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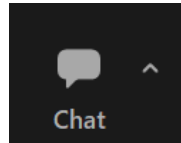
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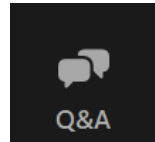
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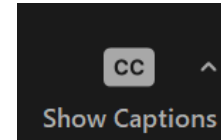
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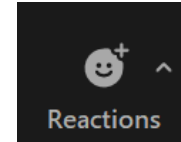
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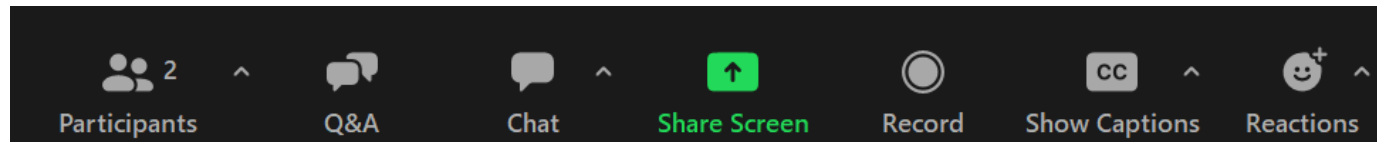
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About the Power of Providers Initiative

- Support and equip health care providers to serve as trusted sources of COVID-19 vaccine information for their patients and their communities
- Respond to member requests for resources
- Work together to increase vaccine rates across the state



Provider Commitment: **SAVE**



SEEK: Seek your patients' COVID-19 vaccine status

ASK/EDUCATE: If your patient isn't vaccinated, ask them about the vaccine and offer education if they are unsure

VACCINATE: Provide patient with a COVID-19 vaccine or a referral to a location that provides them

EMPOWER: Empower patients to share their vaccine status with their community

Who can join POP?

Current Membership

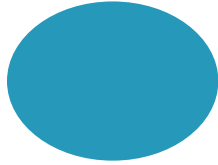
- 4,500+ individuals
- 400 health care organizations
- 90 different health care roles
- Over 20 partnering health care associations

Any health care provider who engages with the people they serve about COVID-19 vaccinations is eligible—the ability to educate and refer is as important as administering the vaccine!



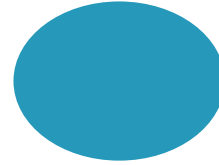
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Current Resources



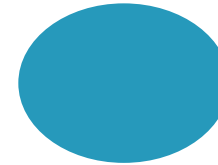
POP Shop

- Webpage to order free patient handouts, posters, discussion guides, other materials



Biweekly e-newsletter

- New resources, timely and relevant updates for members
- Featuring POP member stories in Provider Spotlights

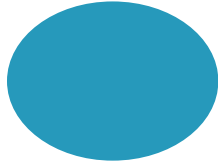


POP en Español

- Updates, links, fact sheets, other resources for providers serving Spanish-speaking populations

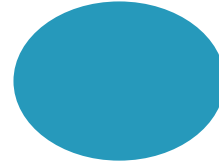
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Current Opportunities



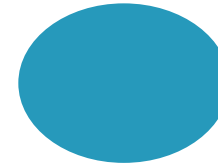
Provider Advisory Group

- Multi-disciplinary group of POP members who inform and help guide our work



Peer-to-Peer webinars

- Learn about topics related to COVID vaccine from speakers who work in health care
- To learn about upcoming topics, register, and view recordings, visit doh.wa.gov/pop



Member engagement

- POP staff are available and engaged in conversations with providers across the state to learn about your experiences, challenges, and feedback for DOH

Peer-to-Peer Webinars

- Health care providers share expertise and knowledge with one another
- DOH provides meeting space only, not content

Upcoming webinars include:

- **October 18th**: COVID-19 Disaster Cascade Recovery Updates
- **November 3rd**: Vaccine Fatigue – Addressing the Elephant in the Room



Today's Presenter

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- Chief of Communicable Disease Epidemiology and Immunization for Public Health – Seattle & King County.
- Clinical Assistant Professor in the Division of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and in the Department of Epidemiology. At University of Washington.
- Helped characterize the initial cases of multi-system inflammatory syndrome in children in the United States.
- His peer reviewed publications and research interests focus on community respiratory virus epidemiology, extra-pulmonary manifestations of respiratory viruses and emerging infectious diseases.



**Thank you for joining us and
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The Landscape of Post-COVID-19 Conditions – Where We Are Now in 2023

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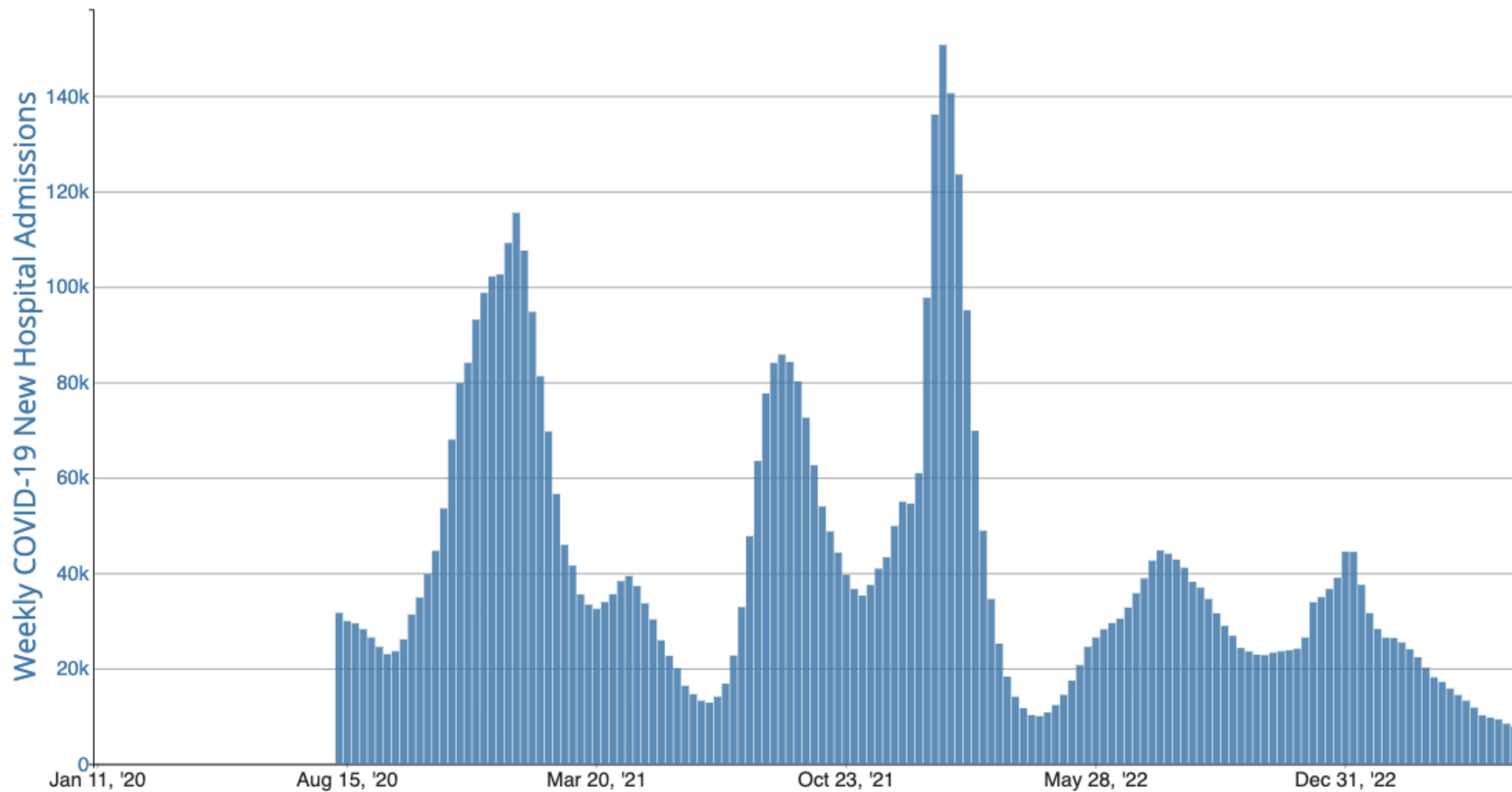
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University of Washington**

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to report.**

Objectives

1. Review updates to case definitions and naming of post-COVID-19 conditions.
2. Describe the known epidemiology and pathophysiology of post-COVID-19 conditions.
3. Recognize clinical features associated with post-COVID-19 conditions.
4. Summarize clinical management considerations in patients with post-COVID-19 conditions.

COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions, by Week, in The United States, Reported to CDC



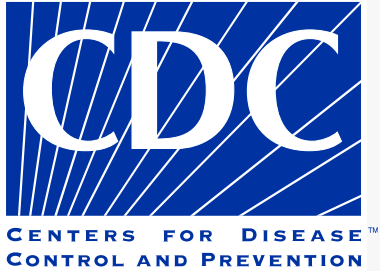


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confirmed cases of COVID-19
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Hospitalizations



Deaths



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“I am one of the lucky ones. I never needed a ventilator...But 27 days later, I still have lingering pneumonia. I use two inhalers, twice a day. I can’t walk more than few blocks without stopping”

~ Mara Gay, New York Times Editorial Board Member

Characterized by over 200 symptoms have been reported.



Fatigue



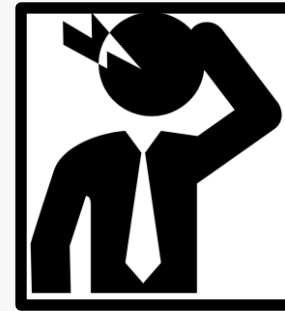
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palpitations**



Anosmia



**Dizziness
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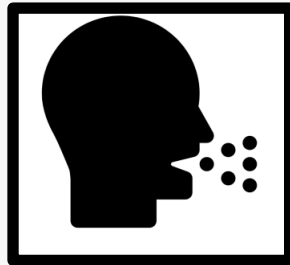
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**Depression or
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**Shortness of
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Cough



**Insomnia or sleep
disturbances**

Also includes: fever, joint pain, change in libido, cognitive difficulties, GI issues, menstrual cycle irregularities



”...Under reasonable assumptions given the data available, long Covid could account for 15% of the nations... unfilled jobs.”



**“Approximately 18% of
workers with Long COVID...
could not return to work for
more than 1 year”**

**– New York State Insurance
Fund**



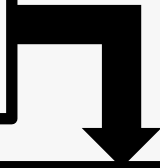
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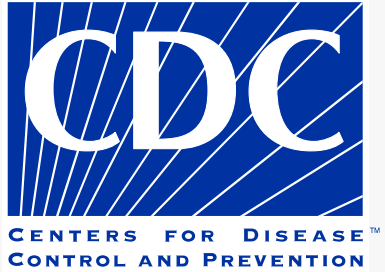
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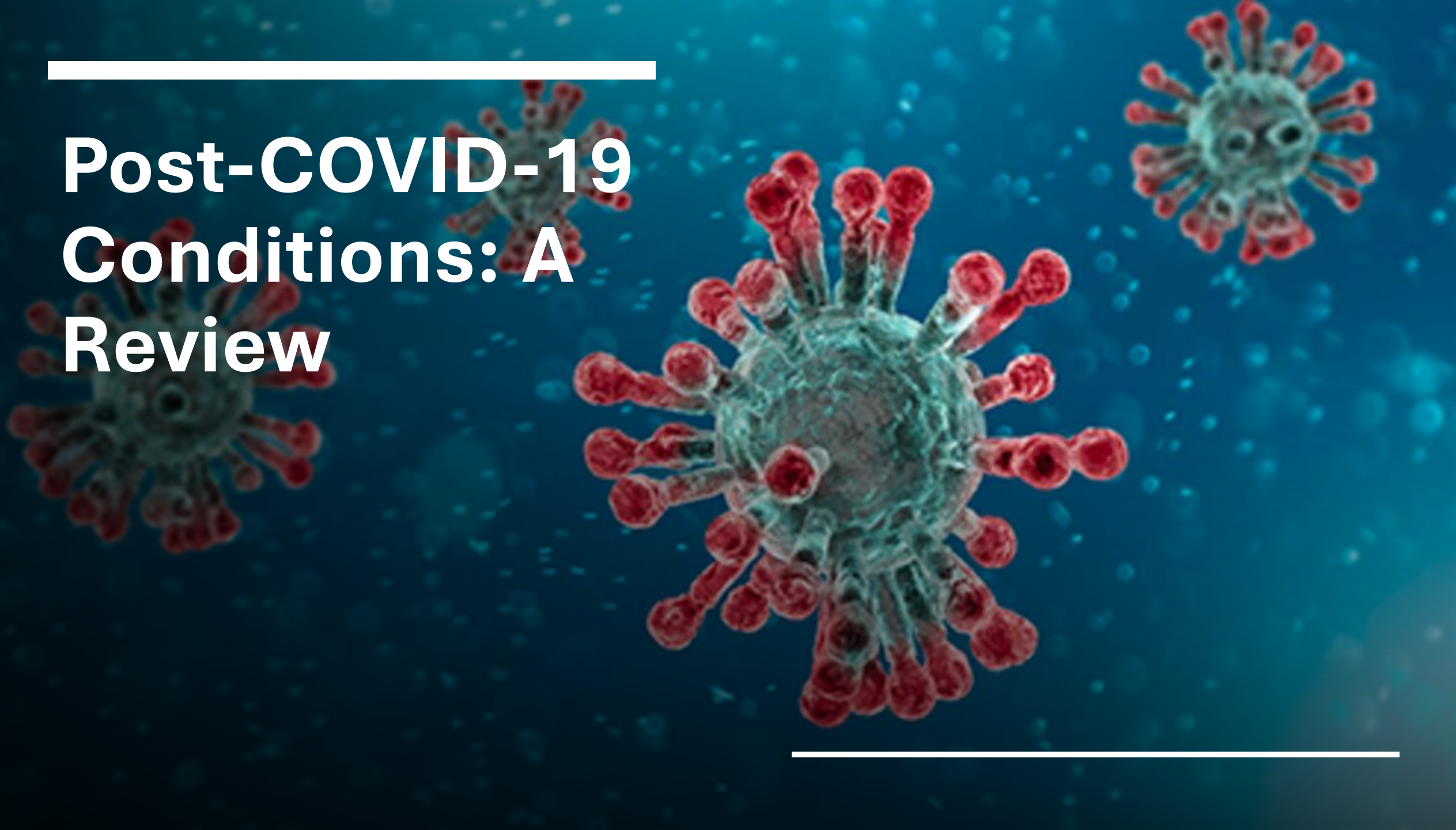
Experience post-COVID-19 conditions

**~20,000,000-
24,000,000**

have had a post-COVID-19 condition

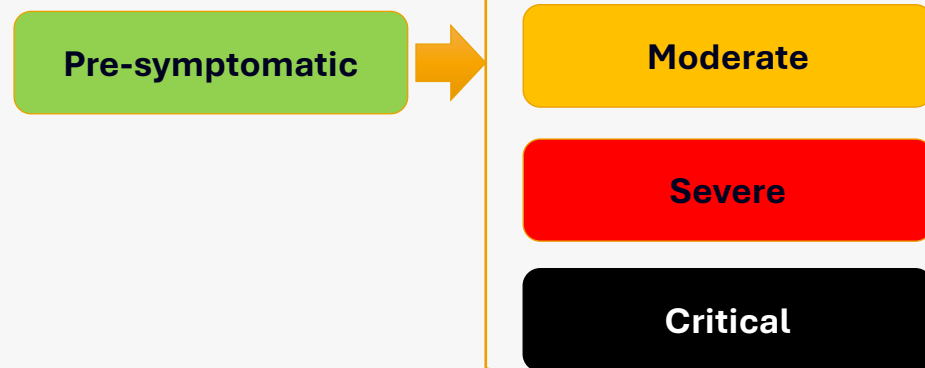
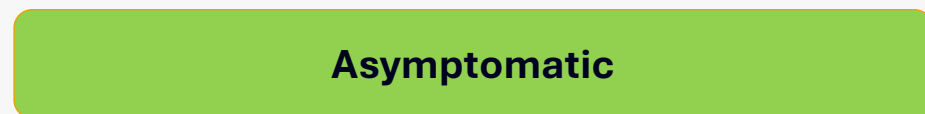


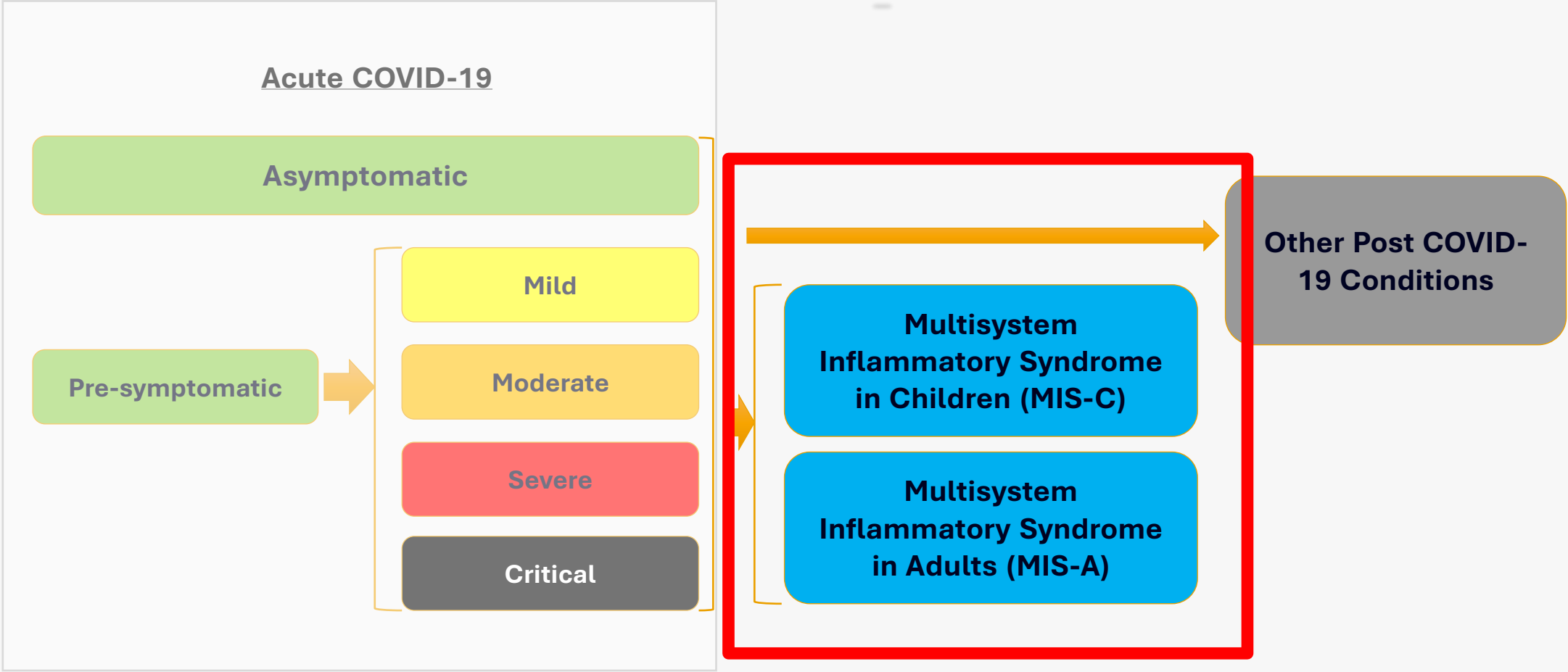
Post-COVID-19 Conditions: A Review

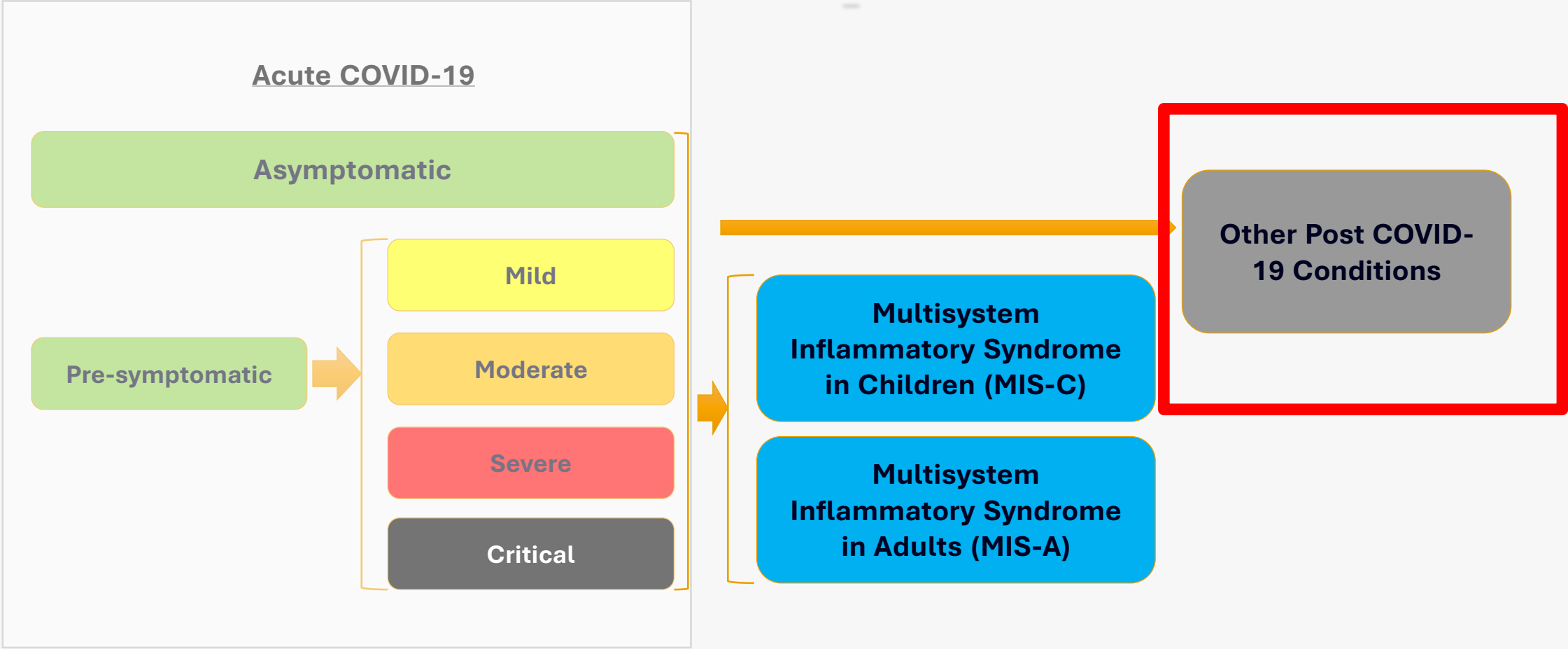


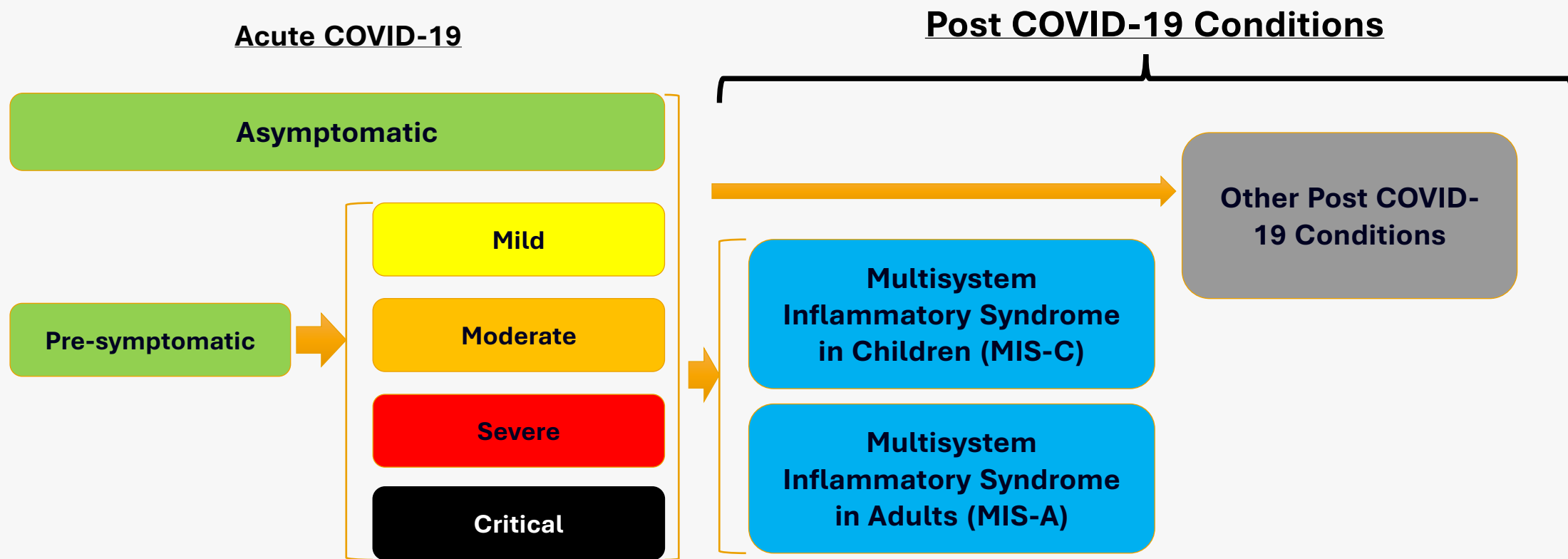


Acute COVID-19









Clinical Features of Post-COVID-19 Conditions



The Many Presentations of Post-COVID-19 Conditions.

Persistent or New Symptoms and Conditions



Fatigue



**Chest pain or
palpitations**



Anosmia



**Dizziness
or balance
issues**



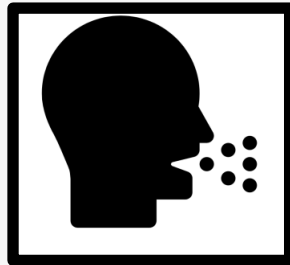
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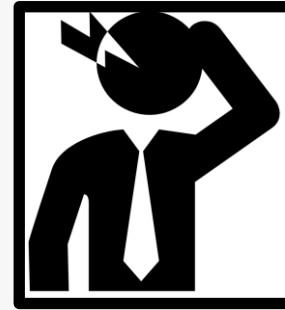
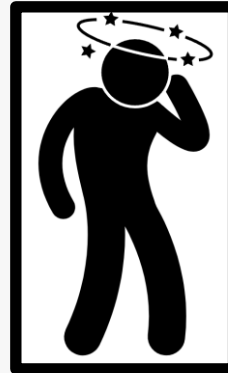
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At the Mayo Multidisciplinary Clinic for Post-COVID-19 Conditions:



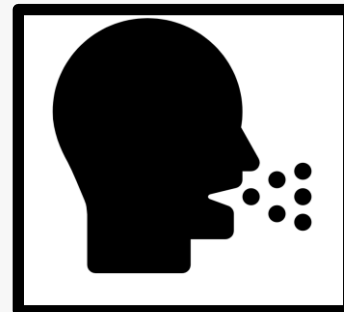
80%
Fatigue



59%
**Neurological
Complaints**



49%
**Shortness
of breath**



15%
Cough

Increased Risk for New Health Conditions

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Post-COVID Conditions Among Adult COVID-19 Survivors Aged 18–64 and ≥65 Years — United States, March 2020–November 2021

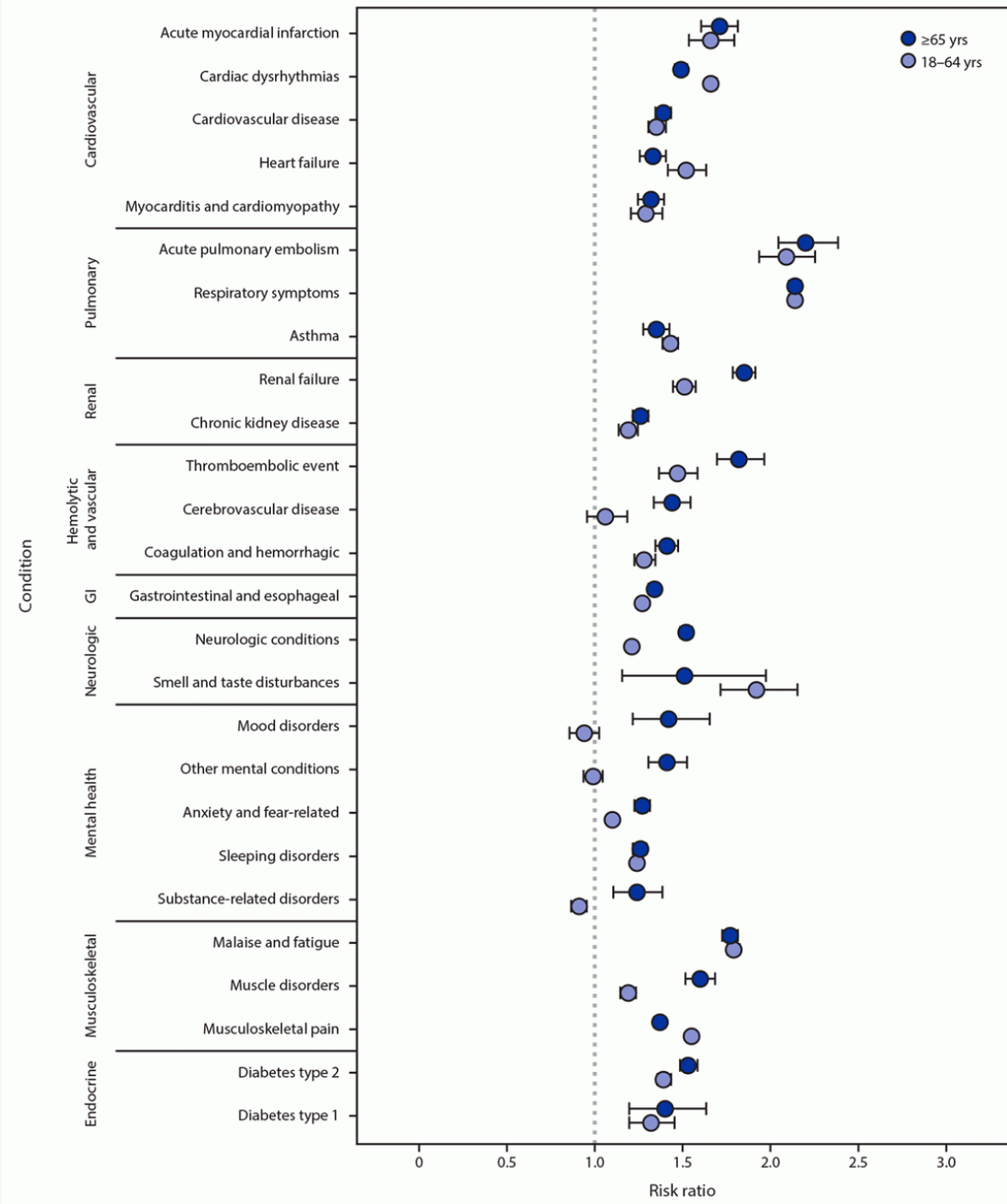
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Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Post-COVID-19 Symptoms and Conditions Among Children and Adolescents — United States, March 1, 2020–January 31, 2022

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Health Conditions in Adults

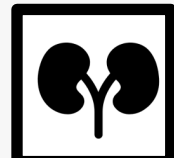




Acute Cardiovascular Events



Acute Pulmonary Events



Kidney Disease



Hematologic Diseases



Gastrointestinal Disorders



Neurologic Disorders



Mental Health Disorders

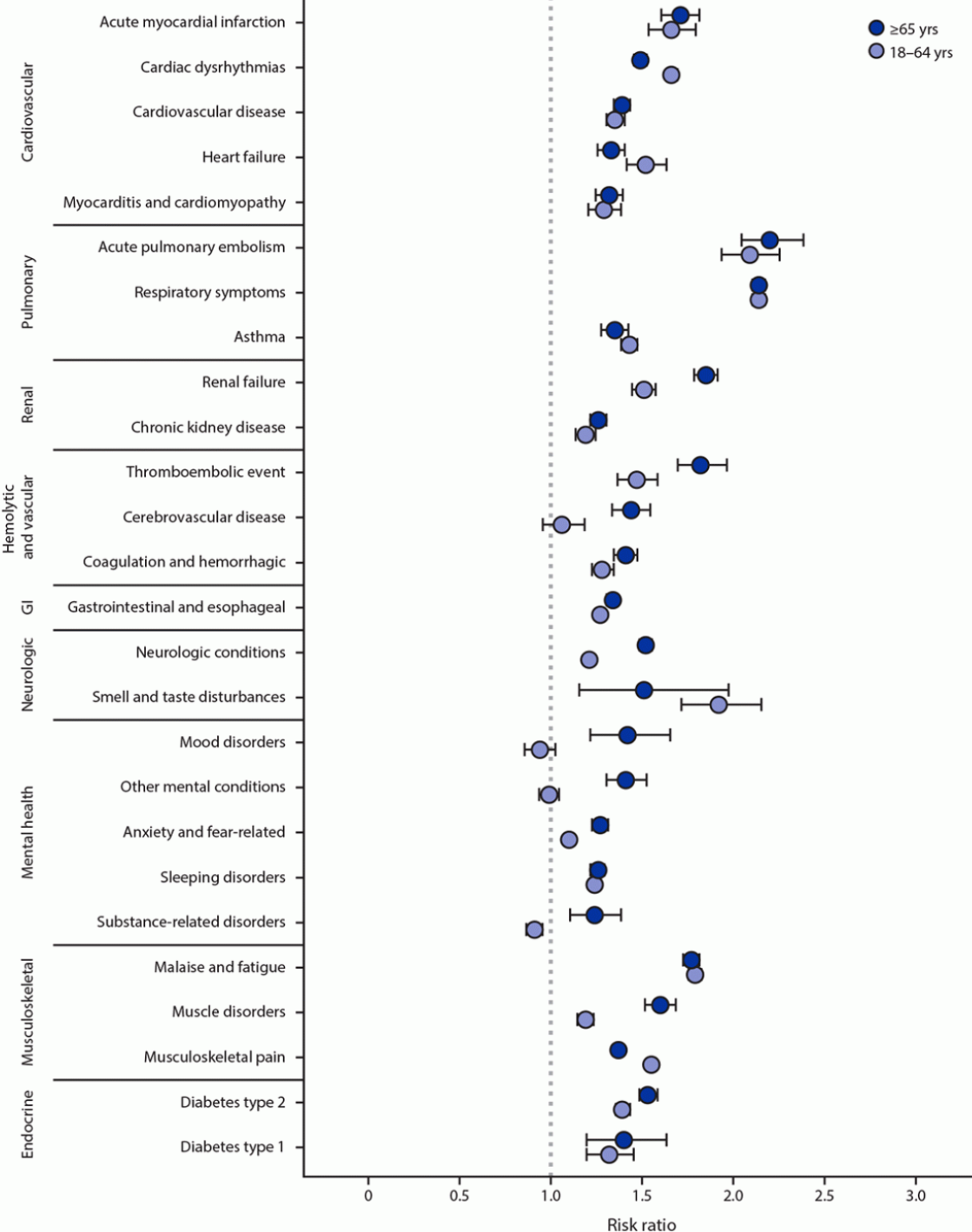


Musculoskeletal/Rheumatic Disorders



Endocrine Disorders

Condition





Myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome

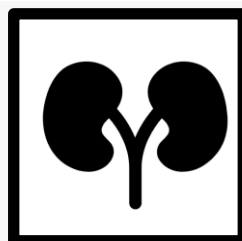
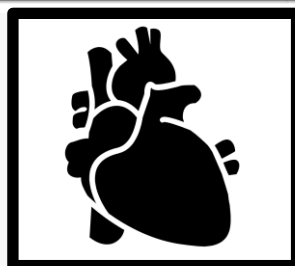
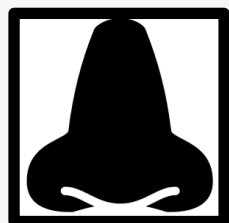
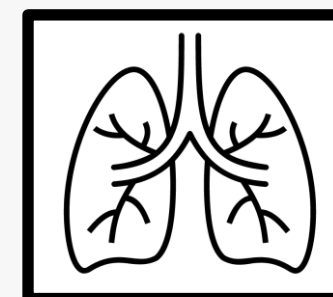
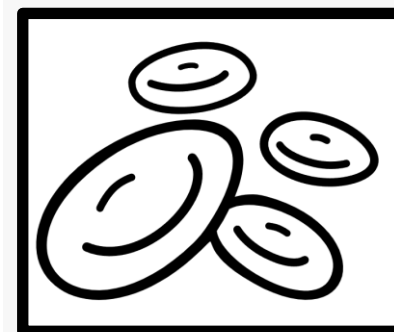


Dysautonomia or postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome

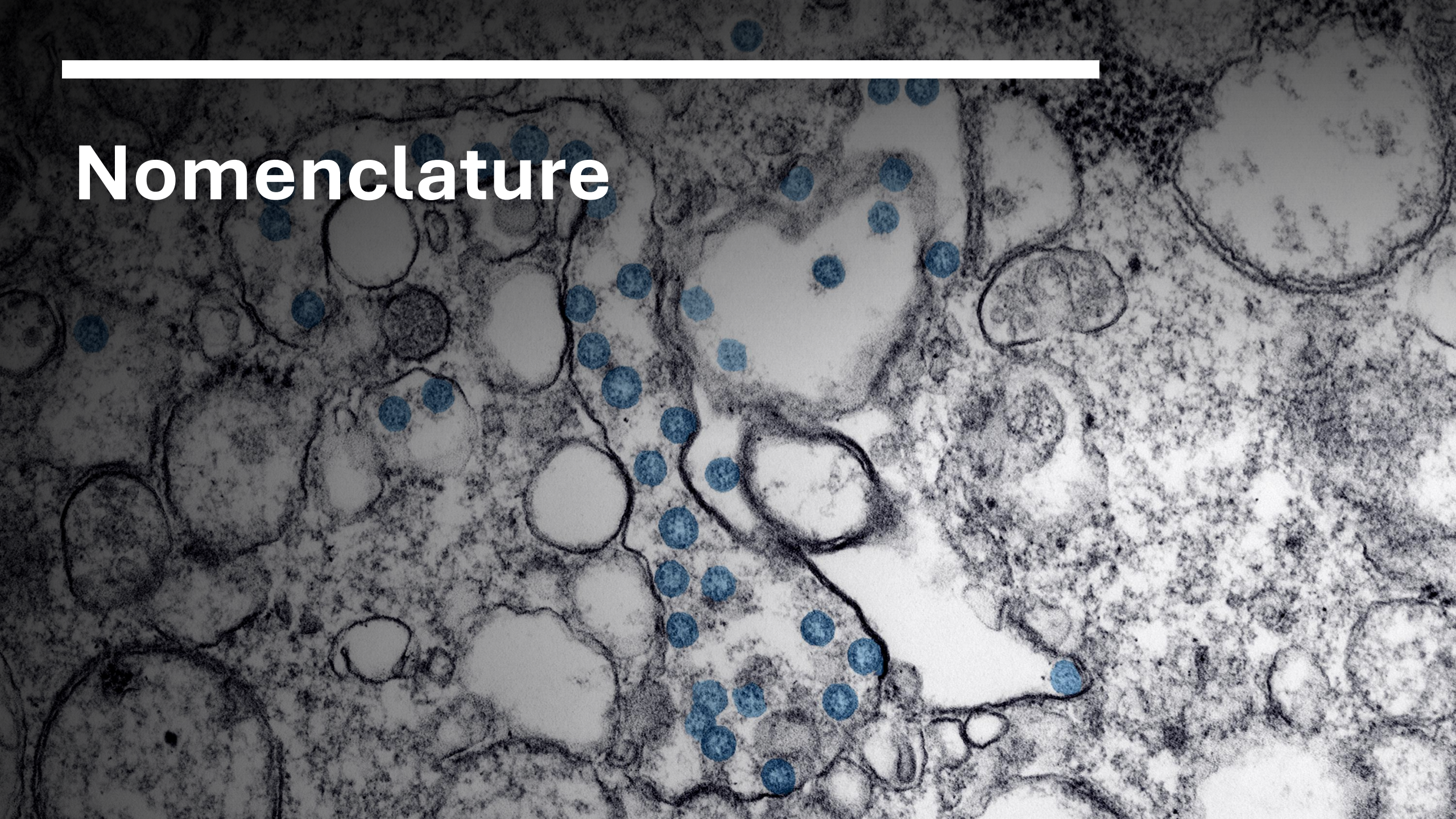
Health Conditions in Children

TABLE 3. Adjusted hazard ratios of selected potential post-COVID-19 symptoms and conditions among children and adolescents aged 2–17 years with and without COVID-19, by age group — HealthVerity medical claims database, United States, March 1, 2020–January 31, 2022

Outcome	Adjusted hazard ratio (95% CI)*		
	Aged 2–4 yrs	Aged 5–11 yrs	Aged 12–17 yrs
Symptom			
Smell and taste disturbances	1.22 (0.70–2.15)	0.94 (0.83–1.07)	1.23 (1.16–1.31) [†]
Circulatory signs and symptoms	1.17 (1.12–1.23) [†]	1.11 (1.08–1.13) [†]	1.04 (1.02–1.06) [†]
Malaise and fatigue	1.13 (1.05–1.22) [†]	1.08 (1.05–1.12) [†]	1.03 (1.01–1.04) [†]
Musculoskeletal pain	1.16 (1.10–1.21) [†]	1.06 (1.04–1.07) [†]	1.00 (0.99–1.01)
Dizziness and syncope	1.08 (0.90–1.29)	1.03 (0.99–1.08)	1.00 (0.98–1.02)
Gastrointestinal and esophageal disorders	1.15 (1.10–1.20) [†]	1.02 (1.00–1.04) [†]	0.97 (0.95–0.99) [†]
Sleeping disorders	0.99 (0.93–1.06)	0.89 (0.86–0.92) [†]	0.91 (0.89–0.94) [†]
Respiratory signs and symptoms	1.07 (1.04–1.10) [†]	0.93 (0.92–0.94) [†]	0.88 (0.87–0.89) [†]
Symptoms of mental conditions	1.03 (0.97–1.10)	0.92 (0.90–0.95) [†]	0.89 (0.86–0.91) [†]
Condition			
Acute pulmonary embolism	— [§]	— [§]	2.03 (1.61–2.56) [†]
Myocarditis and cardiomyopathy	2.39 (1.57–3.65) [†]	2.84 (2.39–3.37) [†]	1.66 (1.48–1.88) [†]
Venous thromboembolic event	— [§]	2.69 (1.73–4.19) [†]	1.52 (1.22–1.91) [†]
Acute and unspecified renal failure	1.52 (1.07–2.14) [†]	1.38 (1.16–1.63) [†]	1.27 (1.15–1.40) [†]
Type 1 diabetes	1.01 (0.57–1.78)	1.31 (1.13–1.53) [†]	1.20 (1.09–1.33) [†]
Coagulation and hemorrhagic disorders	1.47 (1.20–1.80) [†]	1.28 (1.15–1.43) [†]	1.10 (1.03–1.19) [†]
Type 2 diabetes	1.24 (0.85–1.81)	1.14 (1.02–1.28) [†]	1.18 (1.11–1.24) [†]
Cardiac dysrhythmias	1.44 (1.22–1.70) [†]	1.23 (1.14–1.32) [†]	1.12 (1.08–1.17) [†]
Cerebrovascular disease	1.66 (0.85–3.23)	1.14 (0.79–1.64)	1.18 (0.93–1.48)
Chronic kidney disease	0.86 (0.54–1.36)	1.04 (0.83–1.31)	1.12 (0.96–1.31)
Asthma	1.12 (1.07–1.18) [†]	1.02 (1.00–1.05) [†]	0.96 (0.94–0.98) [†]
Muscle disorders	0.87 (0.77–0.98) [†]	0.86 (0.82–0.91) [†]	0.96 (0.93–0.99) [†]
Neurological conditions	0.98 (0.93–1.04)	0.96 (0.93–0.98) [†]	0.91 (0.89–0.93) [†]
Anxiety and fear-related disorders	0.91 (0.83–1.00)	0.86 (0.83–0.88) [†]	0.84 (0.82–0.85) [†]
Mood disorders	0.82 (0.62–1.08)	0.73 (0.69–0.77) [†]	0.80 (0.77–0.83) [†]



Nomenclature



A Diagnosis by Many Names

Long COVID

Post-COVID-19
Condition

Post-COVID-
Conditions

Post-acute
sequelae of
SARS-CoV-2
Infection (PASC)

Persistent
Symptoms or
COVID-19
Consequences

Ongoing
symptomatic
COVID-19

Post-COVID-19
syndrome

U09.9 Post-
COVID-Condition,
unspecified



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Syndrome



- Patient driven by lived experience
- More commonly used in lay language
- Includes signs, symptoms, sequelae that persist or occur after acute COVID-19 experienced by individuals
- Progressive or relapse-remitting

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Post-COVID-19
Syndrome



- Used by the medical, scientific, and public health communities
- Equivalent to “Long COVID” including direct and indirect effects of the virus
- Physical and mental health consequences present 4+ weeks after acute infection

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**National Institutes
of Health**

- Term used in NIH funded research studies such as RECOVER Study
- Focusing on the direct effects of the virus
- Persistent, relapsing or new symptoms or health effects after acute SARS-CoV-2 infection (present 4+ weeks after infection); definition evolving over time

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ICD-10



- International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-10 code
- No definition but establishes a link with COVID-19
- Not for acute COVID-19 unless in a setting of reinfection AND condition related to prior infection

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unspecified

Post-COVID-19
Syndrome


NICE

National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

- UK based organization
- Differentiates between “Long COVID” and Post-COVID-19 syndrome (the latter is a subset of the former)
- Distinguishes between symptoms that are persistent after acute COVID-19 and symptoms/conditions that are new

Case Definitions





“Long COVID is broadly defined as signs, symptoms and conditions that continue or develop after initial COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 infection.

The signs, symptoms and conditions are present four weeks or more after the initial phase of infection; may be multisystemic; and may present with a relapsing-remitting pattern and progression or worsening over time with the possibility of severe and life-threatening events even months or years after infection.

Long COVID is not one condition. It represents many potentially overlapping entities, likely with different biological causes and different sets of risk factors and outcomes.”

~ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2022

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Health consequences (physical and mental) that can be present 4 or more weeks after infection with SARS-CoV-2

OR

Instances in which there is a lack of return to a usual state of health following acute COVID-19

A clinical case definition of post-COVID-19 condition by a Delphi consensus

Joan B Soriano, Srinivas Murthy, John C Marshall, Pryanka Relan, Janet V Diaz, on behalf of the WHO Clinical Case Definition Working Group on Post-COVID-19 Condition



**Multi-
specialty
Clinicians**



**COVID-19
Survivors**



Researchers

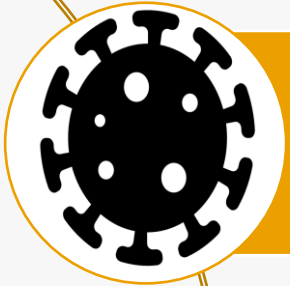


Policymakers



**Representation
From All WHO
Regions and
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Income Levels**

Definition of a post-COVID-19 condition:



History of probable or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection



Symptoms usually present at 3 months from onset of COVID-19 lasting at least 2 months



Cannot be explained by an alternative diagnosis

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Epidemiology of Post-COVID-19 Conditions

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Persistence of somatic symptoms after COVID-19 in the Netherlands: an observational cohort study

Aranka V Ballering, Sander K R van Zon, Tim C Olde Hartman, Judith G M Rosmalen, for the Lifelines Corona Research Initiative*

Post-COVID-19 condition occurs in **1 in 8 adults** with COVID-19 in the general population.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Post-COVID Conditions Among Adult COVID-19 Survivors Aged 18–64 and ≥65 Years — United States, March 2020–November 2021

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Approximately **1 in 5 adults (18-64 years)** and **1 in 4 older adults (≥65 years)** had a health condition that may be related to previous SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Prevalence and risk factors of post-COVID-19 condition in adults and children at 6 and 12 months after hospital discharge: a prospective, cohort study in Moscow (StopCOVID)

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Prevalence of post-COVID-19 conditions estimated to be **1 in 3 adults** and **1 in 10 children** who were hospitalized with COVID-19.

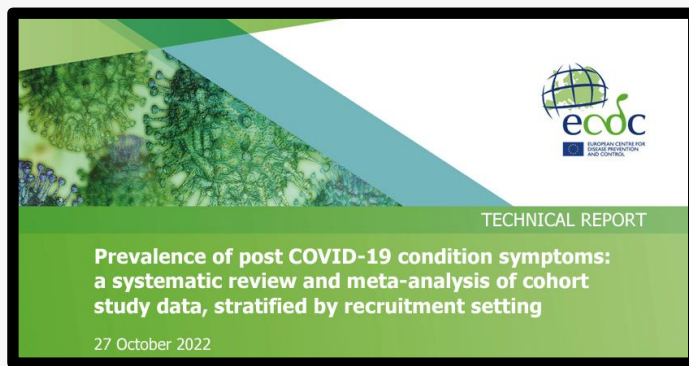


Physical and mental health 3 months after SARS-CoV-2 infection (long COVID) among adolescents in England (CLoCk): a national matched cohort study

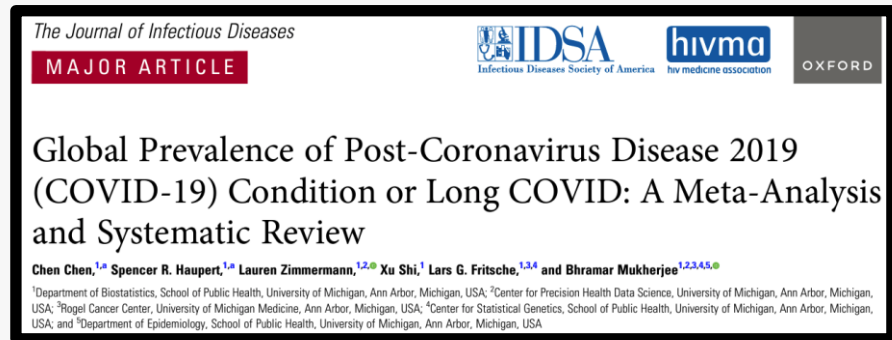


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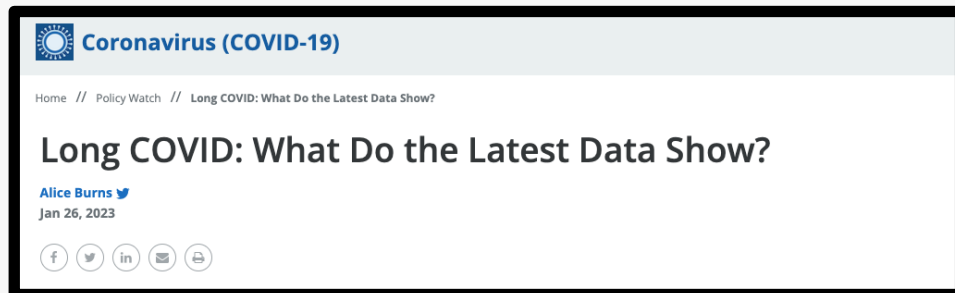
Among non-hospitalized adolescents aged 11-17 years, there were **13.2% more individuals** reporting symptoms and **14% more reporting ≥3 symptoms** at 3 months among those with COVID-19 compared to those without.



Prevalence of any post COVID-19 condition symptom was estimated to be **51% among community setting cohorts.**



Estimated global prevalence of post-COVID-19 conditions estimated to be **43%** among those with prior SARS-CoV-2 infection.



15% of US adults reported ever having long COVID; **28% of adults with previous COVID-19** reported ever having long COVID



Among adult study participants first infected on or after December 1, 2021 and enrolled within 30 days of infection, **10% were PASC positive at 6 months.**

10-30% of non-hospitalized cases

50-70% of hospitalized cases

10-12% of vaccinated cases

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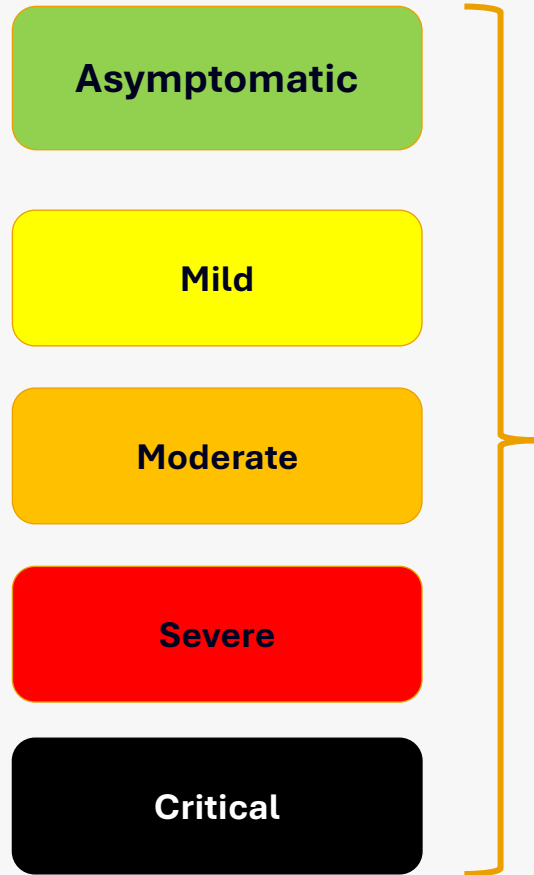
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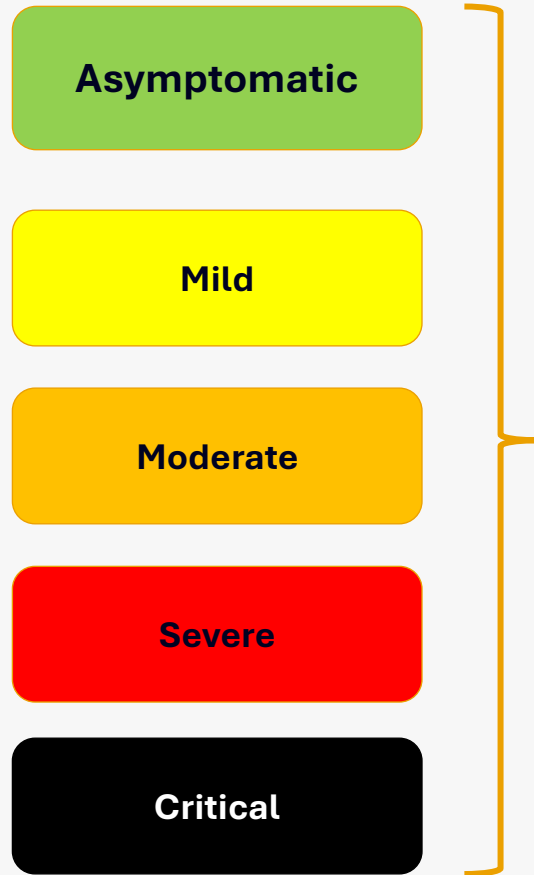
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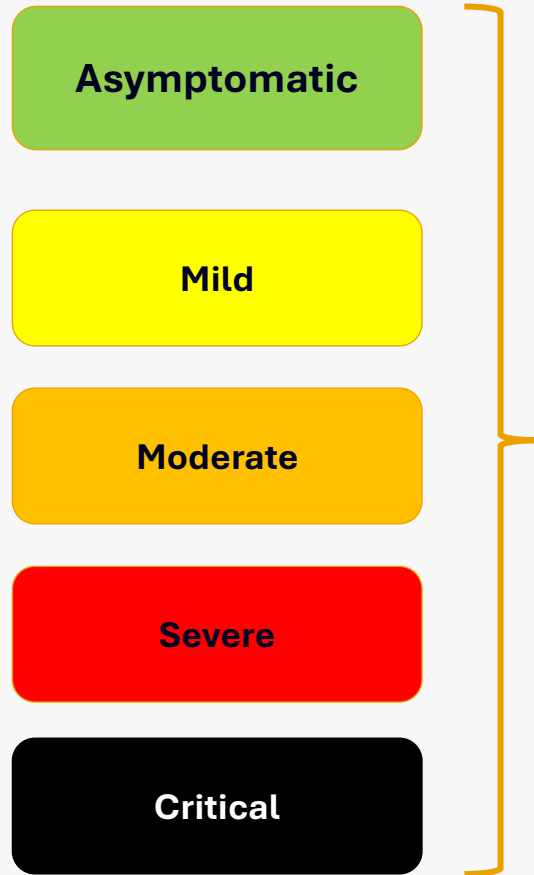
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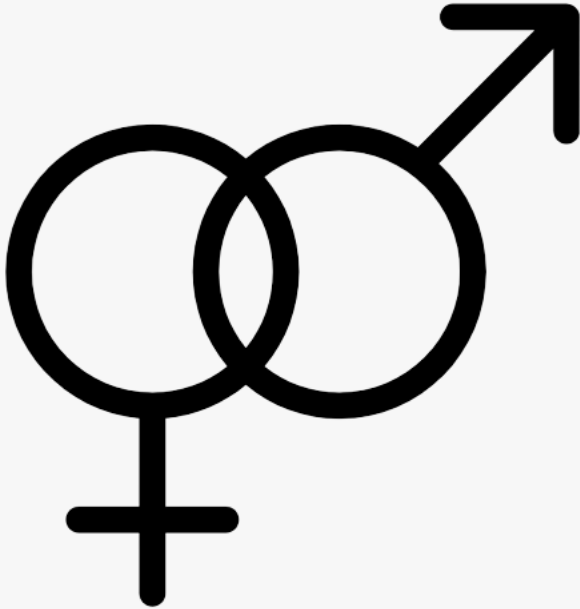
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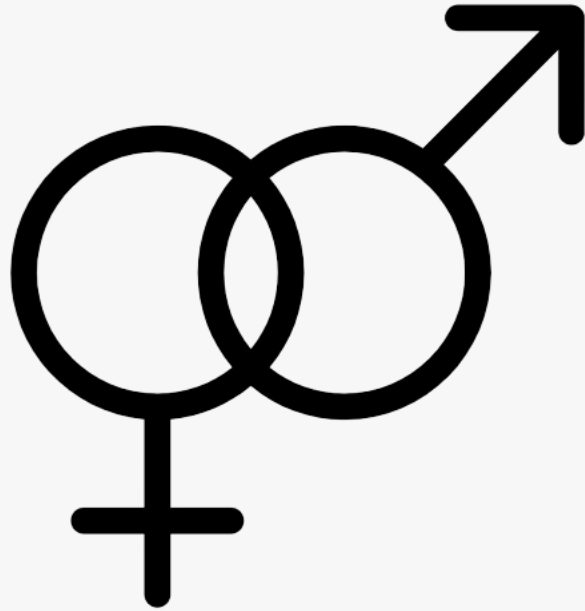
Delta
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Gamma
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Beta
May 2020

Omicron
November 2021





**Prevalence of described cases
appears to be higher in women**

There are likely racial and ethnic disparities.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Trends in Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 Hospitalizations, by Region — United States, March–December 2020

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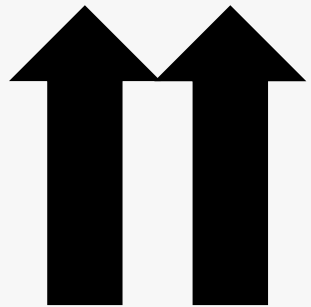
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A Systematic Review

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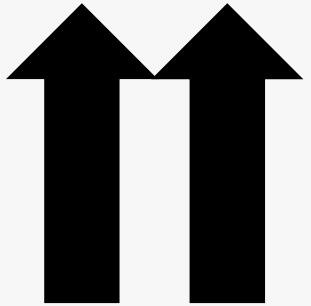
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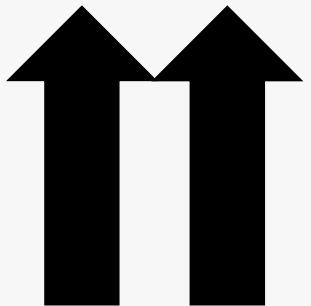


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**Risk of hospitalization due to
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Black and Hispanic populations had different odds of developing specific post-COVID-19 symptoms compared to white individuals.

Race, ethnicity, and utilization of outpatient rehabilitation for treatment of post COVID-19 condition

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Black population had a lower utilization of outpatient rehabilitation services despite similar incidence of post COVID-19 conditions.

**And what about
COVID-19
vaccinations?**



Risk factors and disease profile of post-vaccination SARS-CoV-2 infection in UK users of the COVID Symptom Study app: a prospective, community-based, nested, case-control study



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Long COVID after breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 infection

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JAMA | Original Investigation

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Prevalence of Post-Coronavirus Disease Condition 12 Weeks After Omicron Infection Compared With Negative Controls and Association With Vaccination Status

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Association Between BNT162b2 Vaccination and Long COVID After Infections Not Requiring Hospitalization in Health Care Workers

Survivors of COVID-19 may present with long-lasting symptoms.¹ Some factors have been associated with the development of post-COVID conditions (also referred to as “long COVID”),² including hospitalization.³ A study of older US veterans showed 15% reduction of long COVID after vaccination; however, study limitations included the low number of women and suboptimal vaccination schedules.⁴



Supplemental content

A Summary of the Findings:

1. COVID-19 vaccination is associated with a reduction in risk of post-COVID-19 conditions in a dose response fashion.
2. Proportion of individuals with post-COVID-19 conditions was lower among fully vaccinated than unvaccinated participants before and during Omicron circulation
3. To protect against post-COVID-19 conditions, a layered approach combining COVID-19 vaccination and non-pharmaceutical interventions to prevent SARS-CoV-2 infection in the first place is needed.

**Staying up-to-date with
COVID-19
vaccinations is
recommended.**



Post-COVID-19 Conditions After Reinfection?



Acute and postacute sequelae associated with SARS-CoV-2 reinfection

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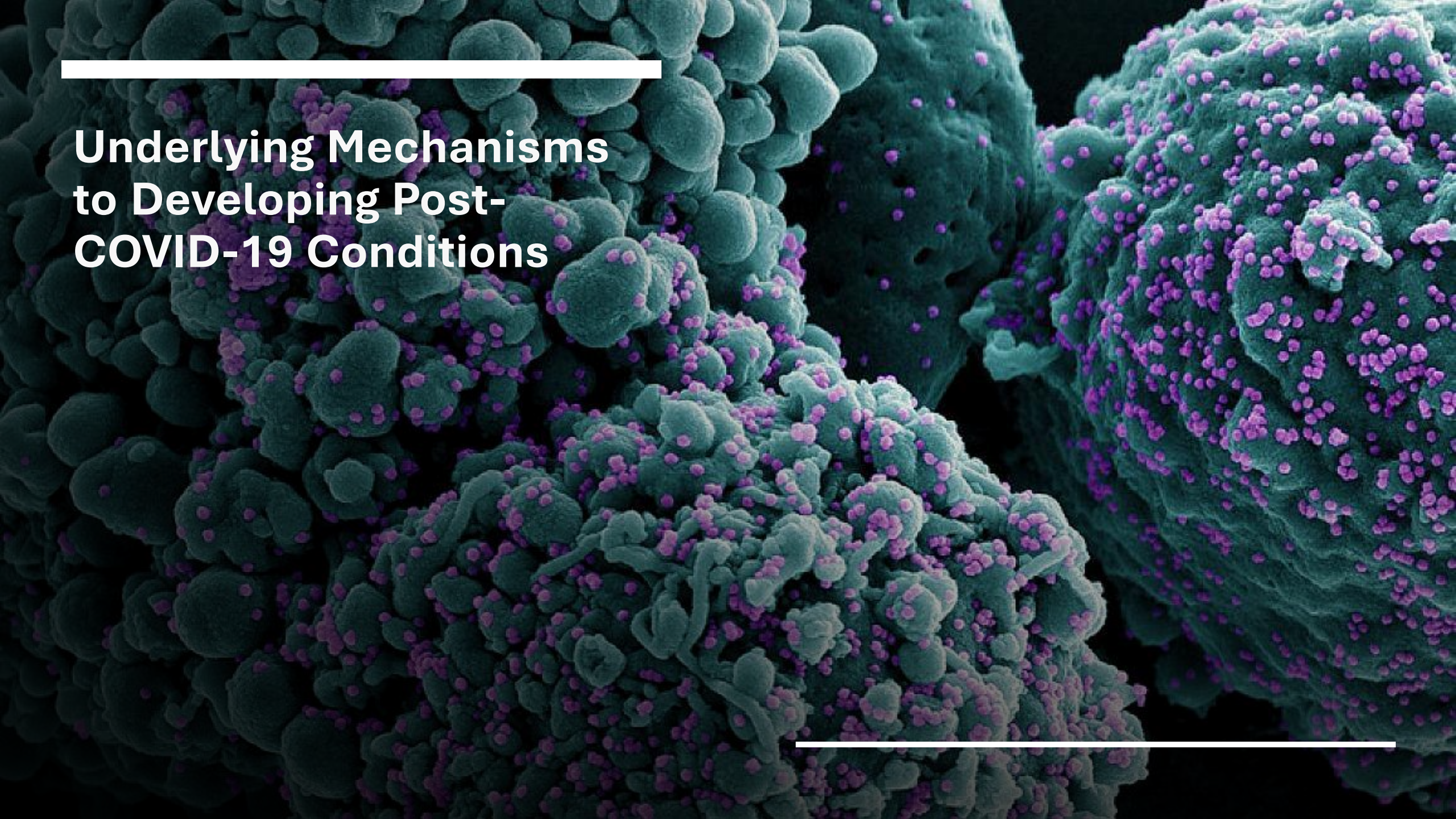
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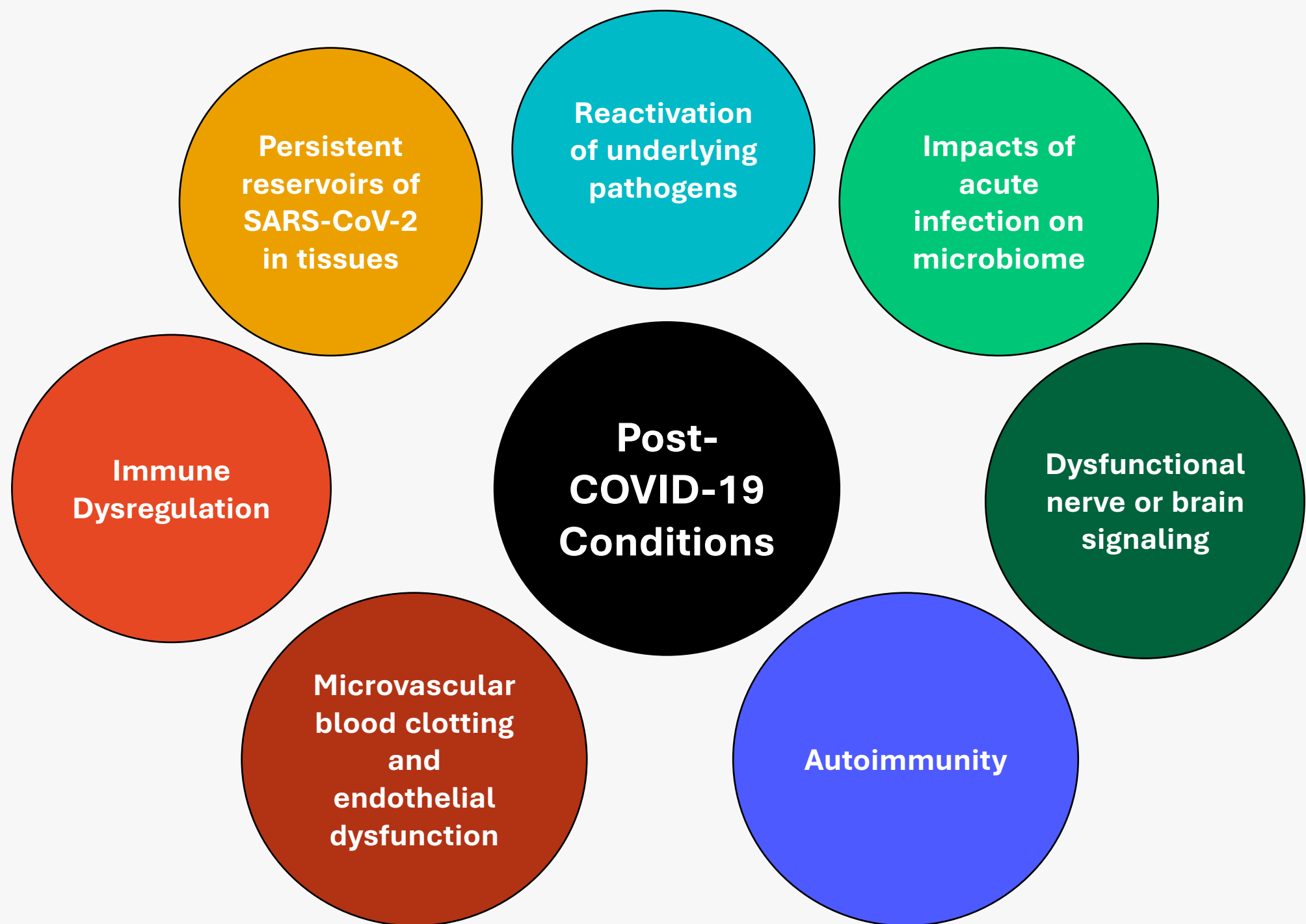
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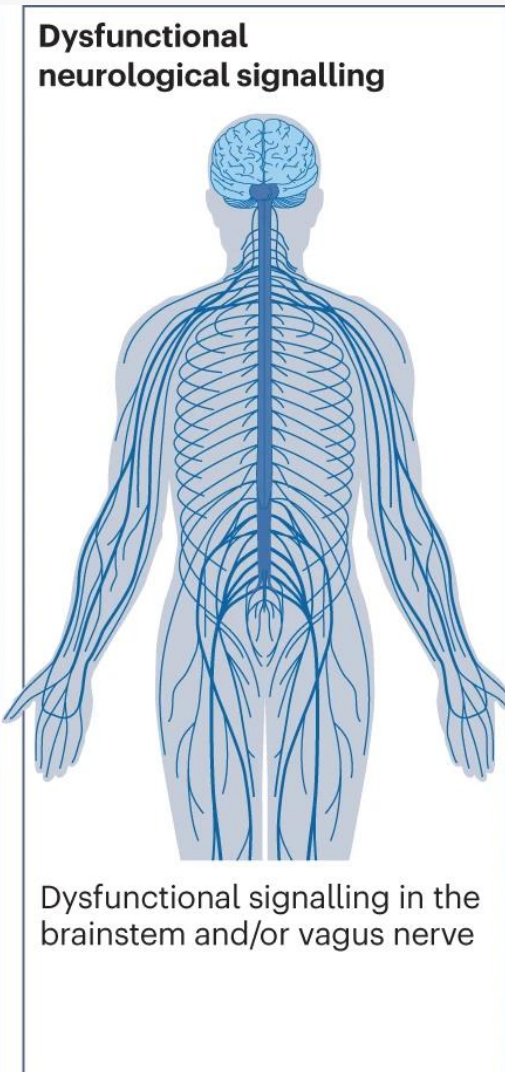
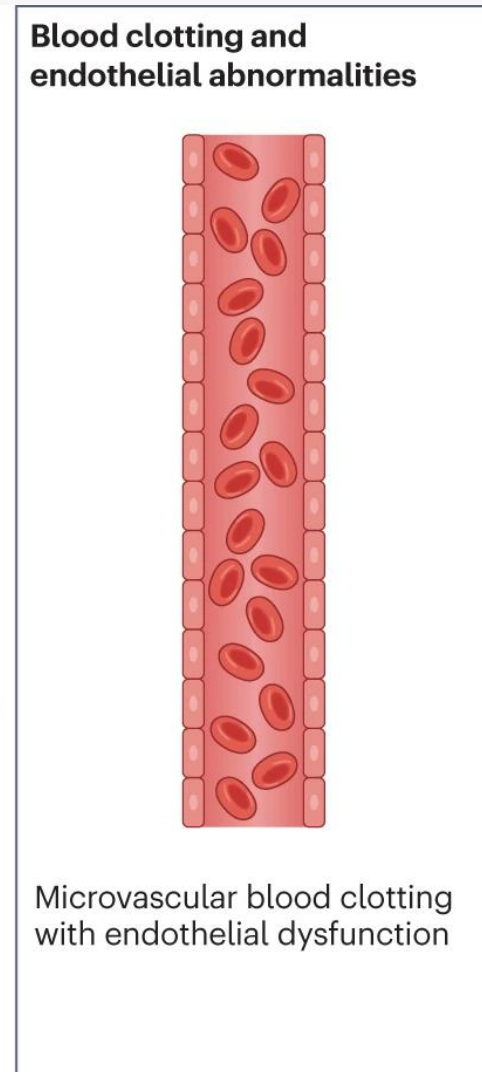
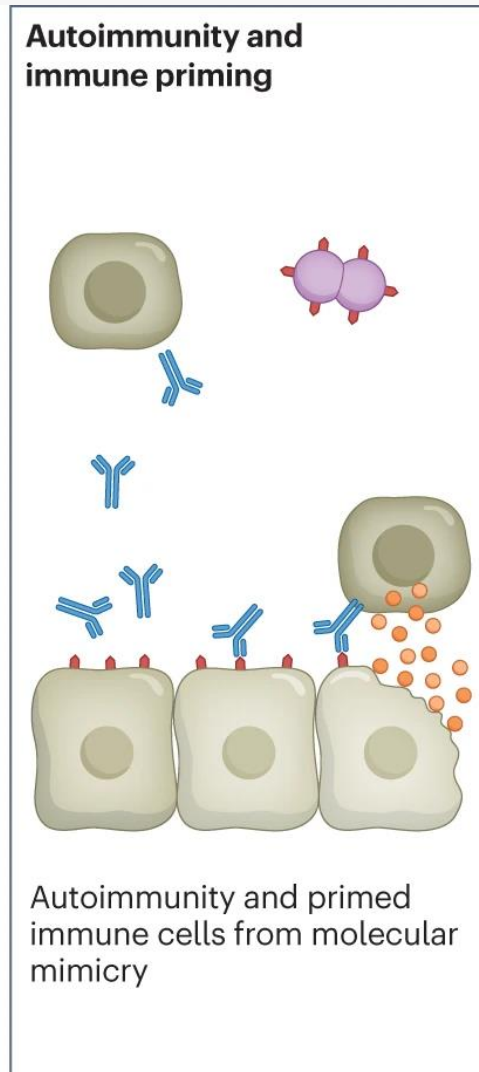
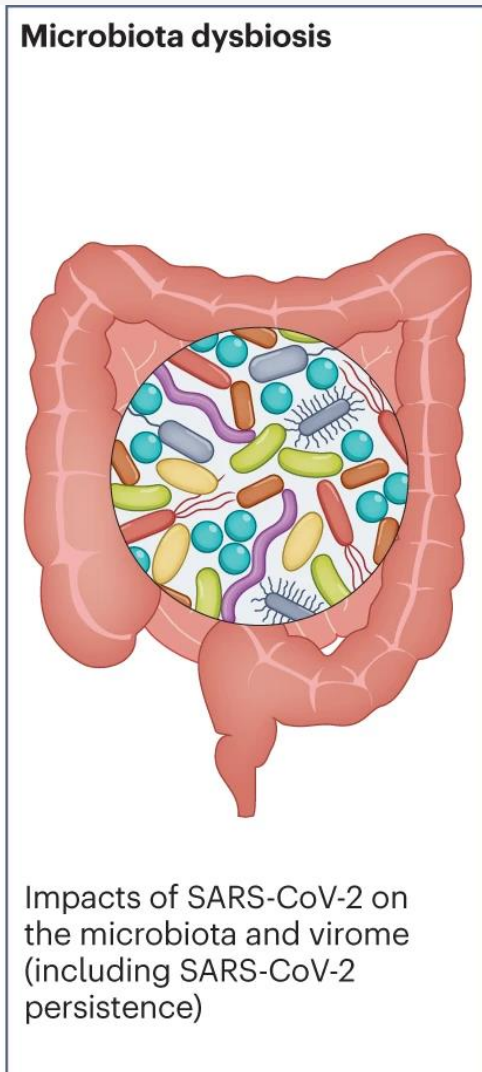
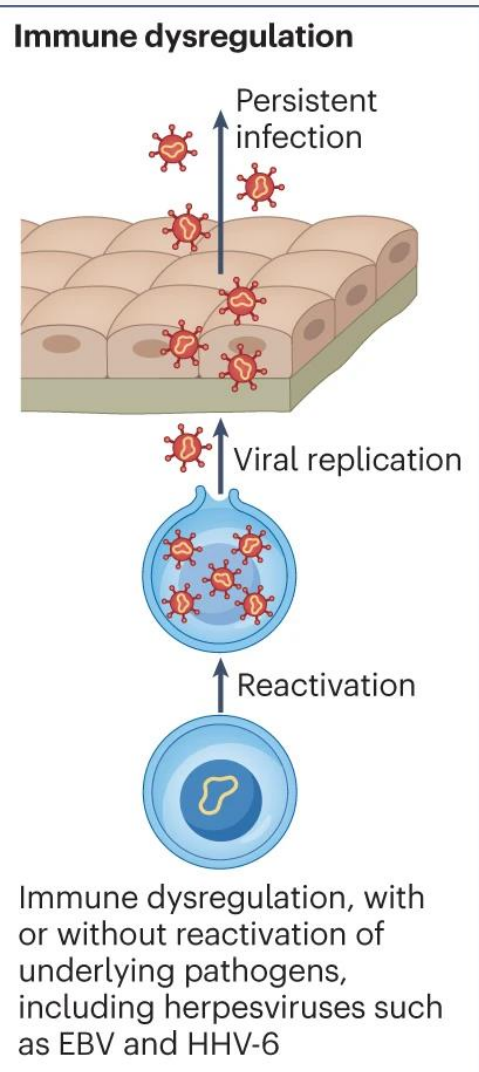
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Underlying Mechanisms to Developing Post- COVID-19 Conditions







New Research Hints at 4 Factors That May Increase Chances of Long Covid

If further study confirms the findings, they could lead to ways to prevent and treat the complex condition.

Article

Multiple early factors anticipate post-acute COVID-19 sequelae

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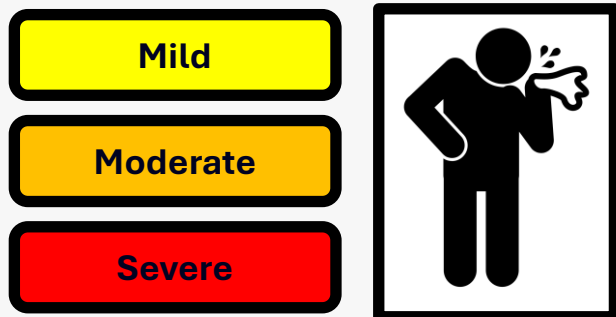
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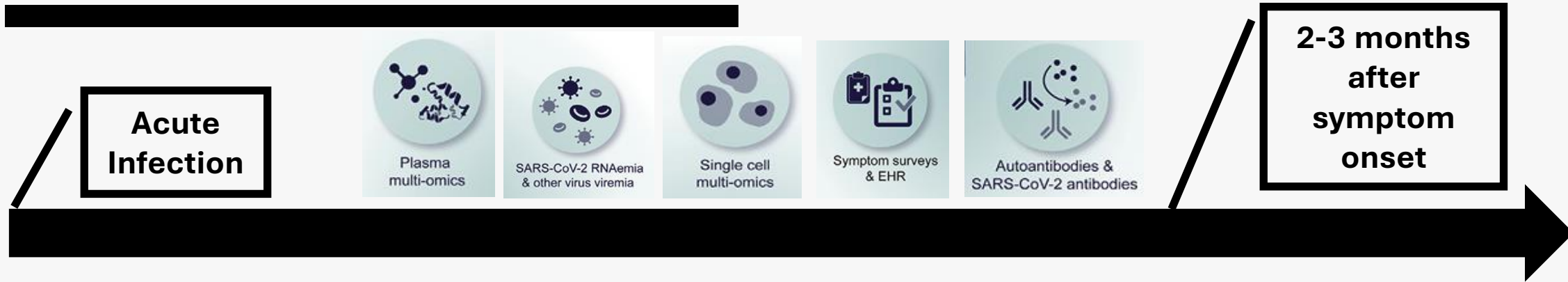


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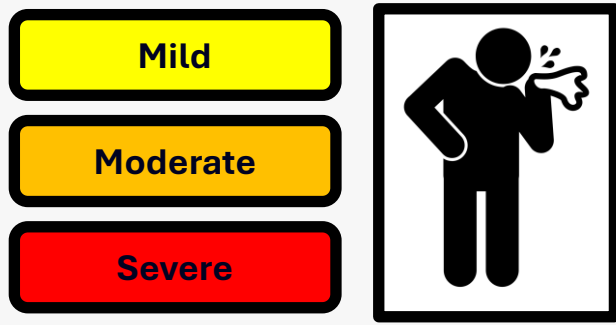


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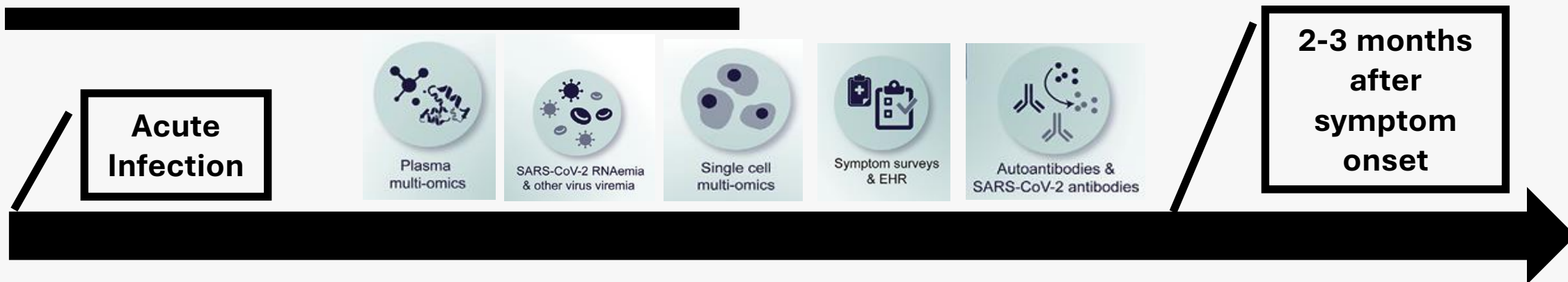


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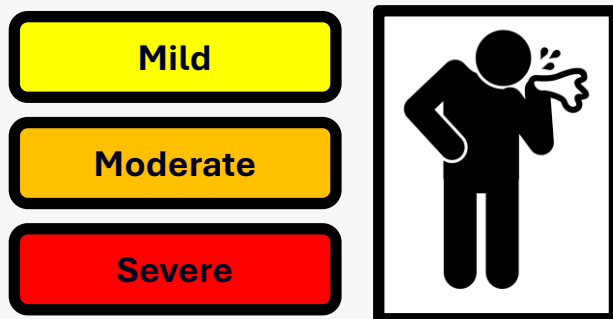


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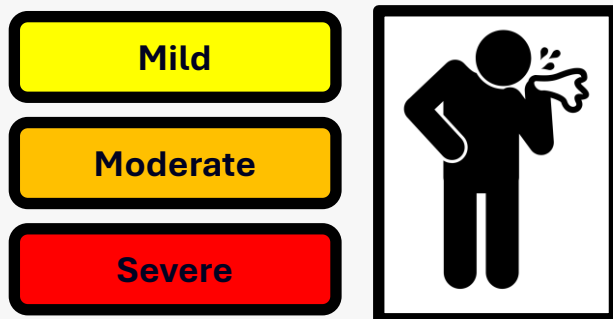


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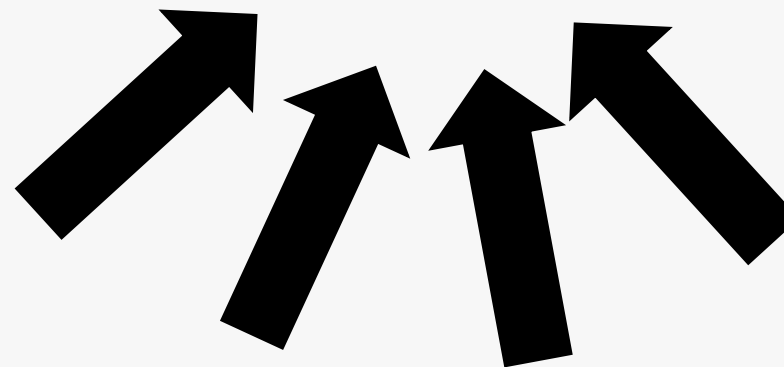




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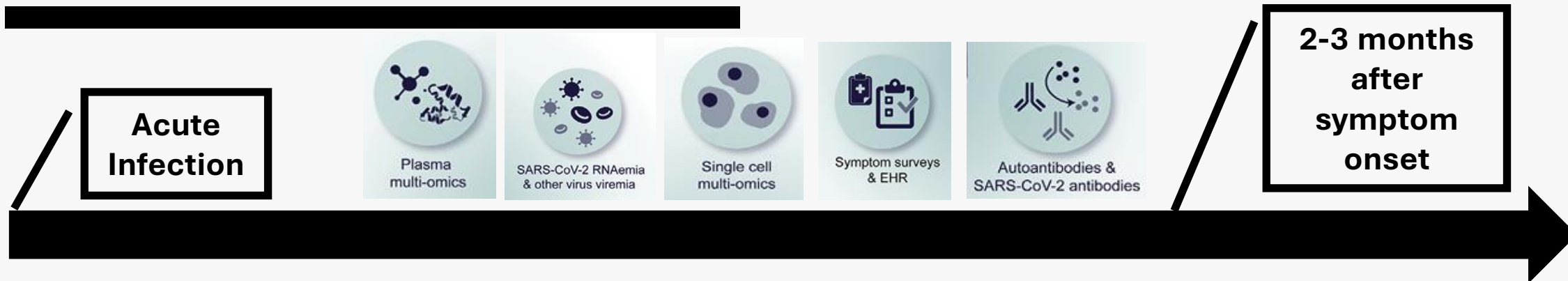
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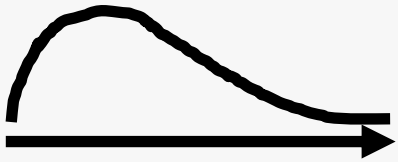
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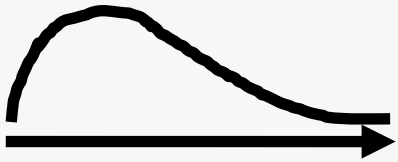
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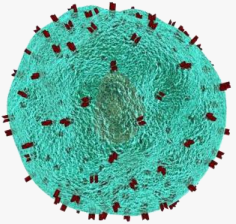


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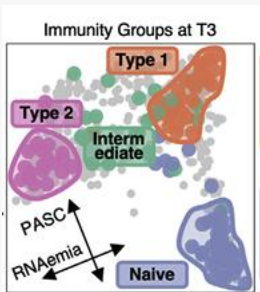
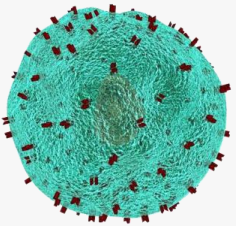
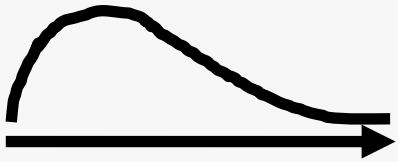


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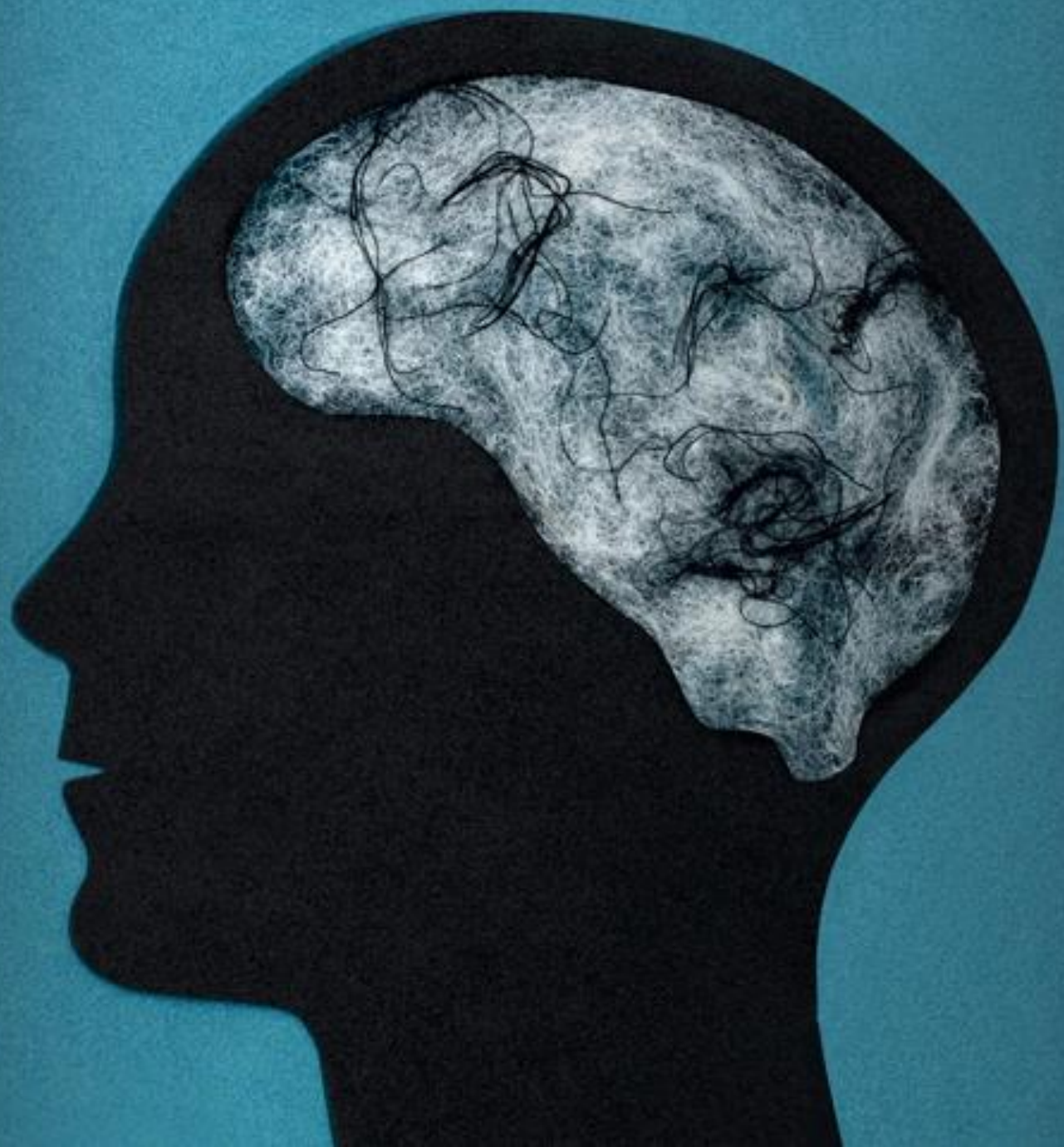


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Article

SARS-CoV-2 is associated with changes in brain structure in UK Biobank

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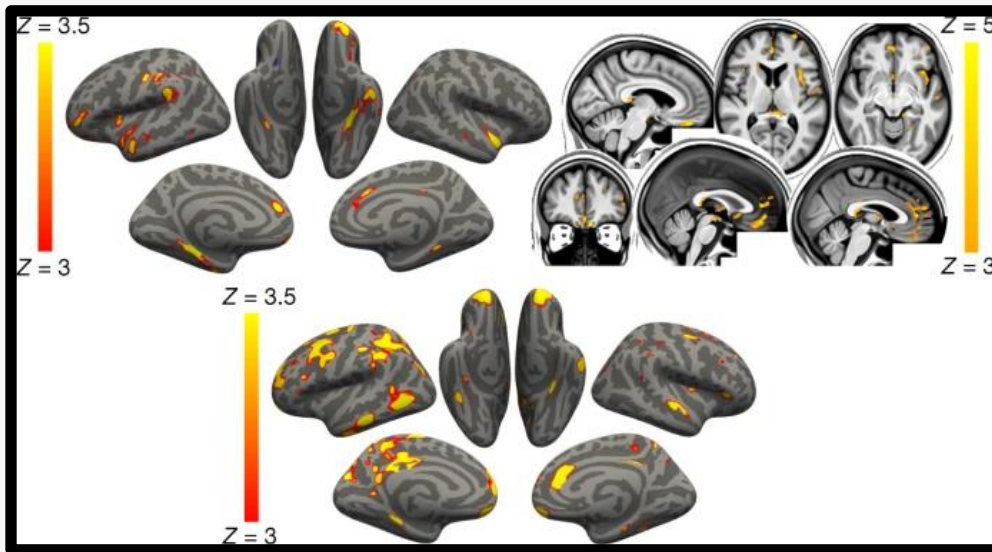
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Compared to match controls, people who recovered from COVID-19 had:

- Loss of gray matter
- Markers of tissue damage in primary olfactory cortex
- Reduction in overall brain size
- Greater cognitive decline

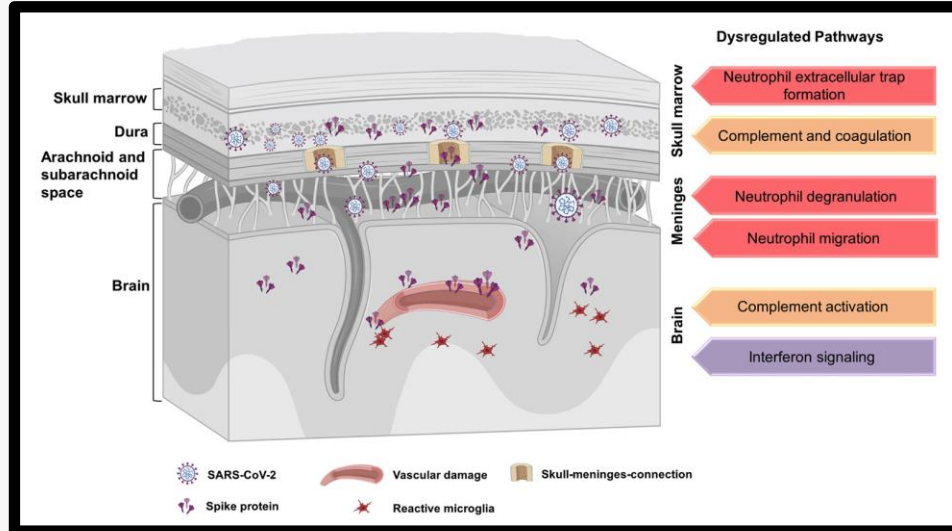


SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein Accumulation in the Skull-Meninges-Brain Axis: Potential Implications for Long-Term Neurological Complications in post-COVID-19

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Evaluation of patients who died from non-COVID-19 related causes but had COVID-19 previously:

- SARS-CoV-2 spike protein had accumulated along skull-meninges and brain tissue; spike protein found to be pro-inflammatory
- No other virus parts found
- These results **cannot** be extrapolated to vaccines



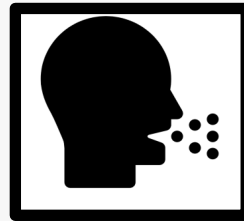
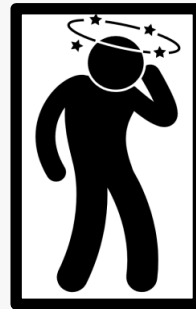


Evaluation of Patients with Post-COVID-19 Conditions

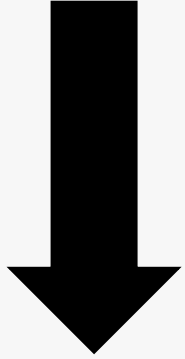
When evaluating a patient in clinic for a post-COVID-19 condition...



determining where to start can feel daunting.



**There is currently no gold
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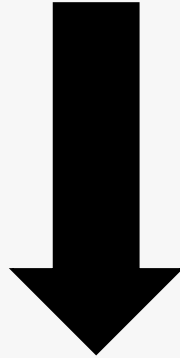
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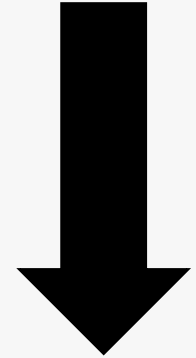
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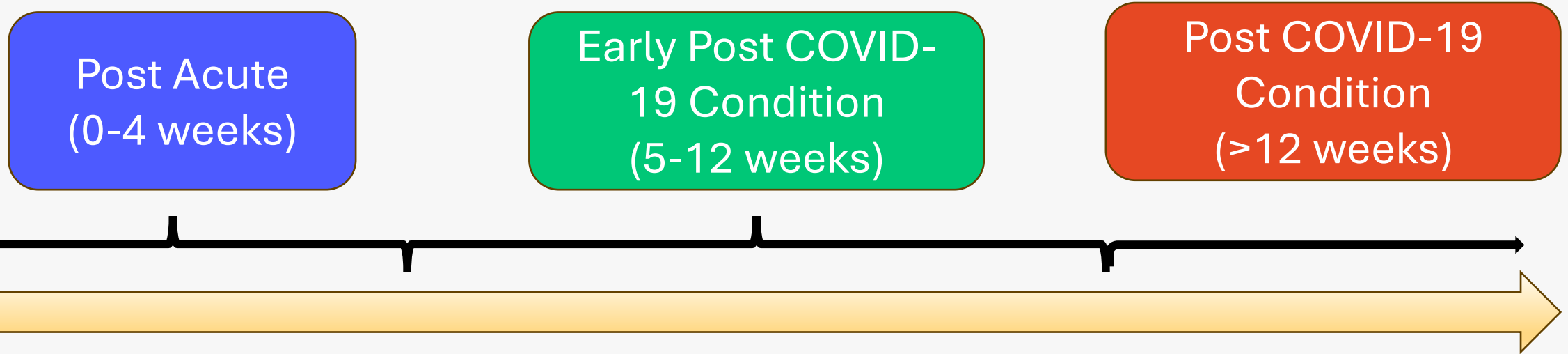
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Thinking about acute infection recovery in phases.



Recovery From
Acute Infection

4 weeks

12 weeks

60-day Outcomes Among Patients Hospitalized with COVID-19

- Early in the pandemic before vaccines and current subvariants
- 12.6% were discharged to skilled nursing or rehabilitation facility
- 6.7% died within 60 days (10.4% of those requiring ICU)
- 15.1% were re-hospitalized



Invite patients to tell their story.

Important history details:

1. Acute COVID-19 history
2. Symptom onset and duration
3. Impact on daily activities



Evaluate for life threatening conditions and common actionable diagnoses.



Understanding the implications of broad testing

- Increased risk of incidental findings
- Patient anxiety about abnormal results without clinical significance
- Risk/harm associated with invasive or radiologic procedures
- Cost and time to the patient for appointments and workup



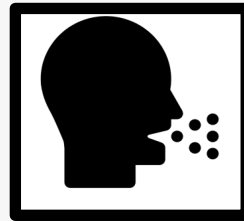
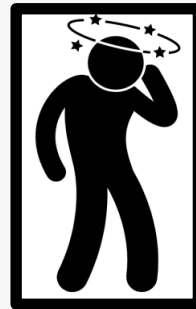
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- There is no definitive single or collective tests to diagnose post-COVID-19 conditions
 - SARS-CoV-2 testing may be warranted to rule out re-infection.
 - May consider expanded testing for those with symptoms beyond 12 weeks



Decision to not do additional testing or the absence of abnormal findings should not lead to dismissal of patient's symptoms.



Symptom and Diagnosis Focused Management



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The Academy has undertaken comprehensive efforts to support our [call for a national plan](#) to address Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC or Long COVID) and the 3 to 10 million Americans it is affecting.

AAPM&R understands the need for focused, meaningful, and ongoing clinical exchange between the medical community to assess and implement appropriate clinical practice for treating and following all long-term COVID issues, not just those issues requiring PM&R intervention, is necessary. Therefore, AAPM&R has gathered a [multidisciplinary collaborative](#) with goals to foster engagement and share experiences to propel the health system towards defining standards of care for persons experiencing Long COVID-19/PASC.

Published Guidance

The collaborative is working to publish guidance on a rolling basis. Writing groups are [working within a consensus process](#) with 3 waves. All published guidance will be linked here as it becomes available.

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Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Call


Thursday, June 15, 2023



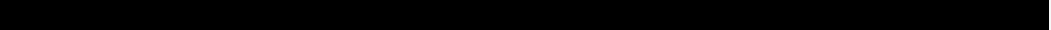
- **Low and slow**
- **Gradual increases**
- **Titrated work hours**

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 - **Removing barriers** to accessing care including the availability of telehealth visits to those with internet access

Summary:

- **Post-COVID-19 conditions include symptoms, conditions or syndromes that are associated with a history of SARS-CoV-2 infection and impact ability to perform daily activities.**
- **Post-COVID-19 conditions affect individuals of all ages and may disproportionately impact certain groups due to disparities in SARS-CoV-2 infection.**
- **Longitudinal assessments of patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection suggest that pre-existing health conditions and immune related changes are associated with post-COVID-19 conditions.**
- **Evaluate patients with a possible post-COVID-19 condition beginning with a comprehensive history and physical.**

Summary:

- **Consider testing that would provide actionable results; absence of tests or abnormal results does not negate the symptoms experienced by the patient.**
- **Further testing should consider the duration of symptoms, medical urgency of evaluation, and risk/benefits of the workup.**
- **Staying up to date with recommended vaccinations and preventing reinfection are key approaches to reducing risk of post-COVID-19 conditions**
- **A multi-layered strategy integrated into our routine activities to prevent infections is the best way forward in reducing risk of long term sequelae**

Questions?

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Additional Resources

- CDC timeline of COVID-19 events: <https://www.cdc.gov/museum/timeline/covid19.html>
- World Health Organization clinical case definition of post COVID-19 condition by Delphi Consensus: https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Post_COVID-19_condition-Clinical_case_definition-2021.1
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Long COVID-19 Guidelines: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng188/resources/covid19-rapid-guideline-managing-the-longterm-effects-of-covid19-pdf-51035515742>
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- CDC COCA Call: What Clinicians Need to Know about Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children: https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2022/callinfo_021022.asp
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History of confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection



One or more persisting physical symptoms for at least 12 weeks from onset of COVID-19; may continue or develop after infection



Cannot be explained by an alternative diagnosis



Symptoms impact everyday functioning

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- **Post-COVID-19 Syndrome**

- Signs and symptoms that develop during or after an infection consistent with COVID-19, continue for more than 12 weeks and are not explained by an alternative diagnosis
- It usually presents with clusters of symptoms, often overlapping, which can fluctuate and change over time and can affect any system in the body
- May be considered before 12 weeks while the possibility of an alternative underlying disease is also being assessed

- **“Long COVID” includes**

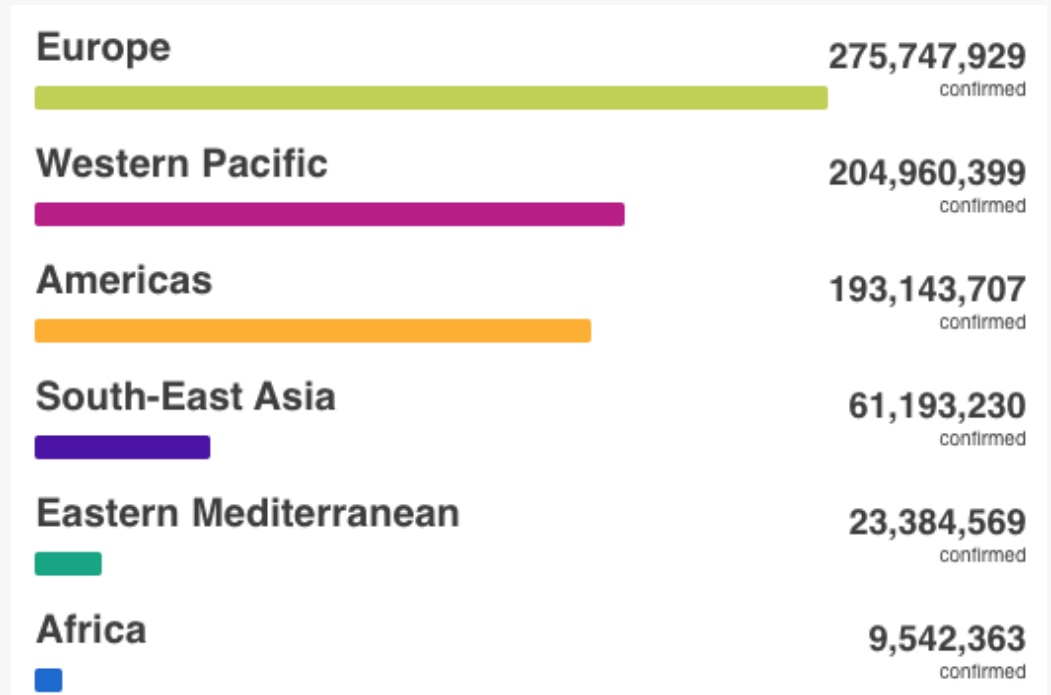
- Ongoing symptomatic COVID-19 (from 4-12 weeks), AND
- Post-COVID-19 syndrome (12 weeks or more)



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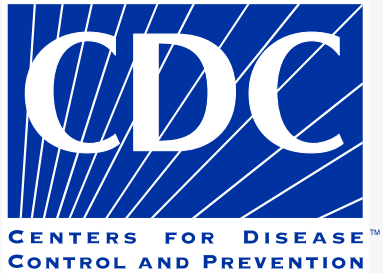
>767,000,000

confirmed cases of COVID-19
(as of July 2023)



>335,000,000

US Population
(as of July 2023)



>103,000,000

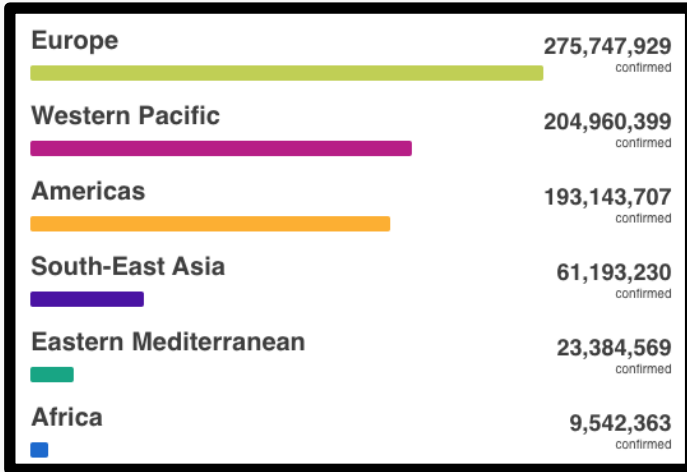
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- Case counts are not an accurate assessment of community burden
- Changes in testing behavior and decreased access to testing
- Ending of WHO and US federal government PHE changed reporting requirements
- CDC seroprevalence study suggest that 78% of adults and older adolescents have had infection by December 2022

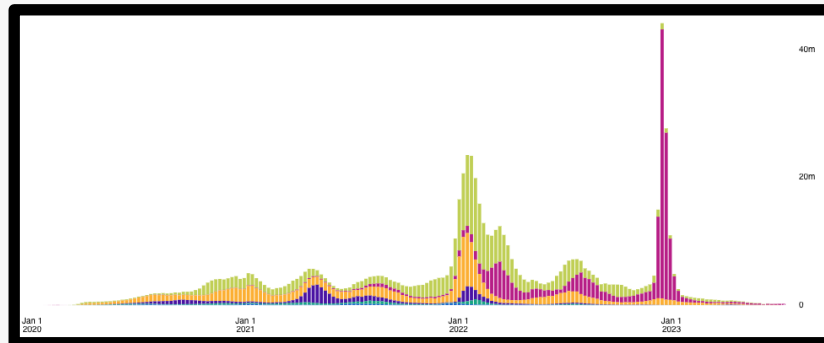


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- Symptoms reported for post-COVID-19 conditions appears similar among studies done outside of the US

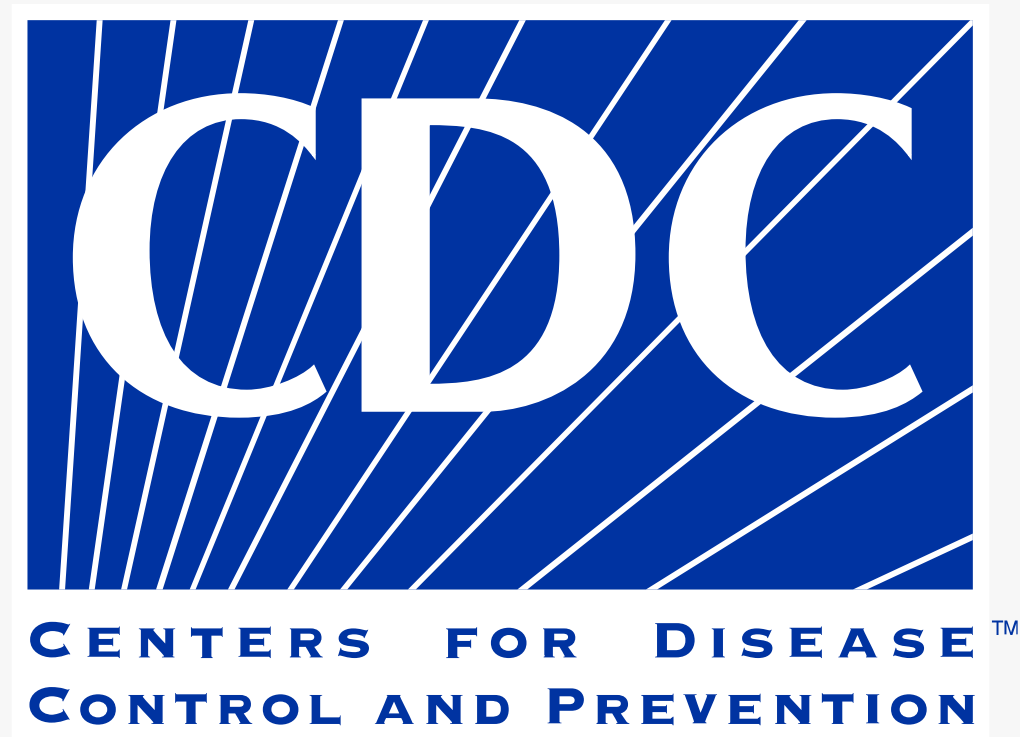


Table 1a. Basic diagnostic laboratory testing to consider for patients with post-COVID conditions

Category	Laboratory Tests
Blood count, electrolytes, and renal function	Complete blood count with possible iron studies to follow, basic metabolic panel, urinalysis
Liver function	Liver function tests or complete metabolic panel
Inflammatory markers	C-reactive protein, erythrocyte sedimentation rate, ferritin
Thyroid function	TSH and free T4
Vitamin deficiencies	Vitamin D, vitamin B12

Table 1b. Specialized diagnostic laboratory testing to consider for patients with post-COVID conditions

Category	Laboratory Tests
Rheumatological conditions	Antinuclear antibody, rheumatoid factor, anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide, anti-cardiolipin, and creatine phosphokinase
Coagulation disorders	D-dimer, fibrinogen
Myocardial injury	Troponin
Differentiate symptoms of cardiac versus pulmonary origin	B-type natriuretic peptide