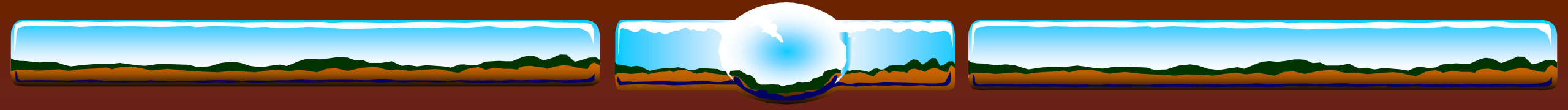





# COVID-19 Clinical Update

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# Disclosures



# Virology

## SARS-CoV-2 Variants

### ❖ New New York Variant: B.1.526.

- ❖ Contains resistance **mutation E484K** which attenuates neutralization by antibodies
- ❖ Appeared in late November 2020 in New York
- ❖ Accounted for 25% of cases in New York in February 2021
- ❖ 12.3% rise in incidence noted in diverse neighborhoods in NYC 2/2021
- ❖ Affected mostly **older patients** who had **higher hospitalization rates**

- <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.02.14.431043v2>
- <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.02.23.21252259v1>



# Diagnosis

## Racial Bias in Pulse Oximetry

- ❖ Sjoding et al, NEJM:
  - ❖ Adult inpatients from U Michigan Hospital and 178 hospitals from 2014 - 2015, N = 10789
  - ❖ **Looked for occult hypoxemia:** ABG O<sub>2</sub> Saturation < 88% despite pulse ox 92-96%
  - ❖ Adjusted analysis:
    - ❖ ABG Sat was < 88% in 11.4% of Black patients c/w 3.6% of White patients
  - ❖ **Conclusion:** Black patients had nearly 3 x the frequency of occult hypoxemia c/white patients



# Clinical Presentation

## Recurrent COVID-19

- ❖ Cavanaugh et al, MMWR , 2/26/2021
- ❖ **Kentucky SNF in July 2020** had an outbreak of COVID-19
  - ❖ 20 of 115 residents and 5 of 143 staff caught COVID-19
- ❖ **Second outbreak October 30, 2020**
  - ❖ 85 of 114 residents (76%) and 43 of 146 staff tested positive
  - ❖ Five of the residents had recurrent COVID-19 (4 women)
    - ❖ All had 3 underlying health conditions; none were immunosuppressed
    - ❖ All were symptomatic with the second outbreak



# Clinical Presentation

## Prolonged Acute Sequelae of COVID-19

- ❖ Louge et al, JAMA network open, 2/19/2021
- ❖ Longitudinal prospective cohort study at U of Washington
- ❖ 177 of 234 eligible participants completed a follow-up questionnaire 3-9 months after acute COVID-19
  - ❖ 6.2% had been asymptomatic, 84.7% outpatients, 9% hospitalized
  - ❖ 32.7% of outpatients and 43.3% of inpatients had symptoms:
    - ❖ Fatigue (13.6%) and loss of smell (13.6%) most common
    - ❖ 2.3% had brain fog and 7.9% had trouble with ADLS (household chores)



## Treatment

### NIH COVID-19 Rx Guideline: Bamlanivimab/Etesevimab

- ❖ Bamlanivimab 700 mg plus Etesevimab 1400 mg for outpatients with mild to moderate COVID-19 (BIIa)
- ❖ Not for inpatients unless hospitalized for non-COVID illness
- ❖ Give to highest risk:
  - ❖ Age > 18: Age  $\geq$  65, BMI  $\geq$  35, CKD, DM, Immuno-compromised/suppressed, and Age  $\geq$  55 CVD, HTN or COPD
  - ❖ Age 12-17: BMI  $\geq$  85<sup>th</sup> percentile, SCD, CHD, CP, device dependent, asthma
- ❖ Don't withhold in pregnancy



## Treatment

### Tocilizumab added to IDSA guidelines

- ❖ **Recommendation 7: Among hospitalized adults with progressive severe\* or critical\*\* COVID-19 who have elevated markers [CRP  $\geq$  75] of systemic inflammation, the IDSA guideline panel suggests tocilizumab in addition to standard of care (i.e., steroids) rather than standard of care alone. (Conditional recommendation, Low certainty of evidence)**

<https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guideline/covid-19-guideline-treatment-and-management/>





# Treatment

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- ❖ **REMAP-CAP trial** (<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2100433?query=pfw&jwd=000000870363&jspc=ID>):
  - ❖ Gave tocilizumab to 352 pts, sarilumab to 48 pts, and placebo to 402 pts
  - ❖ OR > 1 represented improved survival, more organ support free days or both
  - ❖ Median adjusted cumulative OR was 1.64 for Toci and 1.76 for Sari
  - ❖ Hazard ratio for survival for both was 1.61
- ❖ **COVACTA trial** (<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2030340>)
  - ❖ 438 severe covid received Toci and 144 received placebo
  - ❖ No improvement in mortality or clinical status noted at 28 days



# Prevention

## Pfizer-BioN Tech Vaccine

- ❖ Israeli roll out of Pfizer BNT162b2 vaccine by Dagan et al
  - ❖ Gave 596,618 vaccine and compared with controls at 1:1 ratio
  - ❖ Looked at effectiveness (1-RR) at day 14-20 after dose 1 and after day 7 after dose 2

Dose	Documented Infection	Symptomatic COVID	Hospitalization	Severe COVID-19	Death
First	46%	57%	74%	62%	72%
Second	92%	94%	97%	92%	Not available



# Prevention

## Johnson and Johnson Vaccine

### ❖ Single dose vaccine: Ad26.COV2.S

- ❖ Replication-incompetent adenovirus-vectored vaccine coding spike protein
- ❖ Tested in 40,000 participant trial
- ❖ Protection against moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 was 67% at day 14
- ❖ Protection against severe/critical COVID 19 at day 28 was 85%
- ❖ No COVID-19 hospitalizations after day 28, no deaths in any recipient
- ❖ Side effects: Site pain, HA, fatigue, myalgia
  - ❖ <https://www.fda.gov/media/146304/download>



# More COVID-19 Training

- ❖ **CDC:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html>
- ❖ **ACP Physician Handbook:** <https://www.acponline.org/clinical-information/clinical-resources-products/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-for-internists>
- ❖ **UW Protocols:** <https://covid-19.uwmedicine.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- **UW IDEA Program:** <https://covid.idea.medicine.uw.edu/>
- **NIH Guidelines:** <https://covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/>
- ❖ **Brigham and Women's Hospital:** [covidprotocols.org](https://covidprotocols.org)

