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Question:

GENERAL SOURCES ON COVID-19

Death certificates often wrong and will get worse with COVID-19:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2020/04/25/coronavirus-death-toll-hard-track-1-3-death-certificates-wrong/3020778001/?fbclid=IwAR27rsOzi4mRBfxIN9k0EcxXiJvkxv4rVXxaeOMjkGcvm6Yuz1oIK0WryB8>

Early, expert advice on social distancing was ignored for a month: <https://flipboard.com/@flipboard/-fauci-confirms-new-york-times-report-tr/f-5a734cc5ff%2Ftheguardian.com>

Updated information by state on COVID pandemic in the U.S.: <https://covidtracking.com/data>

Failures to report COVID deaths in nursing homes: https://enewspaper.sandiegouniontribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=bd01cda1-4b77-4295-9b7a-5fa02cbd36b1

Origin of Covid-19: <https://www.newsweek.com/controversial-wuhan-lab-experiments-that-may-have-started-coronavirus-pandemic-1500503>

If you really, really dig genetics (Nature): <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-020-0820-9>

Aggressive medical billing has not stopped during the COVID-19 pandemic (ProPublica): <https://www.propublica.org/article/one-thing-the-pandemic-hasnt-stopped-aggressive-medical-debt-collection>

DRUGS TO TREAT COVID-19

Human COVID-19 experimentation without oversight in nursing home. No informed consent:

https://www.galvnews.com/news/free/article_b59bab46-543a-5116-8e37-2f330a8fc008.html

Promising drug, but not a magic bullet:

<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/news-events/nih-clinical-trial-shows-remdesivir-accelerates-recovery-advanced-covid-19>

Pharmacologic treatments for Coronavirus (a Review in JAMA):

https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2764727?guestAccessKey=62b3b018-83f5-40f7-8bde-fb4d5d90bba7&utm_source=silverchair&utm_campaign=jama_network&utm_content=weekly_highlights&utm_medium=email

Veterans Administration of hydroxychloroquine with or without Az to treat COVID patients:

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.16.20065920v1.full.pdf>

Expert panel recommends against hydroxychloroquine:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/21/840341224/nih-panel-recommends-against-drug-combination-trump-has-promoted-for-covid-19>

Weight of evidence on value of hydroxychloroquine for COVID: <https://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/covid-19/lessons-hydroxychloroquine-debacle-solid-covid-19-research-matters>

Remdesivir MAY hold promise, but be cautious using any drug company data:

<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/2020/04/slow-down-your-giddyup-on-gilead-news/>

SPREAD OF THE VIRUS

Background on why our 'lean' healthcare system was unprepared for a pandemic (Kevin Kavanagh, MD):

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/86061>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services plans to force nursing homes into rapid reporting of COVID-19 infection:

<https://www.mcknights.com/news/providers-to-report-covid-infections-in-12-hours-or-face-1k-fines-cms-says/>

App to discern who you may have given COVID-19 to and manage outbreaks:

<https://covidsafe.cs.washington.edu/#about>

COVID-19 and high blood pressure drugs:

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-health-conoravirus-blood-pressure-ins-idUKKCN2251GQ>

JAMA article on outcomes of 5700 cases in New York (risk factors: hypertension, obesity, diabetes):

https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2765184?guestAccessKey=6ad3f237-3962-483e-9a30-81ef5ad2c40f&utm_source=silverchair&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=article_alert-jama&utm_content=olf&utm_term=042220

International Consumer Electronic show in Las Vegas may have enabled massive coronavirus spread:

<https://www.apmreports.org/story/2020/04/23/covid-infected-attendee-ces-tech-conference>

HEALTHCARE WORKERS ON FRONT LINES

An ER doctor describes what it's like to be on the front lines of the COVID pandemic in the U.S.:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/doctors-already-manage-alone/610249/>

60 Minutes on COVID problems for healthcare workers:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-doctors-nurses-short-supply-60-minutes-2020-04-12/>

Do not forget those under extreme stress during this pandemic (nurses):

<https://www.jacksonville.com/news/20200425/coronavirus-under-debilitating-stress-jacksonville-area-hospital-staffs-hope-to-avoid-burnout>

COVID-19 making major impact on primary care doctors:

<https://www.vox.com/2020/4/27/21231528/coronavirus-covid-19-primary-care-doctors-crisis>

POLITICS OF THE VIRUS

Scathing account of a failing America disclosed by the virus (The Atlantic):

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2020/06/underlying-conditions/610261/>

Chloroquine push by administration officials (Vanity Fair):

<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2020/04/internal-documents-reveal-team-trumps-chloroquine-master-plan>

A leader in the COVID fight with little relevant experience:

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-hhschief-speci/special-report-former-labradoodle-breeder-tapped-to-lead-u-s-pandemic-task-force-idUSKCN2243CE>

Who do you blame? (Mark Thiessen):

<https://www.aei.org/op-eds/china-cant-be-scapegoated-if-its-actually-guilty/>

NPR (April 13) on broken promises:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/13/832797592/a-month-after-emergency-declaration-trumps-promises-largely-unfulfilled>

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