. It will be revised as more data emerges. Members are required to exercise their own clinical judgement when undertaking a risk assessment to determine the likelihood of a patient coughing during physiotherapy treatment.

1 Patient status
 You must establish the status of your patient. Do this remotely from the patient if possible. For example:
 • A screening phone call (primary/community care)
 • Ward staff handover (in-patients)

Asymptomatic of COVID-19 or tested-ve in patient (and/or household members for primary/community care only)
 • Gloves and plastic apron must be worn at all times
 • Risk assess the need for a surgical mask and eye protection
 • If you undertake any Aerosol generating procedure (AGP) including and/or inducing cough, airborne PPE required.
 > FFP3 mask
 > Fluid resistant gown
 > Eye protection
 > Gloves

COVID-19 diagnosed or suspected in patient (or household members for primary/community care only)
 • Droplet or airborne PPE will be required depending on consultation need, treatment setting, intention of Rx and proximity to patient.

Shielded vulnerable people
 • Droplet protection PPE required at all times when working with these patients in any circumstances in any setting.
 > Surgical mask
 > Plastic apron
 > Risk assess for eye protection
 > Gloves
 • If you undertake any Aerosol generating procedure (AGP) including and/or inducing cough, airborne PPE required.
 > FFP3 mask
 > Fluid resistant gown
 > Eye protection
 > Gloves

2 Consultation need
 Why are you providing physiotherapy intervention?

Urgent and/or essential treatment
 • Is a virtual consultation possible?
Yes
 > No PPE required
No
 > Droplet or airborne PPE will be required depending on treatment setting, intention of Rx and proximity to patient.

Routine and/or non-essential treatment
 • Treat using virtual digital consultation
 • No PPE required

3 Treatment setting
 Where are you delivering your physiotherapy intervention?

Critical care (ITU/HDU)
 • Airborne PPE required:
 > FFP3 mask
 > Fluid resistant gown
 > Eye protection
 > Gloves

Acute hospital wards
 • Droplet and/or airborne PPE will be required depending on intention of Rx and proximity to patient.

Primary and community care, patient's own home
 • Droplet protection PPE required as a minimum:
 > Surgical mask
 > Plastic apron
 > Gloves
 > Risk assess for eye protection
 • Airborne PPE may be required depending on intention of Rx and proximity to individual patients.

Care homes
 If the facility has any possible and/or confirmed cases, as a minimum to protect residents when entering premises:
 • Droplet PPE required:
 > Surgical mask
 > Plastic apron
 > Risk assess for eye protection
 > Gloves
 • Airborne PPE may be required depending on intention of Rx and proximity to individual patients.

4 Intention of Rx
 What is the purpose of your physiotherapy intervention?

Respiratory physiotherapy which includes AGPs including and/or inducing cough
 • Airborne PPE required:
 > FFP3 mask
 > Fluid resistant gown
 > Eye protection
 > Gloves

Essential rehabilitation
 • Does Rx need to include respiratory physiotherapy involving AGPs including and/or inducing cough?
Yes
 • Airborne PPE required:
 > FFP3 mask
 > Fluid resistant gown
 > Eye protection
 > Gloves
No
 • Droplet or airborne PPE will be required depending on your proximity to the patient.

5 Proximity to patient
 How close do you need to be to your patient?

Close proximity <1m to the patient
 • Airborne PPE required:
 > FFP3 mask
 > Fluid resistant gown
 > Eye protection
 > Gloves

Distanced >1m away from patient
 • Droplet PPE required:
 > Surgical mask
 > Plastic apron
 > Risk assess for eye protection
 > Gloves

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Correct as of 3:00pm Friday, 3 April 2020

Keeping yourself safe with PPE: <https://youtu.be/PsFGhvlhbXs>

SUMMARY

- 1 Using a visual aid is very important
- 2 Having a PPE buddy is a personal safety priority
- 3 Doffing is a critical step and the moment of highest risk for self-contamination
- 4 Speak up for safety
- 5 Go slow to keep safe

KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - Making the best use of PPE

Physiotherapy Management for COVID-19 in the Acute Hospital Setting (non United States)

https://www.wcpt.org/sites/wcpt.org/files/files/wcptnews/images/Physiotherapy_Guideline_COVID-19_FINAL.pdf

“Strongly recommended that airborne precautions are utilized during *respiratory* physiotherapy interventions.”

“...physiotherapists are likely to be in close contact with the patient e.g. for mobilisation, exercise or rehabilitation interventions that require assistance. In these cases, consider use of a high filtration mask (e.g. P2/N95). Mobilisation and exercise may also result in the patient coughing or expectorating mucous.”

- Coughing
 - Position > 6 feet away (outside “blast zone”)
 - Patient catch cough in tissue
 - Hand hygiene after
 - If patient unable, assist in above
- Given the possibility for cough and/or increased O2 flow during activity and mobility I would consider airborne precautions for all patients on oxygen or with continued cough. Initiate discussion with your department and infectious disease team regarding likelihood and risk of aerosolization during PT treatments. We currently are adhering to airborne precautions during PT for all COVID-19 cases. Can also consider placing a surgical mask over patient/oxygen device as PPE supplies and local policy/procedure allows. -Kyle Ridgeway, DPT, CCS

Airway Clearance Considerations

Refer to aerosol generating procedures information

Remember COVID-19 is NOT a fundamentally secretion producing disease process (it's ARDS, Pulm Edema) and COVID-19 itself is not an indication for airway clearance.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/344427919049715/permalink/1571343023024859/>

“The best airway clearance technique is activity and exercise. Get up and move!” -[Richard Severin](#):

- The sympathetic response from exercise dilates the airways and the variation of tidal volumes and pressures that occur during exercise help mobilize secretions
- If you are unable to move, consider airway clearance techniques that are active and independent. These include active cycle breathing (ACBT) & oscillatory post expiratory devices (OPEP) such as the acapella
youtu.be/XvorhwGZGm8
- If all that fails then consider passive techniques like postural drainage & manual airway clearance. These are the lowest priority interventions for most people and are hold overs from a time when people were confined to bed rest when they were sick & stayed in hospital for weeks!

Other Considerations During Treatment

- Make all these people more than COVID patients. Megan Hosey, PhD. Rehabilitation Psychologist
<https://twitter.com/drmeganhoseyphd/status/1249369958292881408?s=21>
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- <https://twitter.com/DrMeganHoseyPhD/status/1245720449046241282>
- Adjusting Palliative Care Practices for Pandemic.
<https://www.contagionlive.com/news/adjusting-palliative-care-practices-for-a-pandemic>

CRITICAL CARE (ICU) & MECHANICAL VENTILATION CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS

“Early physical therapy and active mobility is not about time, it’s about *timing*.” -Kyle J. Ridgeway, PT, DPT, CCS

- Pandemic principles as foundation: contain, limit exposure, preserve PPE, address bottlenecks
- ABCDEF Bundle, ICU Liberation, and Post Intensive Care Syndrome as guiding constructs
- Use what you know! ARDS, mobility guidelines, published research, and institution specific protocols
- Understand *basic* clinical course and pathophysiology of COVID19
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary team on logistics, communication, and general approach
- Apply information within context of your current local environment and historic practices/programs
- Utilize general principles, but assess each patient and case individually
- Critical Care Resource & Reference List:
http://www.mobilization-network.org/Network/Publications_files/List%20of%20Current%20Literature-2020-02-18.docx

General Resources

- ABCDEF Bundle Overview <https://www.icudelirium.org/medical-professionals/overview>
- Expert consensus and recommendations on safety criteria for active mobilization of mechanically ventilated critically ill adults. *Crit Care*. 2014 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25475522/>
- ICU Liberation. Society of Critical Care Medicine <https://www.sccm.org/ICULiberation/ABCDEF-Bundles>
- Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pain, Agitation/Sedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Sleep Disruption in Adult Patients in the ICU (PADIS)
<https://www.sccm.org/Research/Guidelines/Guidelines/Guidelines-for-the-Prevention-and-Management-of-Pa>

- ICU Acquired Weakness: Implications for PTs <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3513482/>
- Nomenclature for acute cog changes and delirium <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00134-019-05907-4>
- Psychology of COVID-19 Critical Care https://www.ics.ac.uk/ICS/Psychology_in_COVID-19.aspx

Patients with COVID19 develop viral pneumonia and those requiring critical care usually have hypoxemic respiratory failure and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). Of those requiring ICU care, most will require mechanical ventilation.

Observation and data from case series suggest *on average*:

- Longer course of mechanical ventilation (1-2 weeks) and ICU length of stay (2-3 weeks)
- Prone position ventilation is common
- Deep sedation may be required during early course
- Some require vasopressors
- Increased mortality with increased age

Utilize knowledge surrounding ARDS generally, course of COVID19 specifically, and individual presentation of each patient. Assess patient level variables surrounding prognosis, readiness for PT, and possible benefit vs. risk of bedside PT intervention.

Physical Therapy Consultation Considerations

Generally, **consider PT consultation** when: stable vent settings, RASS consistently -2 to +1, hemodynamically tolerating spontaneous awakening trial, and hemodynamically tolerating routine care (turning, oral care, suction, chair position)

Consider Consultation: Activity and mobility could assist in ventilator liberation

- Respiratory: Stable vent settings/oxygen demand
- Cardiovascular: At MAP goal on stable dose of vasoactives
- Hemodynamically appropriate and tolerating awakening
- Cognition: RASS consistently -2 to +1
- Other considerations
 - Significant physical weakness in awake and cooperative patient
 - Inability or difficulty weaning mechanical ventilation
 - ICU LOS and/or mechanical ventilation > 7 days
 - Nursing unable to progress mobility post extubation

Consider Holding Consultation: Early in course, deep sedation, poor prognosis, likely to progress with nurse led mobility

- Respiratory: High settings, up-trending, decompensation with routine care/coughing
- Cardiovascular: Not at MAP goal, increasing vasoactives, decompensation with routine care
- Hemodynamically inappropriate for awakening or ordered for deep sedation RASS -4 to -5
- Cognition: RASS consistently -3 to -4 or +2 to +4
- Poor or unknown prognosis
- Older age with high likelihood of poor outcome or death
- Other considerations
 - Adequate physical strength

- ICU LOS/Intubation < 4 days
- Nursing able to progress mobility

Outcomes of 1591 Patients Infected With SARS-CoV-2 Admitted to ICUs of the Lombardy Region, Italy. *JAMA*. Published online April 6, 2020. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2764365>

- Mechanical Ventilation: 88%
- Non-invasive Ventilation: 11%
- Mortality: 26%
 - Age > 64: 36%
 - Age < 64: 15%

“5 weeks after the first admission in ICU, the majority of the patients (58%) were still in the ICU, 16% of the patients had been discharged from the ICU, and 26% had died in the ICU. The death rate was higher among those who were older. However, these outcome data should be interpreted with caution because most patients were still hospitalized in the ICU and the minimum follow-up was 7 days; in particular, the mortality rate could eventually be higher.”

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)

- Acute respiratory distress syndrome: the Berlin Definition. *JAMA*. 2012. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22797452/>
- American Thoracic Society Clinical Practice Guideline: Mechanical Ventilation ARDS. <https://www.thoracic.org/statements/resources/cc/ards-guidelines.pdf>
- <https://www.readcube.com/articles/10.1007/s00134-020-06307-9>
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- Functional disability 5 years after acute respiratory distress syndrome. *N Engl J Med*. 2011. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21470008/>

Intensive Care Unit Acquired Weakness (ICU-AW)

ICU Acquired Weakness (ICUAW) is a syndrome of generalized limb weakness that develops while the patient is critically ill and for which there is no alternative explanation other than critical illness itself. Patients with an average Medical Research Council muscle strength score (MRC strength sum score) average of less than 4/5 across muscle groups as tested by manual muscle testing are clinically considered as having ICUAW. Normally, 3 paired UE (shoulder abduction, elbow flexion, wrist extension) and LE (hip flexion, knee extension, dorsiflexion) are used which corresponds to a 0-60 scale.

Two Scores of < 48/60 separated by at least 24 hours are indicative of ICU-AW in an awake and cooperative patient with no other explanation for weakness

- An official American Thoracic Society Clinical Practice guideline: the diagnosis of intensive care unit-acquired weakness in adults. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2014 Dec 15;190(12):1437-46 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25496103>

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Post Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS)

- UpToDate: Post Intensive Care Syndrome.
<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/post-intensive-care-syndrome-pics>
- Improving long-term outcomes after discharge from intensive care unit: report from a stakeholders' conference. *Crit Care Med.* 2012. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21946660/>
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- Impairments Associated With Post-Intensive Care Syndrome: Systematic Review Based on the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Framework. *Phys Ther.* 2018.
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- Patient handout on post intensive care syndrome: <https://www.atsjournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1164/rccm.2018P15>
- Patient Centered Info. SCCM <https://www.sccm.org/MyICUCare/THRIVE/Post-intensive-Care-Syndrome>
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Outcomes After Critical Illness and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

- Outcomes After Critical Illness and Surgery: Publications
https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/pulmonary/research/outcomes_after_critical_illness_surgery/oacis_publications.html
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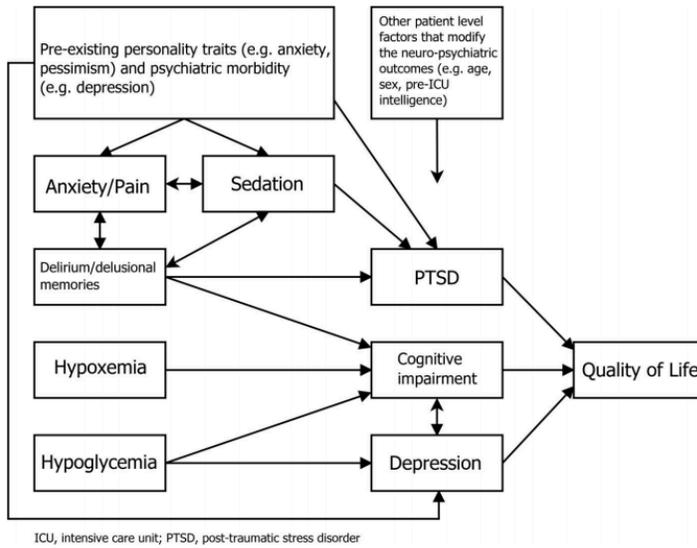
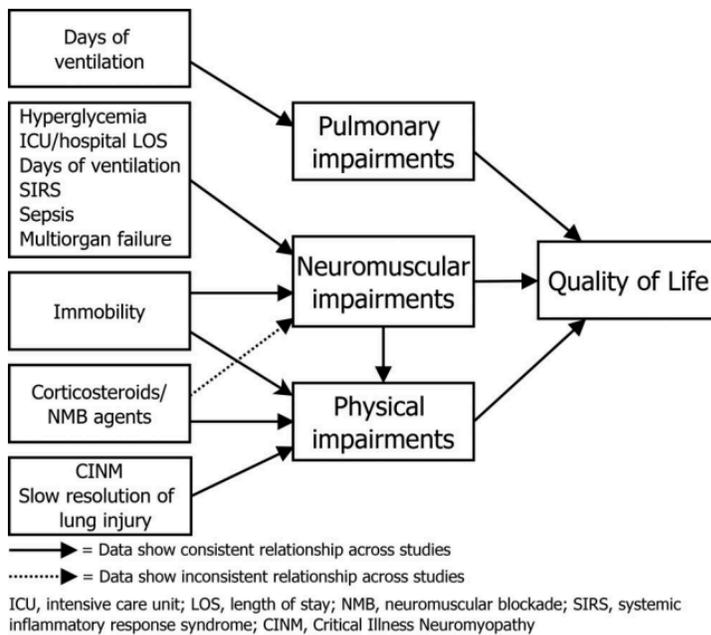


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PRONE POSITIONING

Critical Care: Mechanical Ventilation and ARDS

- UpToDate: Prone Positioning:
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<https://www.sccm.org/COVID19RapidResources/Resources/What-are-the-recommendations-for-proning-in-these>
- Rehab based prone team <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32691056?dopt=Abstract>
- Prone Position and Brachial Plexus Injuries
https://www.rnoh.nhs.uk/application/files/6715/8834/4124/Proning_advice_and_pathway_for_COVID19_patients.pdf

Conscious Proning: Non-ventilated patients

See patient information and handouts section for proning handouts and education

- Guidance for conscious proning: Intensive Care Society
https://www.ics.ac.uk/ICS/Pdfs/COVID-19/Guidance_for_conscious_proning.aspx
- Awake Proning Demonstration: Video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuWshgeW8JY>
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- Simple positioning and proning guidelines:
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How to Prone: Guidance and Checklists

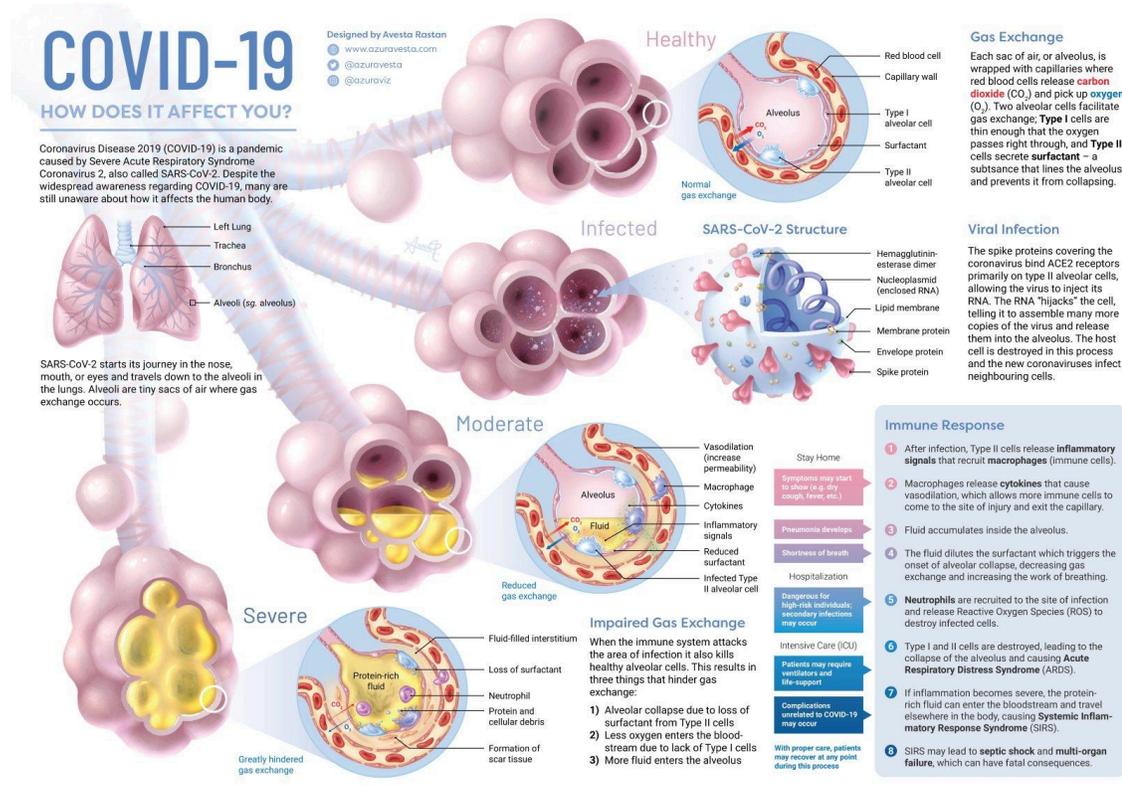
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PATIENT INFORMATION AND HANDOUTS

COVID-19 General

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- Clinical Questions About COVID-19. Centers For Disease Control and Prevention.
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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1 Social Distancing**
 Since there is currently no proven treatment or vaccine for COVID-19, social distancing is the most effective way to slow down the spread of the virus.
- 2 Stay Healthy**
 Make a routine of eating a well-balanced diet, drinking plenty of water, getting enough sleep, exercising, and monitoring your mental health. Reach out to family and friends for support.
- 3 Stay Informed**
 With a situation that changes daily, it is crucial to stay informed so you know if any changes have occurred both globally and in your community. Make sure to look for evidence-based sources to avoid misinformation.
- 4 Donate**
 Consider donating to local businesses or the WHO COVID-19 Response Fund if you have financial flexibility. If you have spare time, consider volunteering for community initiatives, such as helping deliver food to those in need.

Delirium

- Activities for patients:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/mobile/folders/1w765ihIU7LCynTG3fnl8clkhmrJ6XDQx?usp=sharing>
- Information on Delirium: <https://www.icudelirium.org/patients-and-families/overview>

Post Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS)

- What is PICS? <https://www.atsjournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1164/rccm.2018P15>
- <https://www.sccm.org/MyICUCare/THRIVE/Post-intensive-Care-Syndrome>
- Critical Care Recovery Resources <http://www.criticalcarerecovery.com/>
- <https://sepsistrust.org/get-support/resources/>

Self-Prone and Positioning

Prone and Repositioning (developed by Maria Atienza, PT. Elmhurst Hospital. NY)

- English [PDF Handout](#)
- Spanish [PDF Handout](#)
- Simple Chinese [PDF Handout](#)

Repositioning and Rolling: English and Spanish:

https://emcrit.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Self-Prone-Positioning_Eng-n-Spanish.pdf

NEW ROLES, PARADIGMS, AND TRAINING

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Rapid Retraining Approach

By John Corsino

- <https://johncorsino.wordpress.com/2020/03/25/rapid-retraining/>



John Corsino @Mvmnt_Is_Med · Mar 25

Challenging times mean creative solutions - for #acutept and #icurehab as well.

Many of us were fortunate to have gradual mentored experiences and lots of feedback to help us become good at the work we do. But, rapid training and orientation are needed now. 1/



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- Make it easier for trainee
- Assess: what they know, how to best deploy, how much support required
- Decide where to target and utilize resources you have (med-surg, ED, etc)
- Break down tasks, emphasize purpose,
- Use new resources to perform lowest acuity, simplest clinical work
- Focus on key points and asking why are we doing X?

Critical Care and Respiratory

- Supplemental Oxygen Utilization During Physical Therapy Interventions. Official Guidelines from the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section. http://cardiopt.org/pdf/pubs/Supplemental_Oxygen.pdf
- Critical Care for Non-ICU Clinicians. Society for Critical Care Medicine <https://www.sccm.org/covid19>
- Ventilator Basics: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5d4_sUbRew and <https://pulmtom.com/>
 - Simplified Mechanical Ventilation Explanation: <https://www.atsjournals.org/doi/abs/10.34197/ats-scholar.2020-0041VO>
- Pulmonary, Ventilators, and ARDS <https://www.aacn.org/education/online-courses/covid-19-pulmonary-ards-and-ventilator-resourceshttps://c.aar>
- Minimum standards for physiotherapists in critical care
 - Australia and New Zealand: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27259819/>
 - United Kingdom: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6475988/>
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POST ACUTE CARE CONSIDERATIONS

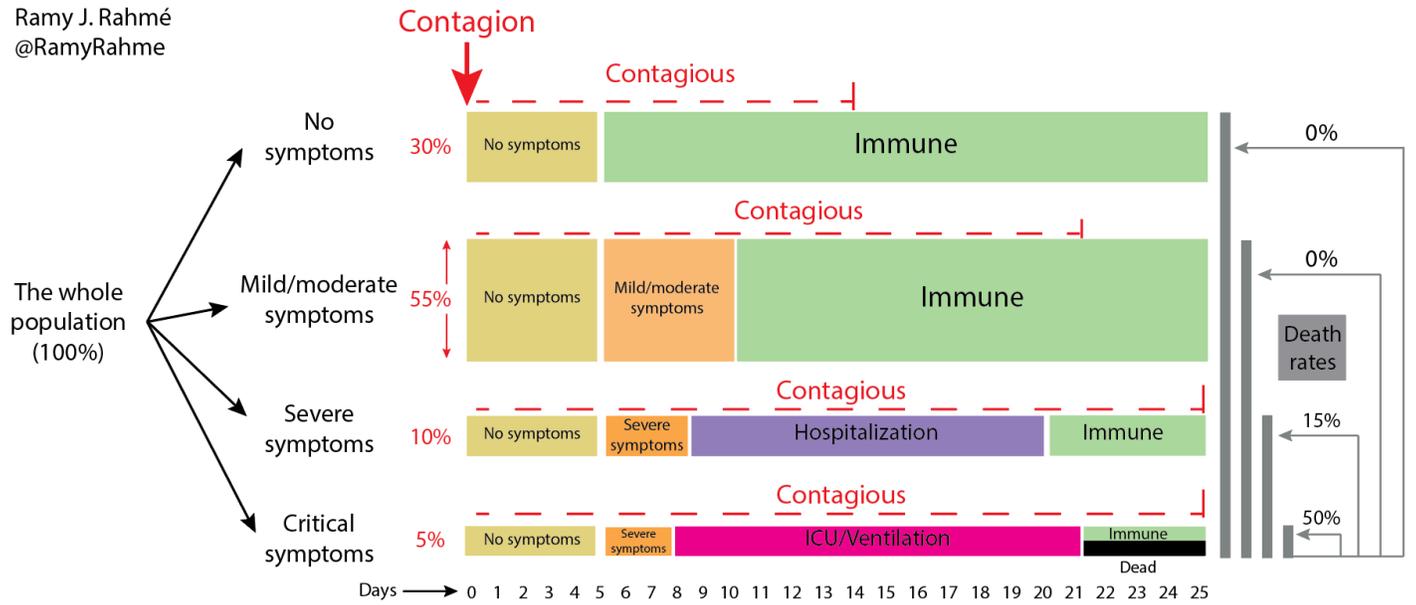
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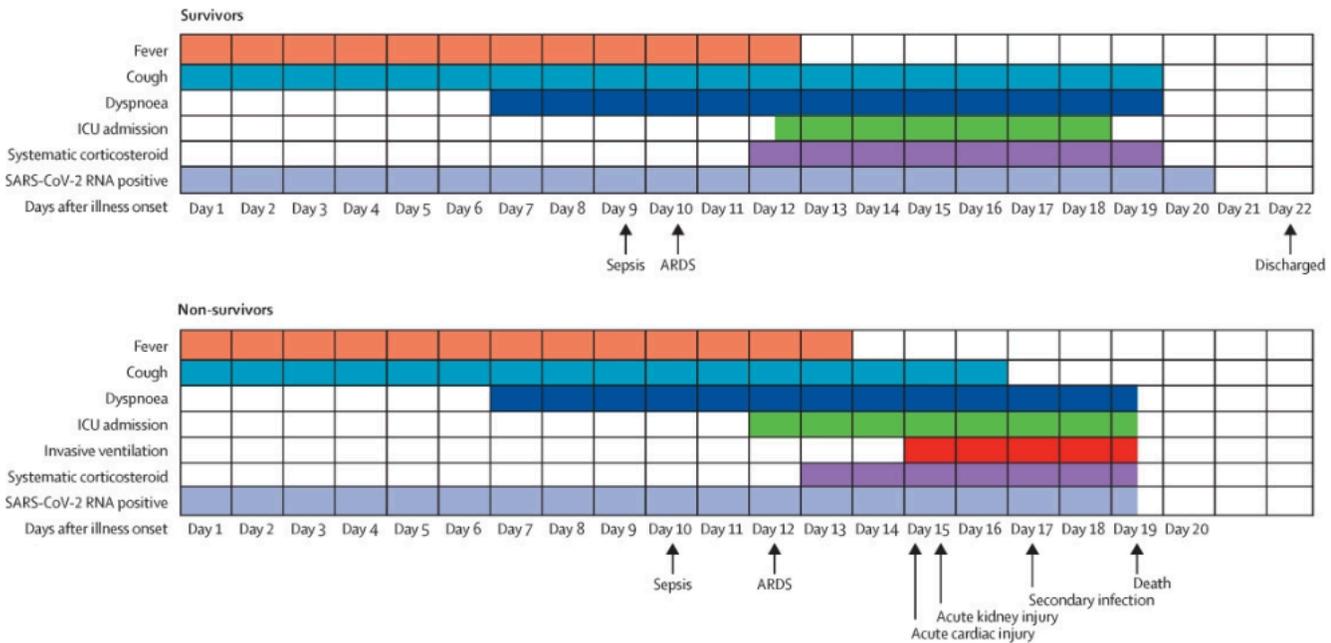


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COVID-19: not your typical ARDS? <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/86046>

COVID Research Papers

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INSIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Heidi Engel, PT, DPT @HeidiEngel4 · Mar 21

Time for [#AcutePT](#) [@AcuteCareAPTA](#) to change our ways. We now need to be the Acute Rehab Service in ICU & acute- with Intensive PT and separate OT Not co-treat with OT, less time on Ortho- let the RN crutch train, Send patients HOME. [#ICUrehab](#)



<https://twitter.com/HeidiEngel4/status/1241371106734268417?s=20>



Jason Silvernail DPT, DSc @jasonsilvernail · Mar 20

Replying to [@karenlitzNYC](#) [@JasonEseminars](#) and 2 others

My outpatient clinics have been converted to Acute / Urgent Injury clinics that are designed to offload our hospital's ED and Primary Care clinics. We have Ortho on call and are supporting the ED and medicine teams by keeping injuries out of the queue.



<https://twitter.com/jasonsilvernail/status/1241143797783973889?s=20>



Jason Nunn @jasonnunn21 · Mar 28

Large amounts of resources directed to ICU (rightly so). COVID patients are already developing significant ICUAW, we are going to have a population of survivors with significant acquired morbidity. We must ensure that we don't forget long term recovery @TheACPRC @PaulTwose

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@flooze

Replying to @jasonnunn21 @icurehab and 2 others

Our outpatient staff are being re deployed to rehab. Great use of strength/training knowledge after a refresher of how to inpatient risk assess/ read obs charts etc. Buddy up in ICU or take the Lead on the wards. Need to consider weekend support to keep #patientflow to DC.

5:24 AM · Mar 29, 2020 · Twitter for Android

<https://twitter.com/flooze/status/1244223812847239169>

Twitter To Follow

- [Coronavirus Experts](#) List compiled by @EpiEllie
- [@iwashyna](#) Pulmonary and Critical Physician. Researcher. Michigan
- [@DrSamuelBrown](#) Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician. Researcher
- [@NAChristakis](#) Yale Physician and Professor
- [@medicalaxioms](#) Hospitalist at Denver Health Medical Center
- [@Bob_Wachter](#) Chair, Dept of Medicine at UCSF

Insights and Discussion from Social Media

- Teamwork on front lines: <https://twitter.com/deenakcosta/status/1248267071072411648?s=21>
- Consideration of potential for post intensive care syndrome: <https://twitter.com/iwashyna/status/1246807517340020736?s=21>
- Vent management in severe ARDS COVID <https://twitter.com/nialldferguson/status/1249484866971938819?s=21>
- Australian Physio Explains Up Training and Triage <https://twitter.com/haineskimberley/status/1240785380393156608?s=21>
- Experience of COVID Symptoms (from an MD) <https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1239587299136098305.html>
- Patient perspective of hospitalization and COVID <https://twitter.com/clementychow/status/1242840461724680194?s=21>
- Insight From Wuhan Physicians <https://twitter.com/DrSamuelBrown/status/1239555630970499072>

- Physio: <https://twitter.com/bprob/status/1239154525400948737?s=20>
- <https://twitter.com/theblondemd/status/1242957139125157894?s=21>
- <https://twitter.com/sanjung/status/1249374580831064072>
- <https://twitter.com/drsamuelbrown/status/1243205534917881856?s=21>
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COVID APPLICABLE CEUs

APTA Learning Center: COVID-19 Relevant Content. FREE CEUs. <http://learningcenter.apta.org/COVID19>

<https://learningcenter.apta.org/student/Catalogue/CatalogueCategory.aspx?id=dcbae4dc-1a13-42ff-b9da-7ba7a62162e9>

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PODCASTS AND WEBINARS

COVID-19: The Domino Effect. Walking Away from ICU Podcast. March 24, 2020

<https://anchor.fm/restoringlife/episodes/Episode-33-COVID19--The-Domino-Effect-ebtfpr>

Physiotherapy Management for COVID-19 in the Acute Hospital Setting (non United States)

- https://www.wcpt.org/sites/wcpt.org/files/files/wcptnews/images/Physiotherapy_Guideline_COVID-19_FINAL.pdf
- <https://www.thoracic.org/about/ats-podcasts/physiotherapy-management-for-covid-19-in-the-acute-hospital-setting-a-conversation-with-dr-peter-thomas.php>

COVID-19: Clinical Best Practices in Physical Therapy Management Webinar [March 28]

- Recording: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7342833725268746509>
- https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.aptahpa.org/resource/resmgr/webinars/3-28-20_Presentation_Handout.pdf

Acute Care Physical Therapy: How can we value? Webinars

- Part 1 [March 21] <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/166466466154828299>
https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.acutept.org/resource/resmgr/uploads_for_links/3-21-20_HPA_Webinar_Recording.pdf
- Part 2 [April 11] <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/4558890075258839565>
https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.acutept.org/resource/resmgr/uploads_for_links/04-11-20_Webinar_Recording.pdf

Post Acute COVID-19 Exercise and Rehab (PACER) Project: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLne40IpTInF62gkGJYkRvty0Mzfxect2g>

Physiotalks Podcast: COVID Episodes:

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