

- ✓ On December 31 2019, China alerted WHO to several cases of unusual pneumonia in Wuhan (11M), in the central Hubei province. The virus was unknown (1<sup>st</sup> case = December 8).
- ✓ The Market was shut down on **January 1**.
- $\checkmark$  40 similar cases are declared.
- ✓ On January 5, Chinese officials ruled out the possibility that this was a recurrence of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) virus
- ✓ On January 7, officials in Shangai announced they had identified a new virus, according to the WHO. The novel virus was named 2019-nCoV or <u>SARS-</u> <u>CoV-2</u> (coronavirus family; pangolin/ turtle/snake)
- ✓ On January 11, a first case is reported in Thailand



Consensus, Nature Microbiol 2020







# Origin and evolution of pathogenic coronaviruses





### How SARS-CoV-2 replicates itself in the cells of those infected



1 Spike protein on the virion binds to ACE2, a cell-surface protein. TMPRSS2, an enzyme, helps the virion enter 2 The virion releases its RNA 3 Some RNA is translated into proteins by the cell's machinery 4 Some of these proteins form a replication complex to make more RNA 5 Proteins and RNA are assembled into a new virion in the Golgi and 6 released





## THE DISEASE = COVID-19

#### How does it spread?



When a person with Covid-19 coughs or exhales, small droplets from their nose or mouth can spread to another person if they breathe in the droplets directly.

Person to person

- ✓ **Coronaviruses** can travel only about six feet \* from the infected person
- ✓ Viral load is higher in LRT than throat swab
- ✓ SARS-CoV-2 has been found in tears (only if conjunctivitis)
- ✓ Viral RNA was also detected in saliva, blood (10%) and stool (40%) specimens
- ✓ SARS-CoV-2 can live on surfaces: 85% of hospital surfaces (how long ?)
- ✓ No (almost) vertical transmission (SARS-Cov2 + in placenta)

Poon, Nature Med 2020 Chan, Lancet 2020 Holshue, N Engl J Med 2020

Ong, JAMA 2020 Liu, J Infect 2020

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#### Via surfaces



When someone with Covid-19 coughs or exhales, the small droplets from their nose or mouth can land on surfaces around them. If another person touches those surfaces and then their eyes, nose or mouth, they can be infected.

Lauer, Ann Inter Med 2020

< 98 cm (MAX RISK) < 183 cm (RISK)

MEDIAN = 5 days (ranges 1-17)

estimated incubation period

Aerosol and Surface Stability of SARS-CoV-2 as Compared with SARS-CoV-1



The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

### **SUSPECTED CASE IS:**

 ✓ Acute respiratory illness AND a history of travel to area reporting transmission of COVID-19 disease (14-18 days)

✓ Acute respiratory illness AND **contact** with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case (14-18 days)

 ✓ A patient with severe acute respiratory infection AND requiring hospitalization AND with **no other aetiology** that fully explains the clinical presentation

### Epidemiological and clinical characteristics of 99 cases of 2019 novel coronavirus pneumonia in Wuhan, China: a descriptive study

Nanshan Chen\*, Min Zhou\*, Xuan Dong\*, Jieming Qu\*, Fengyun Gonq, Yang Han, Yang Qiu, Jingli Wang, Ying Liu, Yuan Wei, Jia'an Xia, Ting Yu, Xinxin Zhang, Li Zhang

	Patients (n=99)					
Signs and symptoms at admission						
Fever	82 (83%)	١				
Cough	81 (82%)	I				
Shortness of breath	31 (31%)	J				
Muscle ache	11 (11%)					
Confusion	9 (9%)					
Headache	8 (8%)					
Sore throat	5 (5%)					
Rhinorrhoea	4 (4%)					
Chest pain	2 (2%)					
Diarrhoea	2 (2%)					
Nausea and vomiting	1 (1%)					



✓ Male (70%)

✓ Age: 55 years

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✓ Comorbidities: 65%
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✓ Evolution: 3-7 days
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"Epidemic" phase:

- ✓ Syncope✓ Tachycardia
- "Malaise"
- Gastro-intestinal

### • Biological parameters :

- NOT SPECIFIC
- Lymphopenia (T-subtype?)
- Thrombopenia
- **A**ST/ALT (8-25%)
- **1** D-dimers (>50%)
- AKI (5-15% CKD ?)
- CK/TnT (5-10%)
- Neuro ???
- Almost no CO-INFECTION (on admission)

Lippi, Clin Chem Lab Med 2020 Li, J Med Virol 2020 Huang, Lancet 2020

	Patients (n=99)
(Continued from previous column)	
Infection-related biomarkers	
Procalcitonin (ng/mL; normal range 0.0–5.0)	0.5 (1.1)
Increased	6 (6%)
Interleukin-6 (pg/mL; normal range 0·0–7·0)	7.9 (6.1–10.6)
Increased	51 (52%)
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (mm/h; normal range 0.0–15.0)	49·9 (23·4)
Increased	84 (85%)
Serum ferritin (ng/mL; normal range 21.0-274.7)	808.7 (490.7)
Increased	62 (63%)
C-reactive protein (mg/L; normal range 0.0–5.0)*	51.4 (41.8)
Increased	63/73 (86%)
Co-infection	
Other viruses	0
Bacteria	1 (1%)
Fungus	4 (4%)



### Clinical Characteristics of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in China

W. Guan, Z. Ni, Yu Hu, W. Liang, C. Ou, J. He, L. Liu, H. Shan, C. Lei, D.S.C. Hui,
B. Du, L. Li, G. Zeng, K.-Y. Yuen, R. Chen, C. Tang, T. Wang, P. Chen, J. Xiang,
S. Li, Jin-lin Wang, Z. Liang, Y. Peng, L. Wei, Y. Liu, Ya-hua Hu, P. Peng,
Jian-ming Wang, J. Liu, Z. Chen, G. Li, Z. Zheng, S. Qiu, J. Luo, C. Ye, S. Zhu,
and N. Zhong, for the China Medical Treatment Expert Group for Covid-19\*



	ALL (n=1099)	Non-Severe (n=926)	Severe (n=173)
Age, years	47 (35-58)	45 (34-57)	52 (40-65)
Incubation, days	4 (2-7)	4 (2-7)	4 (2-7)
Comorbidities, %	24%	21%	39%
Abnormal CXR, %	59%	54%	77%
Abnormal CT-scan, %	86%	84%	95%
Thrombopenia, %	36%	32%	58%
Elevated CRP, %	61%	57%	<b>82%</b>
Elevated LDH, %	41%	37%	58%
Shock, %	1.1%	0.1%	6.4%
ARDS, %	3.4%	1.1%	15.6%
AKI, %	0.5%	0.1%	2.9%
Mortality, %	1.4%	0.1%	8.1%



Few patients in shock (4-17%) "Acute cardiac injury" 10-50% in hospitalized patients Myocarditis

> Severe lung involvement in 10-20% 25% of patients require ICU admission MV in 8-45% in hospitalized patients ARDS 17-30% in hospitalized patients



Wang, JAMA 2020Huang, Lancet 2020Han, Clin Chem Lab Med 2020Zhou, Lancet 2020Yang, J Infect 2020Chen, Lancet 2020Mao, medRxiv 2020Naicker, Kidney Int 2020

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			FIRST	WEEK			SECON	D WEEK	
	SETTING	WARD Illness day 4	WARD Illness day 5	WARD Illness day 6	WARD Illness day 7	WARD/ICU Illness day 8	ICU Illness day 9	ICU Illness day 10	ICU Illness day 11
	REPEATED SAMPLING OF THE NASOPHARYNX AND TRACHEAL ASPIRATES (IF INTUBATED) BY rRT-PCR FOR THE COVID-19	Initial importar	Decre al important viral shedding sometime res		Decrease of the viral shedding Respiratory failure, i sometimes associated with transient respiratory deterioration Decrease of th		e, increase of the viral shec or the viral shedding, and sup	Iding and viremia	Duration of viral excretion unknown
	OXYGEN THERAPY AND MECHANICAL VENTILATION	Ν	10	Consider oxygen support	FNC	FNC followed by MV	N	IV	MV
	ORGAN FAILURE	Typical signs according to current publications Fever, cough, and shortness of breath (15%) bilateral pneumonia (75%), lymphopenia (35%), thrombocytopenia (12%), prothrombin time decreased (30%), elevated liver enzyme levels (about 30%)		Deterioration of r with most often spo	espiratory status ntaneous recovery	lf sh	ARDS ock beware of superinfect Possible renal failure leurological failure unlikel Hemostasis disorders	ions 🛆	YES
	CO-INFECTION/SUPERINFECTION		NOT LIKELY		Consider a possible (see te	HAP/VAP and other n xt for diagnostic proce	osocomial infections dures)	Profound immune paralysis and late onset infections	
	ANTIBIOTICS		N	0		Co	nsider antibiotic thera	ру	YES
	ANTIVIRAL AGENTS		N	0		Consider antiviral age	ents if deterioration <sup>a</sup>		

Fig. 1 Global picture of severe cases

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However, 14% were severe (ie, dyspnea, respiratory frequency  $\geq$  30/min, blood oxygen saturation  $\leq$  93%, partial pressure of arterial oxygen to fraction of inspired oxygen ratio <300, and/or lung infiltrates >50% within 24 to 48 hours), and 5% were critical (ie, respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiple organ dysfunction or failure) (Box).<sup>1</sup>





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## FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH ARDS

n=201

Table 1. Demographic Characteristics of Patients With Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pneumonia (continued)

Study population	No. (%)
Clinical outcomes	
ARDS	84 (41.8)
ICU admission	53 (26.4)
Death	44 (21.9)

✓ Age
 ✓ Highest Temperature
 ✓ Hypertension
 ✓ Diabetes
 ✓ D-Dimers
 ✓ Lymphopenia
 ✓ Biological variables



### Association of Cardiac Injury With Mortality in Hospitalized Patients With COVID-19 in Wuhan, China

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"Transaminitis" (2-9%) Rare pancreatitis

> Albuminuria (34-65%) AKI (7-40%) RRT (5-10%)



Dizziness, Headache, Anosmia – Stroke ? (5%)





Wang, JAMA 2020Huang, Lancet 2020Han, Clin Chem Lab Med 2020Zhou, Lancet 2020Yang, J Infect 2020Chen, Lancet 2020Mao, medRxiv 2020Naicker, Kidney Int 2020



### Clinical course and outcomes of critically ill patients with SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia in Wuhan, China: a single-centered, retrospective, observational study

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	Survivors (n=20)	Non-survivors (n=32)	All patients (n=52)	
Age, years	51.9 (12.9)	64.6 (11.2)	59·7 (13·3)	
Age range, years				
30-39	6 (30%)	0	6 (11·5%)	1
40-49	3 (15%)	3 (9%)	6 (11.5%)	
50-59	4 (20%)	9 (28%)	13 (25%)	
60–69	6 (30%)	11 (34%)	17 (33%)	
70-79	1 (5%)	7 (22%)	8 (15%)	
≥80	0	2 (6%)	2 (4%)	

Chronic medical illness	4 (20%)	17 (53%)	21 (40%)
Chronic cardiac disease	2 (10%)	3 (9%)	5 (10%)
Chronic pulmonary disease	2 (10%)	2 (6%)	4 (8%)
Cerebrovascular disease	0	7 (22%)	7 <b>(13</b> ·5%)
Diabetes	2 (10%)	7 (22%)	9 (17%)
Malignancy	0	0	2 (4%)
Dementia	0	0	1(2%)
Malnutrition	0	0	1(2%)
Smoking	0	0	2 (4%)

Comorbidities			
Acute respiratory distress syndrome	9 (45%)	26 (81%)	35 (67%)
Acute kidney injury	3 (15%)	12 (37·5%)	15 (29%)
Cardiac injury	3 (15%)	9 (28%)	12 (23%)
Liver dysfunction	6 (30%)	9 (28%)	15 (29%)
Hyperglycaemia	7 (35%)	11 (34%)	18 (35%)
Gastrointestinal haemorrhage	0	2 (6%)	2 (4%
Pneumothorax	1 (5%)	0	1 (2%)
Hospital-acquired pneumonia	40 (20%)	2 (6%)	7 (13·5%)
Bacteraemia	0	1 (3%)	1 (2%)
Urinary tract infection	0	1 (3%)	1 (2%)

Treatment			
High flow nasal cannula	17 (85%)	16 (50%)	33 (63.5%)
Mechanical ventilation	7 (35%)	30 (94%)	37 (71%)
Non-invasive	<mark>6 (</mark> 30%)	23 (72%)	29 <b>(56%)</b>
Invasive	<mark>3 (15%)</mark>	19 (59%)	22 (42%)
Prone position ventilation	2 (10%)	4 (12·5%)	<mark>6 (11</mark> ·5%)
Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	1 <b>(</b> 5%)	5 (16%)	<mark>6 (11·5%)</mark>
Renal replacement therapy	1 <b>(</b> 5%)	8 (25%)	9 (17%)
Vasoconstrictive agents	2 (10%)	16 (50%)	18 (35%)
Antiviral agents	13 (65%)	10 (31%)	23 (44%)
Antibacterial agents	19 (95%)	30 (94%)	49 (94%)
Glucocorticoids	14 (70%)	16 (50%)	30 (58%)
Immunoglobulin	9 (45%)	19 (59%)	28 (54%)



## **EPIDEMIOLOGY NOT HELPFUL**



NP SWAB RT-PCR (FN 20%) – TEST FOR OTHER VIRUSES BAL SWAB RT-PCR (FN NOT SEVERE) BLOOD RT-PCR (PREDICTOR OF SEVERITY)

### CHEST X-RAY (FN ON ADMISSION) CHEST CT-SCAN (NP SWAB -)







**Chen, Emerging Microbes & Infections 2020** 





#### Imaging and clinical features of patients with 2019 novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2

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**69%** 

8%

### SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR+

- ✓ Periphery distribution 51% ✓ Bilateral involvement 59%
- ✓ Multifocal involvement
- $\checkmark$  Unifocal involvement
- $\checkmark$  More than two lobes involved 59%

✓ Ground	l glass opacification	n 72%
✓ Consoli	dation	13%

Consonation	1370
✓ Crazy paving pattern	12%
✓ Cavitation	0%

 $\checkmark$  Cavitation

#### $\checkmark$ Pleural effusion 4% $\checkmark$ Pericardial effusion 1% ✓ Lymphadenopathy 1%

CT+ in >90% of patients with respiratory symptoms Mixed patterns more prevalent in  $\checkmark$ symptomatic patients \* **COVID-19 pneumonia may occur in**  $\checkmark$ up to 20% of RT-CPR- patients

> Shi, Lancet Infect Dis 2020 Ai, Radiology 2020 Inui, Radiology 2020

**10-20% CT- on admission in patients** with CLINICS + and RT-PCR + but without respiratory symptoms

> Guan, medRxiv 2020 Yang, J Infect 2020 Chung, Radiology 2020





- ✓ Low rate of missed diagnosis of COVID-19 (4%)
- ✓ CT findings "peak" during illness days 6-11
- ✓ Evolution from ground-glass opacity to mixed patterns peak during illness days 12-17
- ✓ Halo sign > 60%
- ✓ Septal thickening, bronchiectasis, pleural thickening and subpleural involvement
- $\checkmark$  Not specific findings between viral pneumonias

Salehi, AJR 2020 Wang, Radiology 2020













#### VIEWPOINT

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Coronavirus Infections–More Than Just the Common Cold

COVID-19 in China As of February 21, 2020 75 569 reported cases 75 467 (99%) of cases are in Chinese mainland

2239 deaths

### COVID-19 in the US

As of February 24, 2020

14 cases diagnosed through US health care system

**39** cases among repatriated US citizens

0 deaths

O critically ill case-patients

No evidence of community-wide COVID-19 transmission in the US

Influenza in the US

As of February 15, 2020, CDC estimates At least 29 million ill patients At least 13 million physician visits At least 280 000 hospitalizations At least 16 000 deaths

105 pediatric influenza-associated deaths reported to the CDC by state health departments

### **DIFFUSION - MORTALITY**



Average number of people infected by each sick person



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Proportion of deaths among confirmed cases



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**MERS-CoV** 

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus



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n=191		Univariable OR (95% CI)	p value	Multivariable OR (95% CI)	p value
	Demographics a	and clinical charac	teristics		
58/191 28%	Age, years*	1·14 (1·09–1·18)	<0.0001	1·10 (1·03–1·17)	0.0043
	> 1 D-dimer, µg/mL	20·04 (6·52–61·56)	<0.0001	18·42 (2·64–128·55)	0.0033
	SOFA score	6·14 (3·48–10·85)	<0.0001	5·65 (2·61–12·23)	<0.0001



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### Clinical predictors of mortality due to COVID-19 based on an analysis of data of 150 patients from Wuhan, China

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## **TREATMENT – SUPPORTIVE CARE**

### • **RESPIRATORY SUPPORT**

✓ Oxygen therapy✓ *HFOT*? *CPAP* ? *NIV* ?

✓ Aerosol dispersion ? (up to 1m < air leakage and PEEP!)</li>
✓ Failure (MERS > SARS) ?
✓ High-risk patients = Low PF and MOF

✓ Mechanical ventilation

✓ Low TV (protective)✓ High PEEP (> 15 cmH20)

✓ Prone Positioning

✓ECMO (3-5%)

✓ Disposable, single-use systems

✓ Breathing with closed mouths (HFOT)

✓ Condensation in the circuit cleaned



### • PREVENT COMPLICATIONS (VAP, CLABSI – 10%)

• **ANTIBACTERIAL** ? (macrolides – interactions +++)

## TREATMENT – ANTIVIRALS

### Testing, testing

Promising drugs to treat covid-19

Drug	Current use	Original mode of action	Being tested?
Chloroquine	Antimalarial	Heme polymerase inhibitor	Yes
Kaletra (ritonavir + lopinavir)	HIV	Protease inhibitor	Yes
Interferon alfa-2b	Hepatitis-C	Immune modulator	Yes
Remdesivir	Experimental	Nucleotide analogue	Yes
Favipiravir	Influenza	RNA polymerase inhibitor	Yes
Actemra (tocilizumab)	Rheumatoid arthritis; covid-19	Anti-inflammatory	Approved*
Kevzara (sarilumab)	Rheumatoid arthritis	Anti-inflammatory	Trials expected

Source: WHO, adapted from landscape analysis, 17th February 2020

\*For use on covid-19 in China, March 2020

The Economist

## **TREATMENT - ANTIVIRALS**

### • Hydroxychloroquine

• 200 mg q12h (7 days)

### • **ANTIVIRALS** = no proof at today !!!!

- Lopinavir/Ritonavir (SARS = Reduction of ARDS occurrence)
  - 400 mg q12h (5-7 days)
- *Remdesivir* (experimental MERS = reduction of viral load)
  - 200 mg loading dose then 100 mg/d (10-14 days)
- Umifenovir (better outcome in 69 patients)
- Oseltamivir

- Ribavirine + IFN discouraged (MERS)
- Plasma exchange (or IVIG?)
- VACCINES ??



## **TREATMENT - OTHERS**

### • IMMUNOMODULATION

- *Camrelizumab* = *anti-PD1*
- *Tocilizumab* = *IL*-6
- *Baricitinib = Janus kinase inhibitor*



### • OTHERS

• Telmisartan or Losartan ?



### **TREATMENT - OTHERS**

Surviving Sepsis Campaign: Guidelines on the Management of Critically Ill Adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



45. In critically ill adults with COVID-19, we suggest against the routine use of standard intravenous immunoglobulins (IVIG) (Weak recommendation, very low-quality evidence).

# Surviving Sepsis ··· Campaign

#### Recommendation

47. In critically ill adults with COVID-19:

- we suggest against the routine use of lopinavir/ritonavir (weak recommendation, low 47.1. quality evidence).
- 47.2. There is insufficient evidence to issue a recommendation on the use of other antiviral agents in critically ill adults with COVID-19.
- 49. There is insufficient evidence to issue a recommendation on the use of chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine in critically ill adults with COVID-19.

#### Recommendation

50. There is insufficient evidence to issue a recommendation on the use of tocilizumab in critically ill adults with COVID-19.







### TREATMENT

## Clinical evidence does not support corticosteroid treatment for 2019-nCoV lung injury

	Outcomes of corticosteroid therapy*	Comment
MERS-CoV	Delayed clearance of viral RNA from respiratory tract <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted hazard ratio 0·4 (95% CI 0·2–0·7)
SARS-CoV	Delayed clearance of viral RNA from blood <sup>5</sup>	Significant difference but effect size not quantified
SARS-CoV	Complication: psychosis <sup>6</sup>	Associated with higher cumulative dose, 10 975 mg vs 6780 mg hydrocortisone equivalent
SARS-CoV	Complication: diabetes <sup>7</sup>	33 (35%) of 95 patients treated with corticosteroid developed corticosteroid-induced diabetes
SARS-CoV	Complication: avascular necrosis in survivors <sup>8</sup>	Among 40 patients who survived after corticosteroid treatment, 12 (30%) had avascular necrosis and 30 (75%) had osteoporosis
Influenza	Increased mortality <sup>9</sup>	Risk ratio for mortality 1.75 (95% Cl 1.3–2.4) in a meta-analysis of 6548 patients from ten studies
RSV	No clinical benefit in children <sup>10,11</sup>	No effect in largest randomised controlled trial of 600 children, of whom 305 (51%) had been treated with corticosteroids

CoV=coronavirus. MERS=Middle East respiratory syndrome. RSV=respiratory syncytial virus. SARS=severe acute respiratory syndrome. \*Hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, dexamethasone, and prednisolone.

Table: Summary of clinical evidence to date

### **IV steroids are discouraged** (delayed ARN clearance) – **Inhaled** ???



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### ORGANISATION

	Demands	Difficulties	Potential solutions
Space	Double or triple ICU beds to cope with the surge of critically ill patients requiring mechanical ventilation and other sup- portive care	Limited physical space with specific func- tionalities such as electricity, medical gas, and suction Not designed for infectious diseases spread- ing via respiratory droplets or contact	Post-anesthesia care unit and ED as primary backup space General wards with adequately ventilated rooms as secondary backup space after remodeling Infection prevention and control measures designed by infection control professionals
Supplies	Bedside monitors, ventilators, CRRT machine, ECMO, portable X-ray equipment PPE, such as N95 mask, googles, face shields, long-sleeved gowns, and gloves	Information about epidemic less predictable during the initial phase Information about patient characteristics unavailable during the initial phase	<ul> <li>Provision of update and predicted estimates of the epidemic by public health authorities</li> <li>List of PPE and medical devices/equipment for stockpiling</li> <li>Prediction of supply based on patient volume, staffing, and real-time consumption of PPE</li> </ul>
Staff	Staffing of the medical rescue team, includ- ing intensivists, intensive care nurses, and respiratory therapists	Lack of knowledge about infection control and prevention Heavy workload and associated risk of contamination Burnout	Training provided by infection control profes- sionals Duration of every shift no longer than 6–8 h Preparation of reserve medical rescue team for substitution Psychological consultation for healthcare workers

CRRT continuous renal replacement therapy, ECMO extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, ICU intensive care unit, PPE personal protection equipment, SARI severe acute respiratory infection

## **ORGANISATION - ICU**



Fonte dati: https://www.epicentro.iss.it/influenza/ - http://www.protezionecivile.gov.it/

## **ORGANISATION – NOSOCOMIAL PREVENTION**

✓ In one study, **41%** of patients were presumed to be related to transmission within the hospital

 $\checkmark 12\%$  hospitalized for other reasons

✓ 29% healthcare workers

Wu, JAMA 2020

## ✓ Health-care personnel infected

- **√3.8%** (1716 out of 44672)
- $\checkmark$ 14.8% cases classified as severe or critical

 $\checkmark$  5 Deaths

Zunhyou, JAMA 2020

### ✓2339 (8.4% of all cases) in Italy

Grasselli, JAMA 2020

Reader survev

#### 'No one is allowed out': your stories from the coronavirus outbreak

The outbreak of a new coronavirus is wreaking havoc worldwide. In China, the epicentre of the epidemic, the virus has infected tens of thousands of people and killed some 2,600. Unprecedented measures meant to contain the spread have brought millions of lives to a halt, and the effects have touched economies and global supply chains. The restrictions have also brought challenges to scientists. Some have suspended their usual research to study the coronavirus. Others have had their work or personal lives disrupted by laboratory closures and travel restrictions. In a Nature reader poll, more than 600 of you told us that the coronavirus had affected your lives. These are some of your stories.

'People are dying' Charles C. Y. Xu, McGill University, Montreal, Canada







