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of Medical Women
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REFERENCES WITH ANNOTATIONS / RESOURCE MATERIAL For 2nd Statement

See also the Resource Material for the (first) AFMW Statement (2020 03 22nd)

GENERAL LITERATURE RESOURCES

<http://amedeo.com> (all) and <https://covidreference.com/> - includes summaries/commentary about recent articles with a quick glance

A. PROTECTION OF FRONTLINE MEDICAL STAFF AND SUSTAINING WOMEN DOCTORS

1. Indigenous Doctors and Vulnerable Communities

Australian Indigenous Doctors Association – COVID-19 Training

<https://www.aida.org.au/covid-19/> See also, <https://www.smh.com.au/national/darwin-seems-far-away-let-alone-coronavirus-20200402-p54gi3.html>

2 April 2020 Media Release \$123 million boost to Indigenous Response to COVID-19

<https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/wyatt/2020/123-million-boost-indigenous-response-covid-19>

2. Protection of Clinicians in Clinical Encounters, & 3 Protection of Clinicians within their Workplace

Department of Health National Health Workforce Dataset: 2013 to 2016.

Understanding and Addressing Sources of Anxiety amongst Health Care Professionals during the COVID-19 Pandemic; amedeo.com Covid reference

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2764380>

See also the Clinical Excellence Commission for useful guidelines re PPE

<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/keep-patients-safe/COVID-19>

For 7 steps to hand hygiene, in pictures, see the Northern Ireland Regional Infection Prevention and Control Manual at <https://www.niinfectioncontrolmanual.net/hand-hygiene>.

4. Transparent Communication of Epidemiological Data and Testing

Updated Live: Australian statistics

<https://github.com/covid-19-au/covid-19-au.github.io/blob/dev/README.md>

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10 April 2020 Australian Growth Factor

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-10/coronavirus-data-australia-growth-factor-covid-19/12132478>

Gastrointestinal shedding is common, 9 April 2020

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32251668>

'In a meta-analysis of 60 studies, comprising 4,243 patients, the pooled prevalence of gastrointestinal symptoms was 17.6% (95% CI, 12.3%-24.5%). Prevalence was lower in studies from China than other countries. Pooled prevalence of stool samples that were positive for virus RNA was 48.1% and could persist for up to ≥33 days from illness onset even after viral RNA negativity in respiratory specimens. Stool viral RNA was detected at higher frequency among those with diarrhea.'

Nature Reviews: COVID- 19 Faeco-oral transmission? <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41575-020-0295-7>

5. Billing

https://ama.com.au/system/tdf/documents/AMA_AMSA%20Check%20List_2_4_20_0.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=52024

AMA Private practice work relations links (3 April 2020)

<http://ama-au->

[g.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0yMTM4MjcyJnA9MSZ1PTUwMzlyMjlxNCZsaT0xOTY1NzlwMQ/index.html](http://ama-au-)

https://ama.com.au/system/tdf/documents/AMA_AMSA%20Check%20List_2_4_20_0.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=52024

6. Telehealth

Potential for patient abuse of doctors (that might also occur through telehealth) is explored, by authors Louise Stone et al (18 June 2018). See <https://insightplus.mja.com.au/2018/23/beyond-zero-tolerance-sexual-abuse-in-medicine/>

Synapse Global Medical Communications <https://synapsemedical.com.au/news/category/covid-mbs-billing-faqs/>

7. Medical Women Work Force and Training Issues

<https://annals.org/aim/fullarticle/2764413/role-medical-students-during-covid-19-pandemic>

[There are pros and cons of delaying completion of any training when a crisis develops. Time based training and log books are disrupted, seemingly a trigger for delaying completion of postgraduate training fellowships, but there is an alternate argument that the pandemic, rather, provides unprecedented highly valuable 'teaching moments' that could enhance competence for the duration of subsequent professional life. For instance:](#)

[The Covid-19 crisis is a teachable moment. Chaos and uncertainty demand an unyielding focus on core medical principles and consistent modelling of professionalism, altruism, quality, and safety. Bioethical issues that previously seemed theoretical, such as rationing and futility of care, are being brought to life during this crisis. Educators can proactively teach students and trainees about strategies for improving end-of-life care, allocating scarce resources, and caring for patients who are noncompliant with self-quarantine recommendations. Leaders should also anticipate pointed questions from students and trainees about Covid-19 policies and procedures and respond with](#)

respect and openness'. [Source is as follows: NEJM \(2020\) April 8 https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2005234](https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2005234), being [Gallagher & Schleyer \(2018\) "We Signed Up for This!" — Student and Trainee Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic NEJM](#)

B. WOMEN'S HEALTH PRIORITIES

<https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/library/publications/2020/policy-brief-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-women-en.pdf?la=en&vs=5029>

1. **Pregnancy, Obstetric and Neonatal Care** 2 April 2020 Advice from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
<https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/COVID%2019%20Initial%20Newborn%20Guidance.pdf>
2. **Sexual and reproductive health**
3. **Women's malignancies**
4. **Mental Health**

C. WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

<https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/library/publications/2020/policy-brief-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-women-en.pdf?la=en&vs=5029>

For an Australian umbrella organization's statement, see also <https://www.genvic.org.au/media-releases/gender-equity-womens-organisations-unite-on-covid19-disaster/>. We must also remember that there are other causes of high numbers of deaths annually:

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/04/10/health/coronavirus-not-leading-cause-of-death-us-trnd/>

UN Policy Brief (2020:14)

- 1) Domestic Violence - Innovative Virtual Solutions:
 - In China the hashtag #AntiDomesticViolenceDuringEpidemic has taken off as part of advocacy with links to online resources - helping to break the silence and expose violence as a risk during lockdown.
 - Online and mobile service providers are taking steps to deliver support such as free calls to helplines in Antigua and Barbuda.
 - In Spain, an instant messaging service with a geolocation function offers an online chat room that provides immediate psychological support to survivors of violence.
 - In Argentina, pharmacies have been declared safe spaces for victims of abuse to report.
 - Similarly, in France, grocery stores are housing pop-up-services and 20,000 hotel room nights have been made available to women needing shelter from abusive situations.
 - In Colombia the government has guaranteed continued access to virtual gender-based violence services, including legal advice, psychosocial advice, police and justice services, including hearings

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