



POWER OF PROVIDERS

Peer to Peer Learning Webinar

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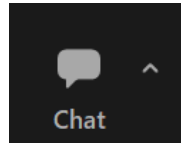
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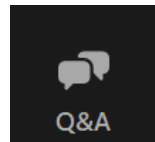
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- Continuing education is available for physicians (MD, DO, ND), physician assistants, nurses (RN, ARNP, LPN), and medical assistants.
- Successful completion of this continuing education activity includes the following:
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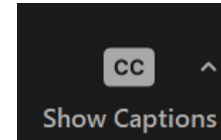
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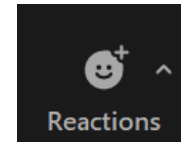
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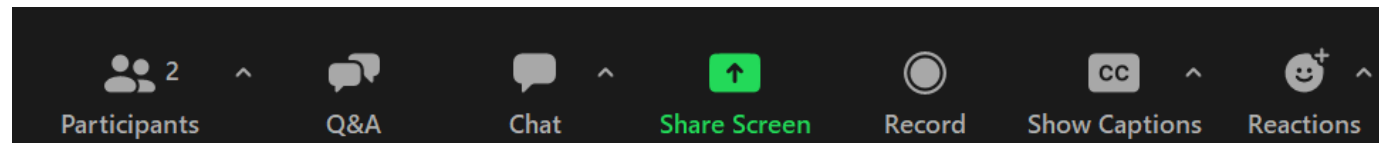
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About the Power of Providers (POP) Initiative

- 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:

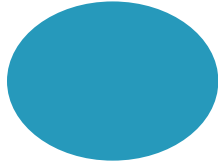
- 4,500+ individuals
- 400 health care organizations
- 90 different health care roles
- Over 20 partnering health care associations

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!



Visit our website to learn more at doh.wa.gov/joinpop. Fill out the [member signup form](#) to join.

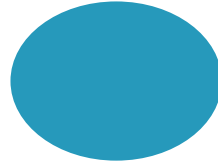
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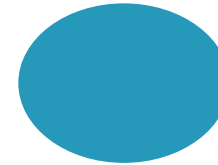
Webpage to order free patient handouts, posters, discussion guides, other materials

doh.wa.gov/form/pop-shop



E-Newsletter

New resources, timely and relevant updates for members

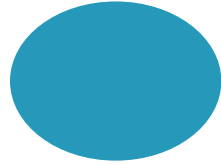


POP en Español

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

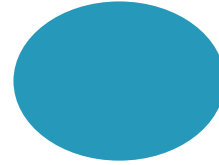
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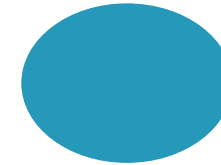
Provider Advisory Group

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



Peer-to-Peer Webinars

- Learn about topics related to COVID from health care experts.
- To learn about upcoming topics, register, and view recordings, visit doh.wa.gov/POPwebinars



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

Long COVID series:

- **March 29:** Unmasking Long COVID: Insights and Updates from University of Washington Clinical Research – Dr. Helen Chu



Today's Presenter

Dr Eric J. Chow, MD, MS, MPH

- 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.



Post-COVID-19 Conditions: Expanding Our Understanding of the Long-term Sequelae of COVID-19

Eric J. Chow, MD, MS, MPH, FACP, FAAP

**Chief of Communicable Disease
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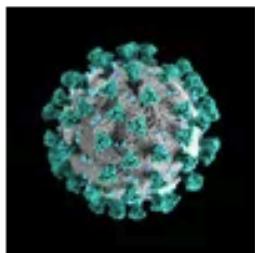
**Clinical Assistant Professor
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**I have no disclosures
to report.**

Objectives

1. Summarize the terms and case definitions associated with post-COVID-19 conditions.
2. Recognize the clinical features commonly associated with certain phenotypes of post-COVID-19 conditions.
3. Review the known epidemiology and factors associated with the development of post-COVID-19 conditions.
4. Describe the possible etiologies and underlying pathophysiologic explanations for post-COVID-19 conditions.



Coronavirus Updates

THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Fauci Estimates That 100,000 To 200,000 Americans Could Die From The Coronavirus

MARCH 29, 2020 · 2:17 PM ET



Bobby Allyn

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/29/823517467/fauci-estimates-that-100-000-to-200-000-americans-could-die-from-the-coronavirus>



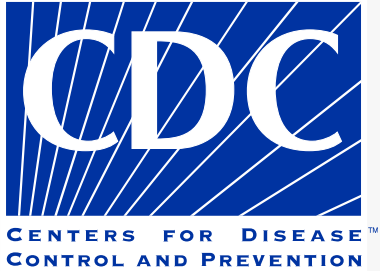
Hospitalizations

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6,693,491
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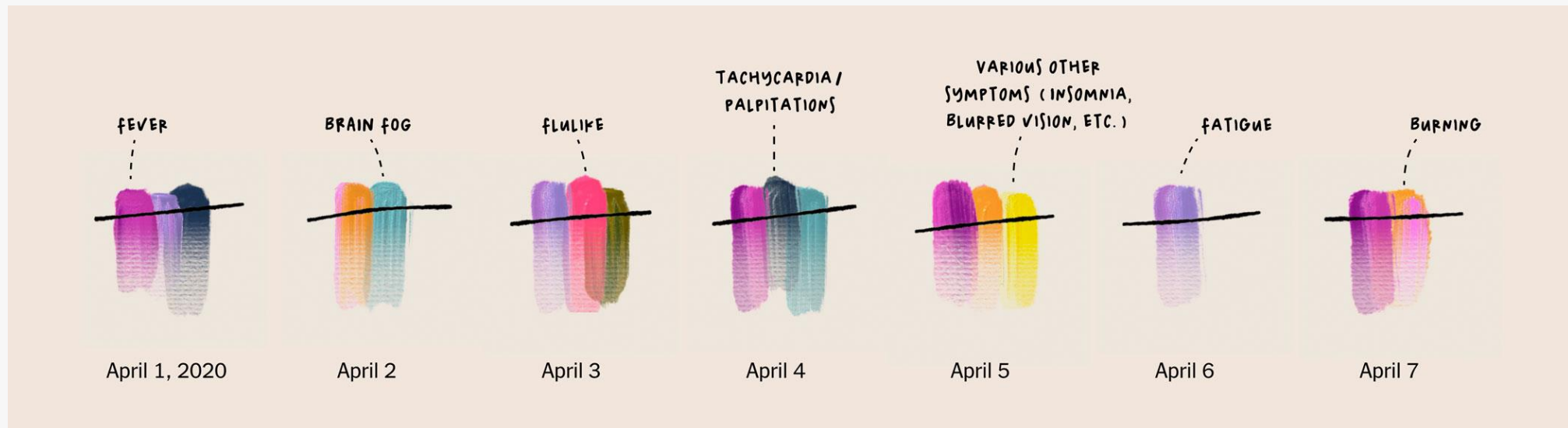


“I am one of the lucky ones. I never needed a ventilator...But 27 days later, I still have lingering pneumonia. I use two inhalers, twice a day. I can’t walk more than few blocks without stopping”

~ Mara Gay, New York Times Editorial Board Member

“I’ve come to realize that “long Covid” is a deceptive term for a condition that can trigger a diverse swarm of debilitating symptoms with no end in sight. What I’ve experienced is in no way just a lingering cough or a few weeks of fatigue after an acute COVID infection.”

~ Georgia Lupi



“I was also reading disheartening stories of perplexed and at times dismissive healthcare providers who reduced long-haul symptoms to ‘anxiety attacks’ or ‘COVID-19-related hysteria.’ This was a ‘club’ that none of us ‘wanted’ to join.”

-Robin Macnofsky

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Fatigue



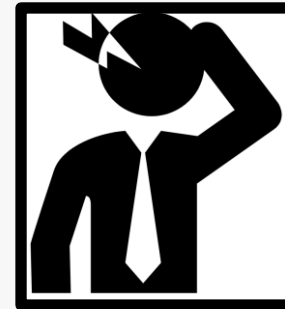
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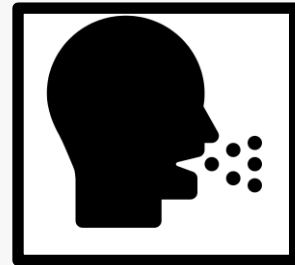
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”...Under reasonable assumptions given the data available, long Covid could account for 15% of the nations... unfilled jobs.”



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

– New York State Insurance Fund



- **44% of people with post-COVID-19 conditions cannot work and those that do work 51% fewer hours.**
- **Up to \$9000 healthcare costs per person annually if extrapolating from chronic fatigue syndrome.**
- **As of January 2022, cost of post-COVID-19 conditions including lost wages and medical expenses is estimated to be >\$386 billion.**

>773,000,000

Reported COVID-19 cases to
WHO
(as of December 31 2023)



Assume
~10%
Experience post-
COVID-19 conditions

~77,300,000

have had or is currently
experiencing a post-COVID-19
condition

Terms and Case Definitions

A grayscale electron micrograph of a cell, likely a liver cell, showing various organelles such as mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum, and Golgi apparatus. Numerous small, circular blue dots are overlaid on the image, highlighting specific organelles or structures. A dark gray horizontal bar is positioned across the upper portion of the image, containing the text 'Terms and Case Definitions' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

A Diagnosis by Many Names and Definitions

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

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- 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

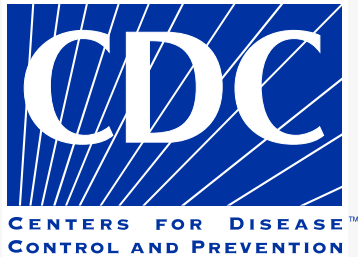
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- Used by the medical, scientific, and public health communities
- Equivalent to “Long COVID” including direct and indirect effects of the virus
- Physical and mental health consequences present 4+ weeks after acute infection

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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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NICE

National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

- UK based organization
- Long-term effects of COVID-19 divided into time periods: 4, 4-12, and >12
- Distinguishes between symptoms that are persistent after acute COVID-19 and symptoms/conditions that are new >12 weeks after infection

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What We Heard: Engagement Report on the Working Definition for Long COVID

Presented to the Committee on Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID, at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

JUNE 2023

Prepared by EnSpark Consulting



“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

Upcoming Events

12:00PM - 3:00PM (ET)
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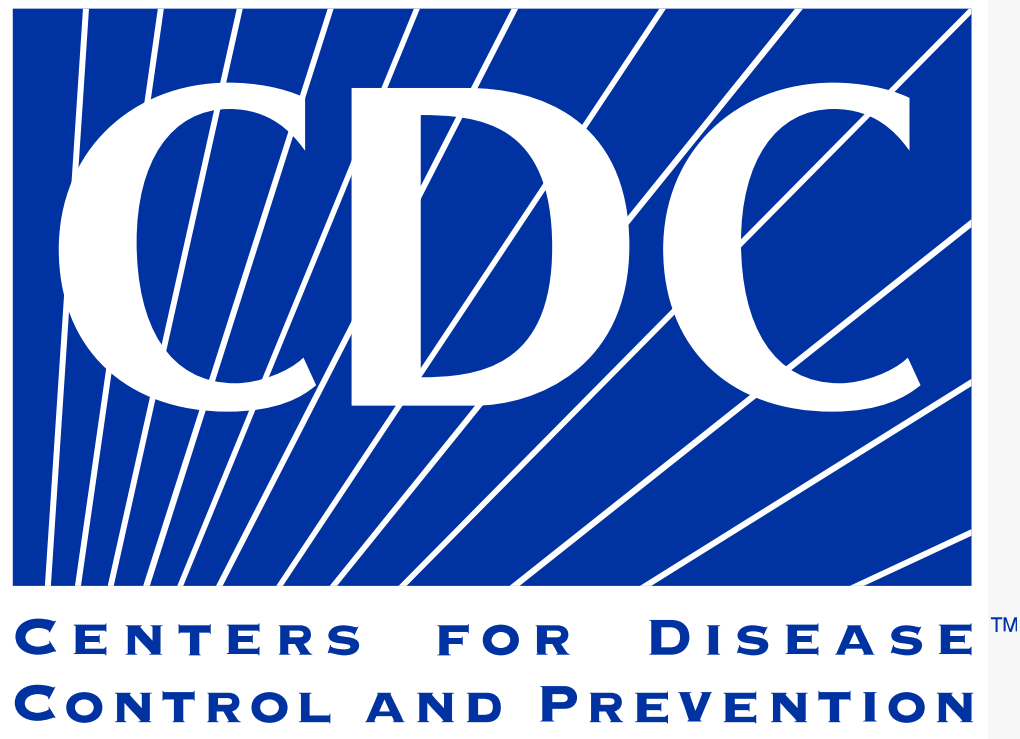
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12:00PM - 3:00PM (ET)
MEETING

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FEBRUARY 5, 2024

[Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID - Committee Meeting 8](#)



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

Clinical Presentations of Post COVID-19 Conditions



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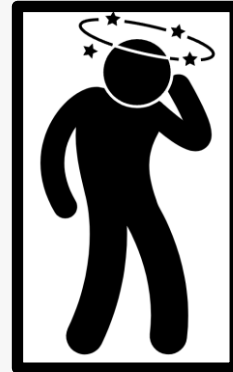
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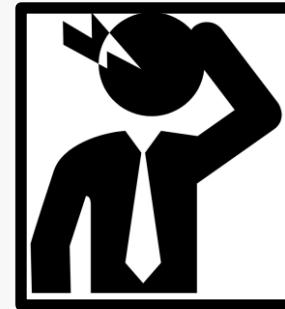
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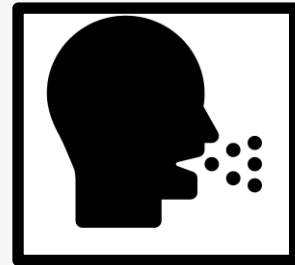
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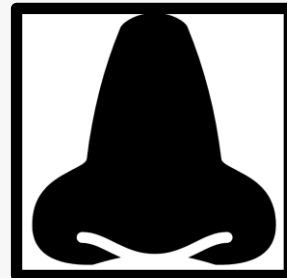
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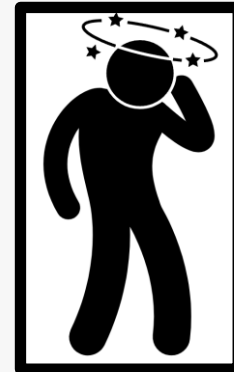
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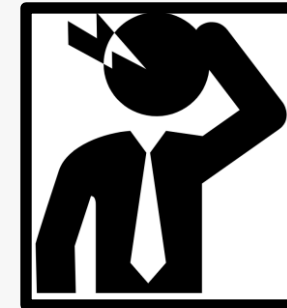
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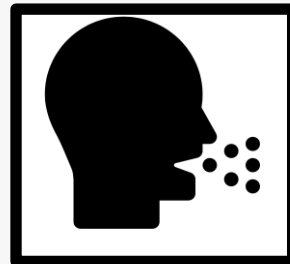
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Increased Risk for New Health Conditions

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

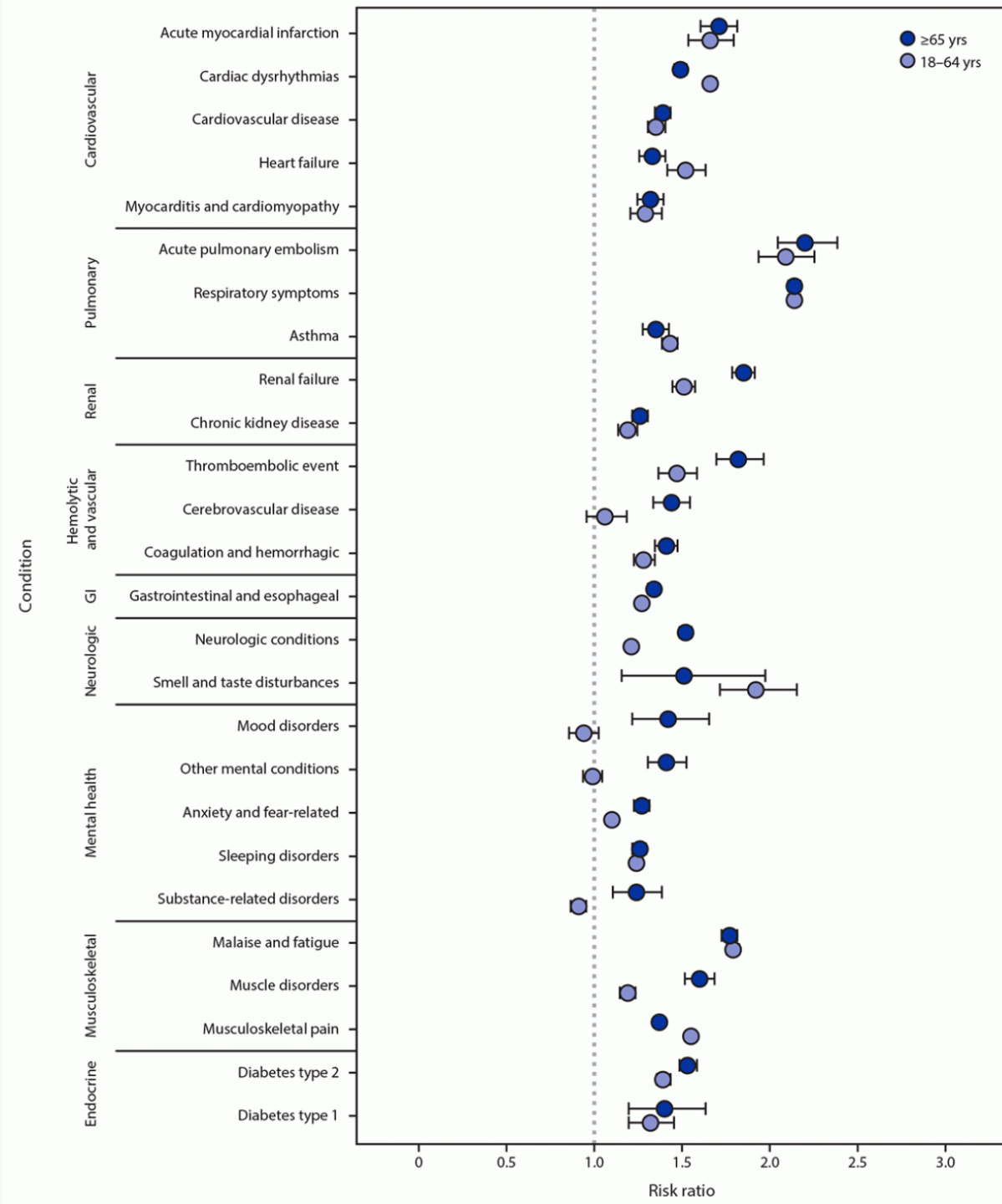
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Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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

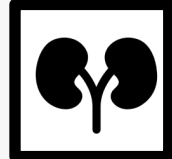




Acute Cardiovascular Events



Acute Pulmonary Events



Kidney Disease



Hematologic Diseases



Gastrointestinal Disorders



Neurologic Disorders



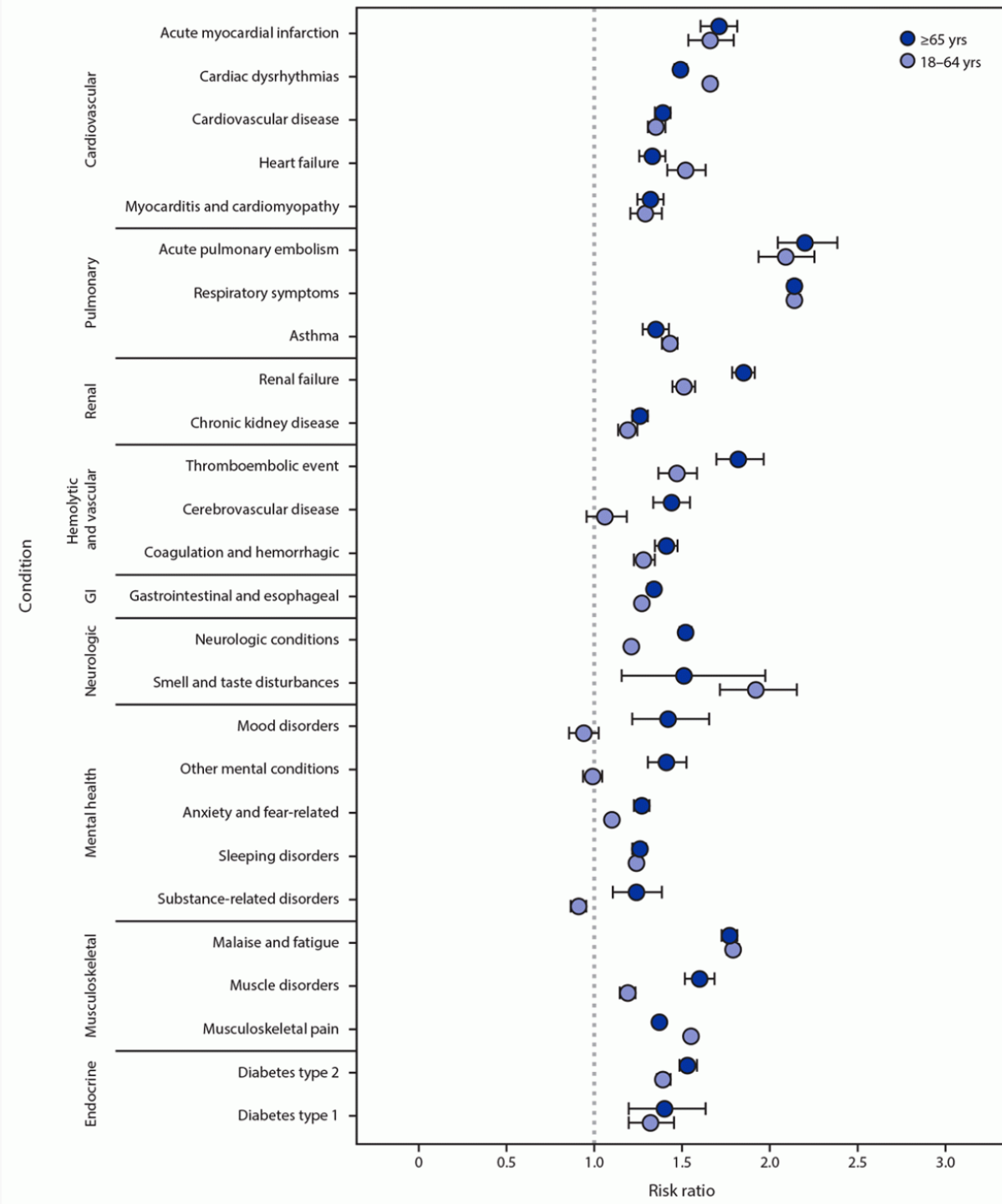
Mental Health Disorders



Musculoskeletal/Rheumatic Disorders



Endocrine Disorders

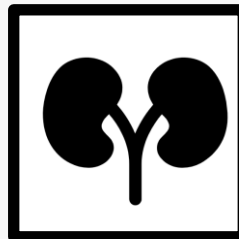
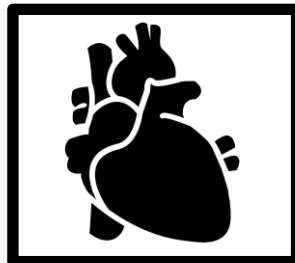
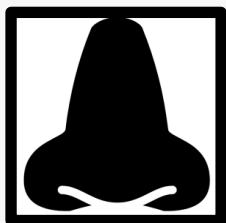
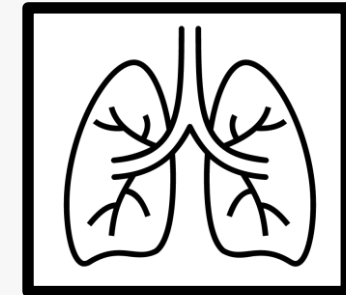
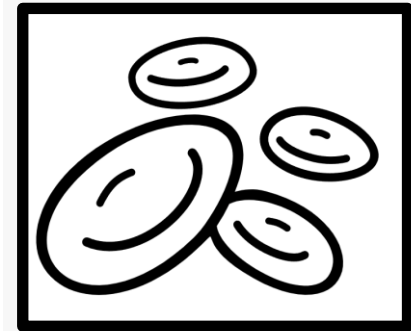




Health Conditions in Children

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) [†]
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RECOVER: Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) created the RECOVER Initiative to learn about the long-term effects of COVID.

The goal of RECOVER is to rapidly improve our understanding of and ability to predict, treat, and prevent PASC (post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2), including Long COVID.

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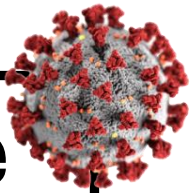
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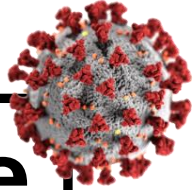
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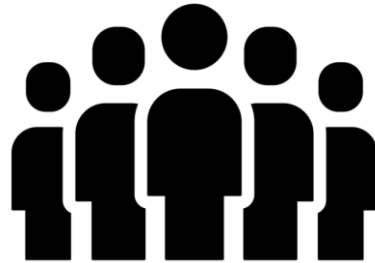
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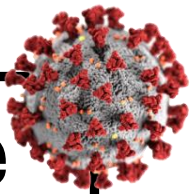
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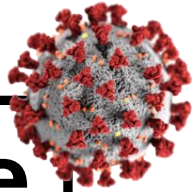
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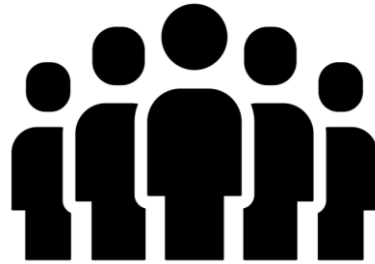
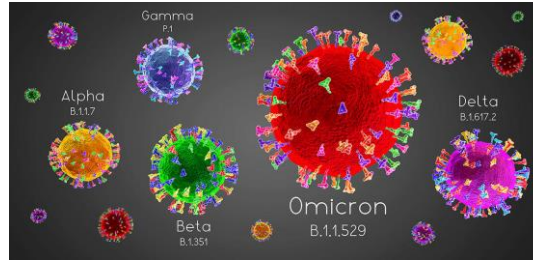
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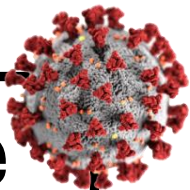
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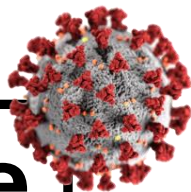
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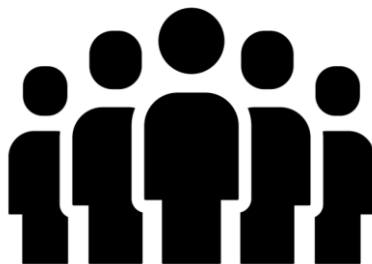
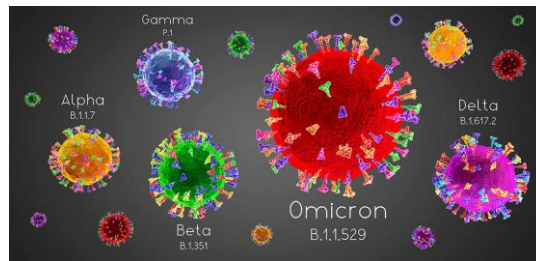
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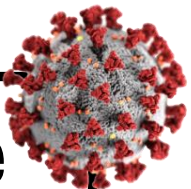
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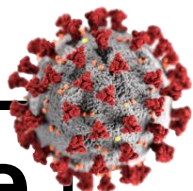
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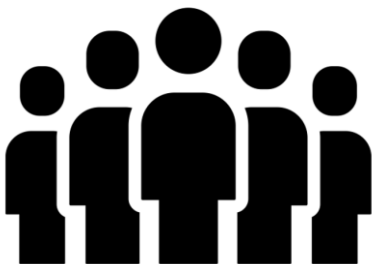
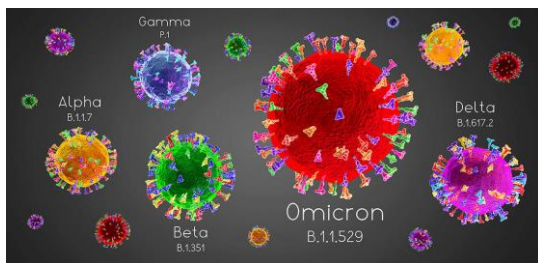
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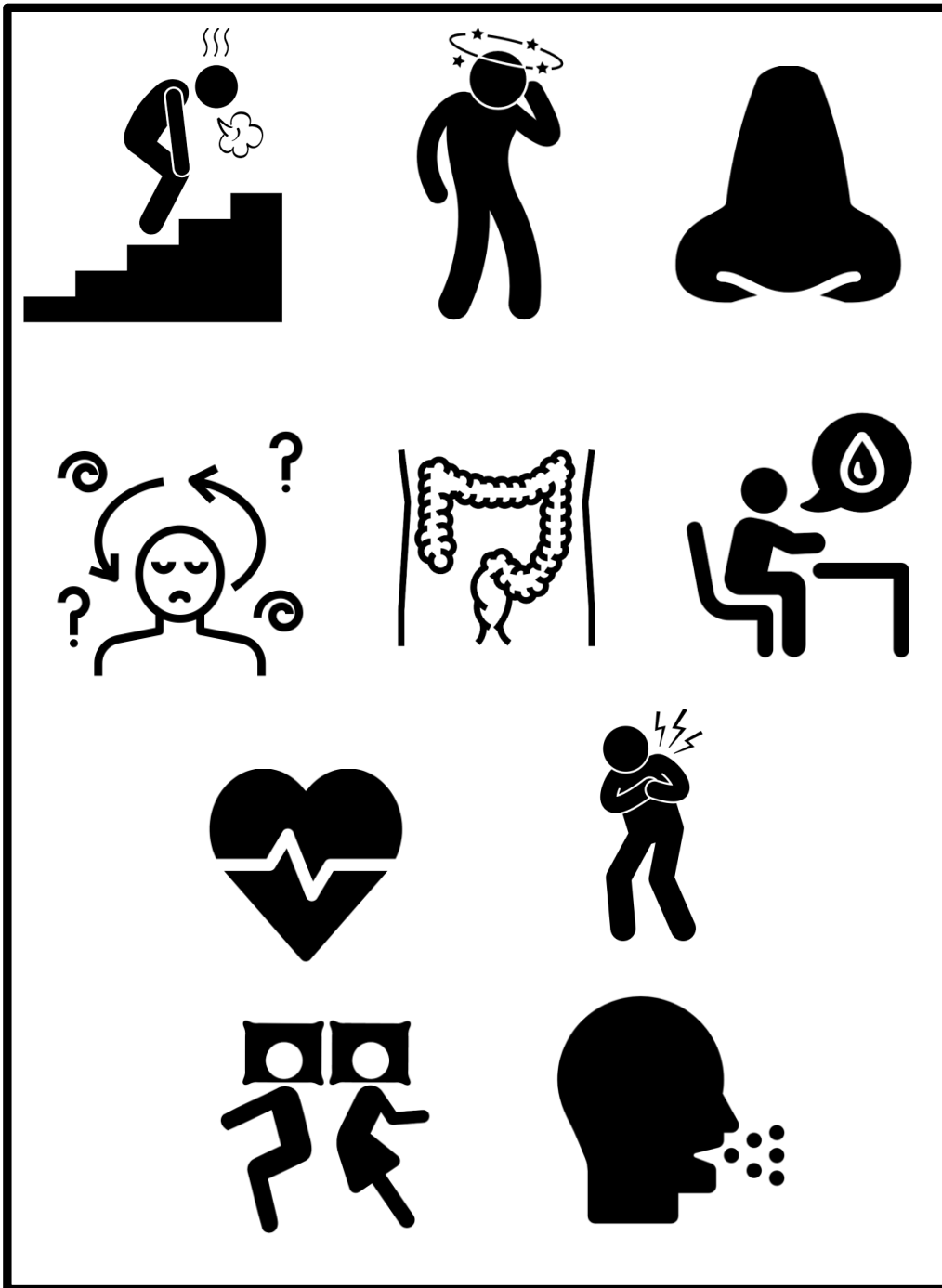


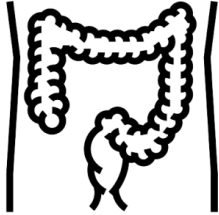
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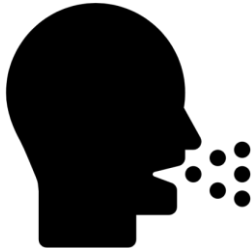


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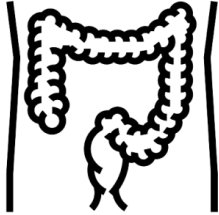




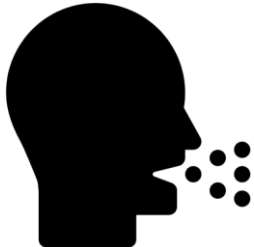
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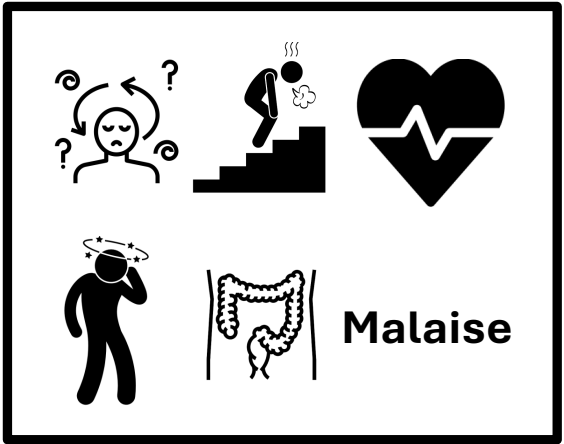
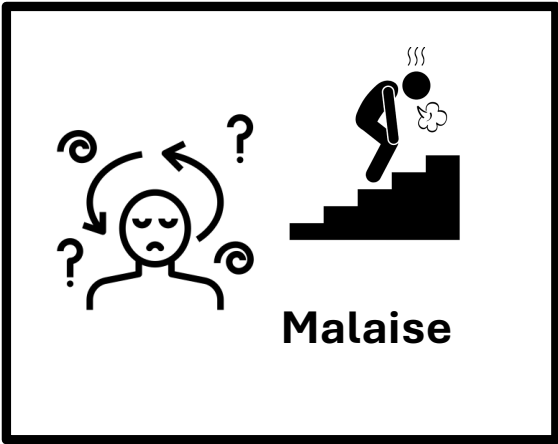
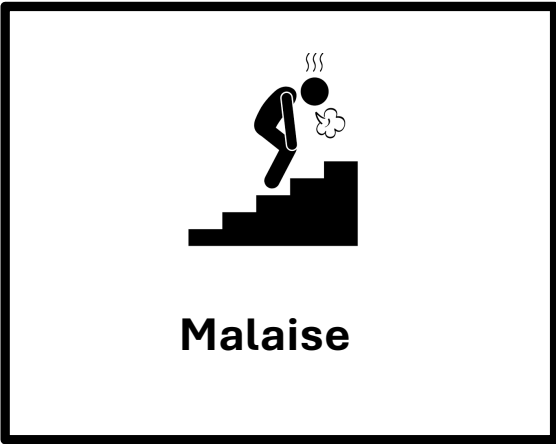
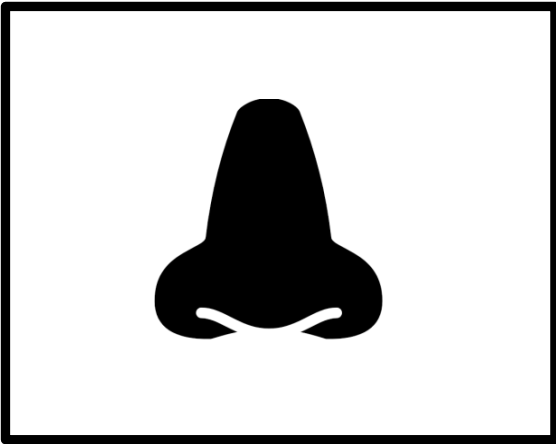
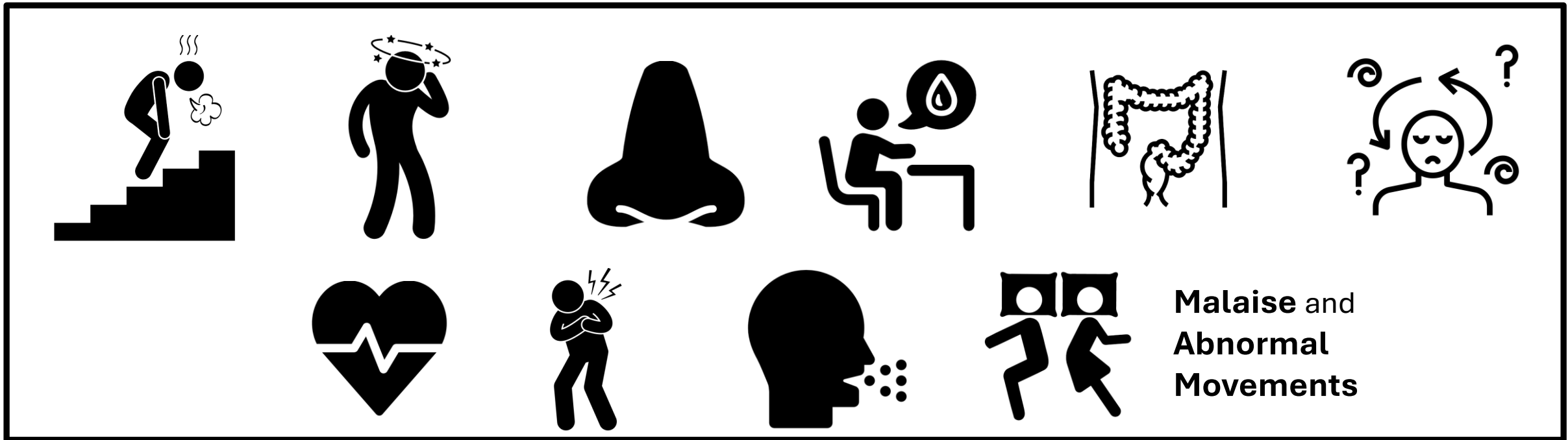
1. Symptoms assigned a value
2. Score was totaled to provide the individual's PASC score
3. Using a PASC score threshold of 12 or greater to identify individuals with PASC



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1. Among infected cohort, **23% were PASC positive.**
2. Among acute cohort during the Omicron period, **10% were PASC positive.**
3. Should also note that **4% of people without a history of COVID-19 also met PASC score cutoff.**



PASC Consensus Guidance

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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.

Neurological Symptoms Guidance Statement

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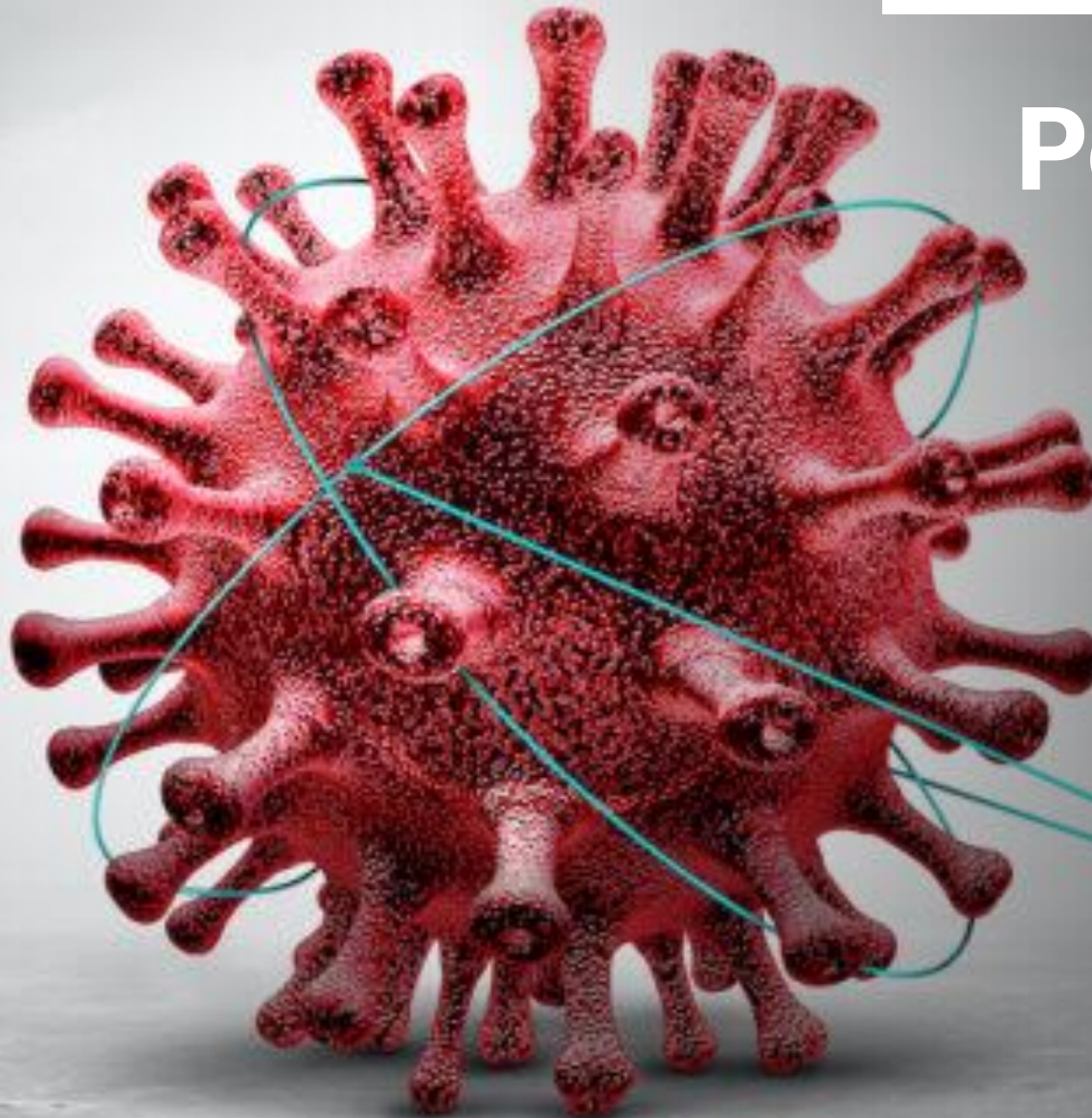
Cognitive Symptoms Guidance Statement

- Neurological Symptoms
- Automatic Dysfunction
- Fatigue
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- Cardiovascular Complications
- Breathing Discomfort
- Pediatrics



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

Post-COVID-19 Conditions: Burden and Associated Factors



>773,000,000

Reported COVID-19 cases to
WHO
(as of December 31 2023)



Assume

~10%

Experience post-
COVID-19 conditions

~77,300,000

have had or is currently
experiencing a post-COVID-19
condition



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.

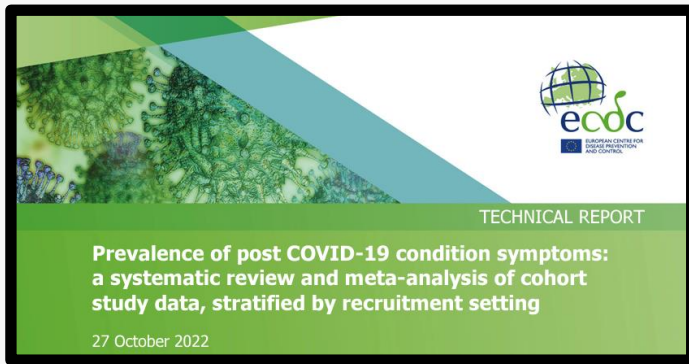


Physical and mental health 3 months after SARS-CoV-2 infection (long COVID) among adolescents in England (CLOcK): a national matched cohort study

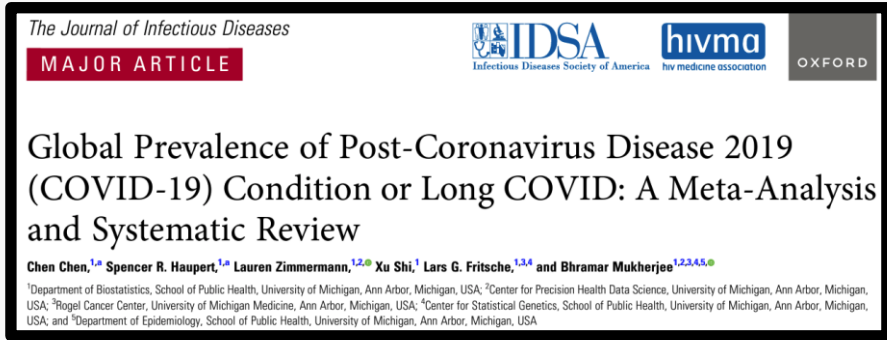
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Among non-hospitalized adolescents aged 11-17 years, there were **13.2% more individuals** reporting symptoms and **14% more reporting ≥3 symptoms** at 3 months among those with COVID-19 compared to those without.



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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Acute COVID-19

Asymptomatic

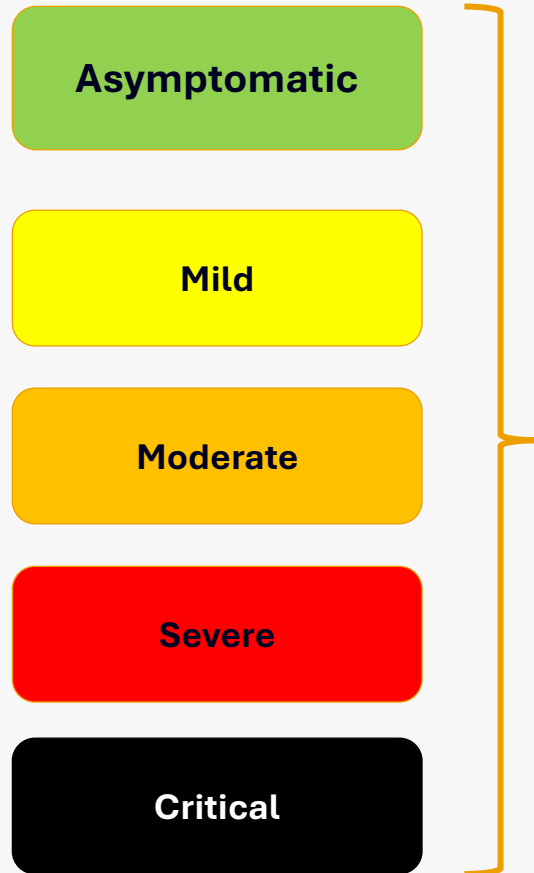
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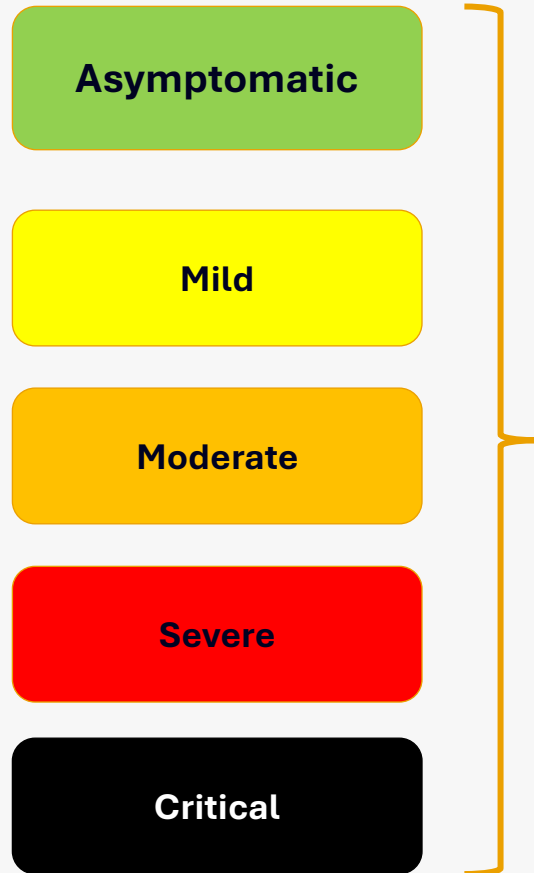
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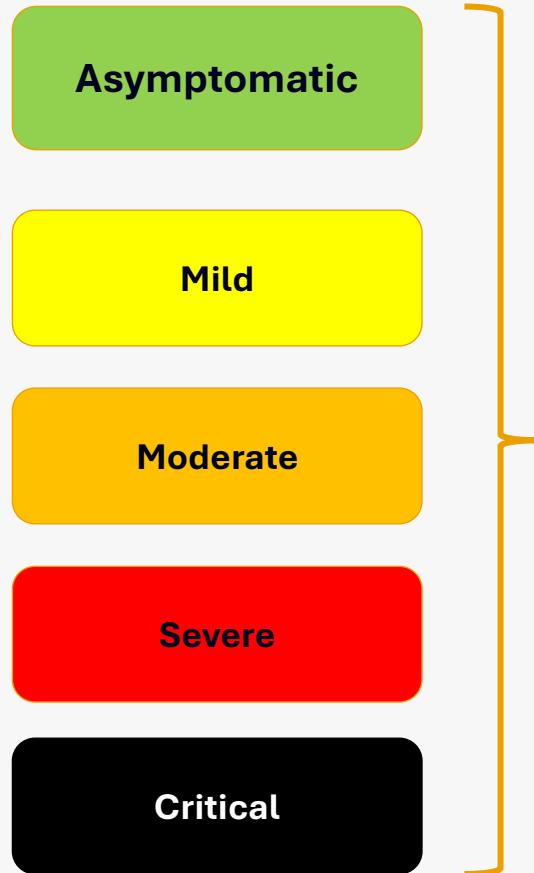
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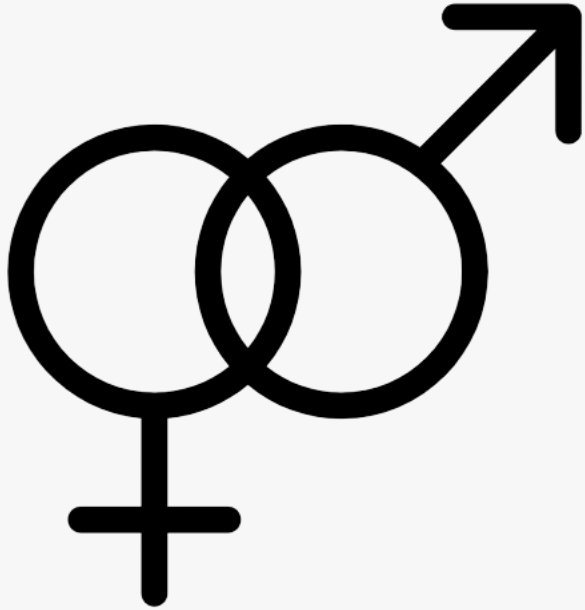
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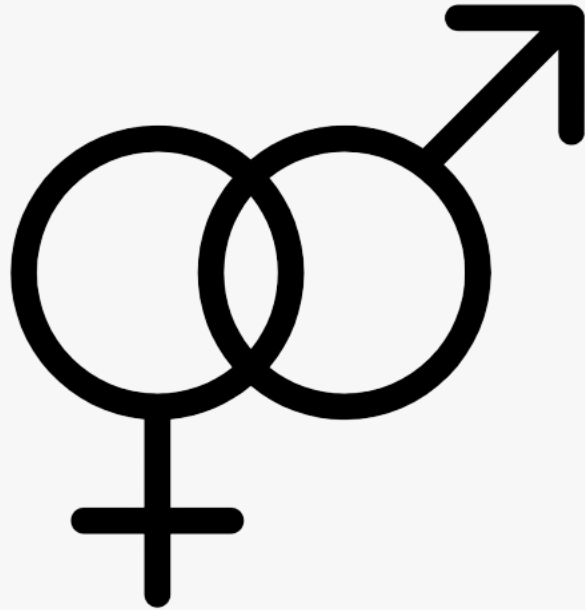
Delta
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Gamma
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Beta
May 2020

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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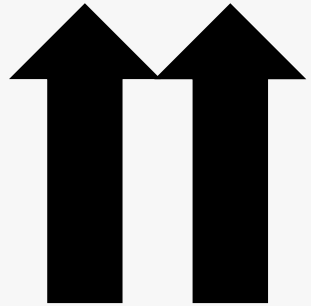
Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19-Related Infections, Hospitalizations, and Deaths

A Systematic Review

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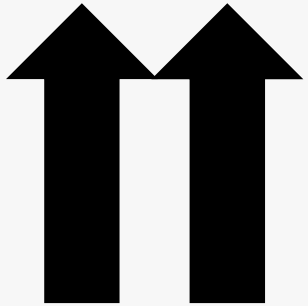
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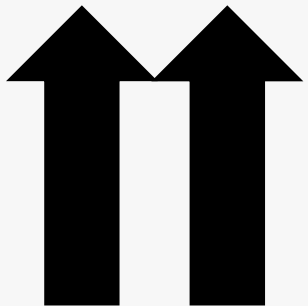


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**Risk of hospitalization due to
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Black and Hispanic populations had different odds of developing specific post-COVID-19 symptoms compared to white individuals.

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.**

Post-COVID-19 Conditions After Reinfection?



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

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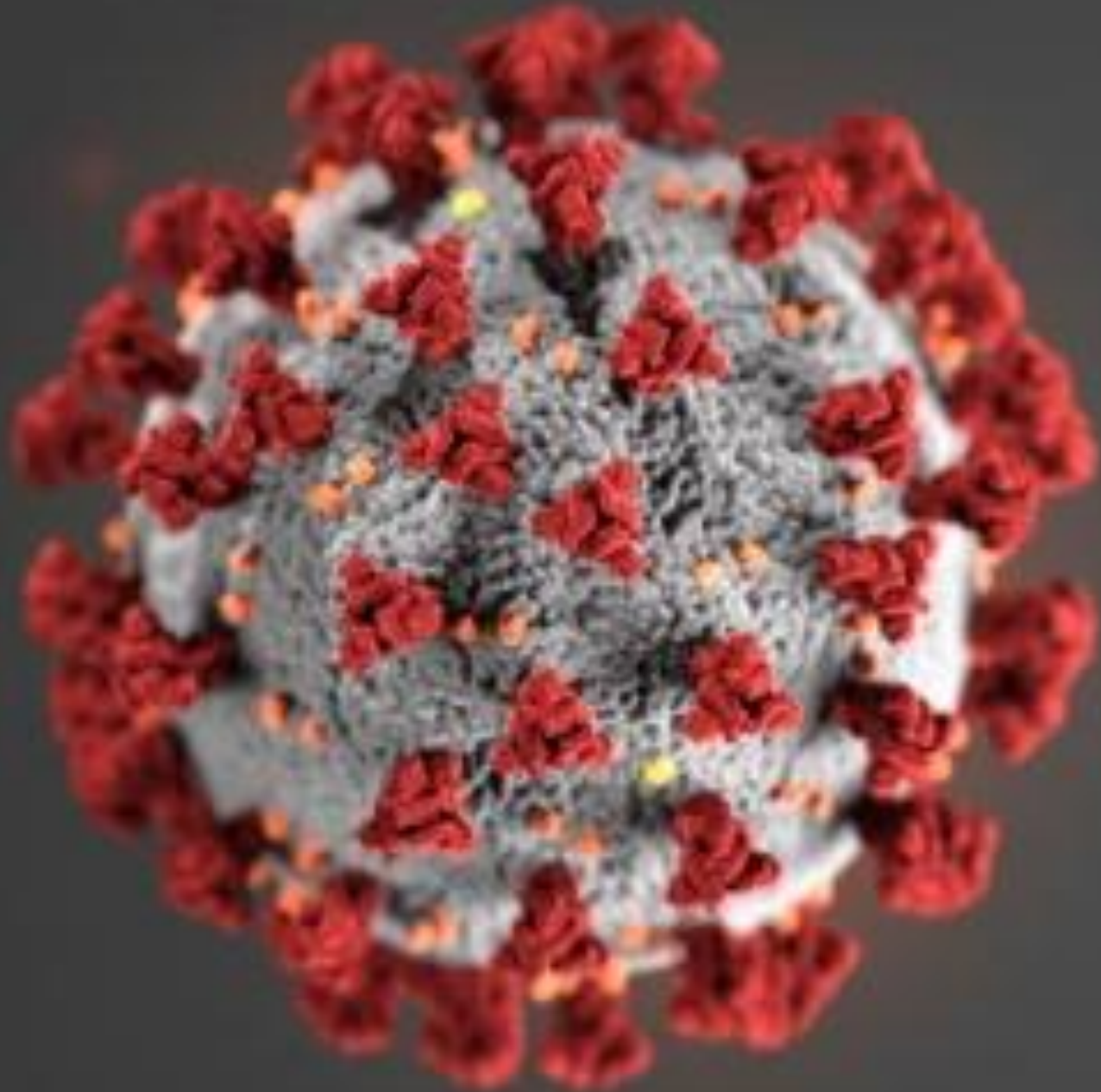
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- SARS-CoV-2 reinfection associated with higher risk of sequelae
- Cumulative risk of post-COVID-19 conditions increases with the total number of infections



Reducing the Risk of Post- COVID-19 Conditions

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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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:

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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.



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Association of Treatment With Nirmatrelvir and the Risk of Post-COVID-19 Condition

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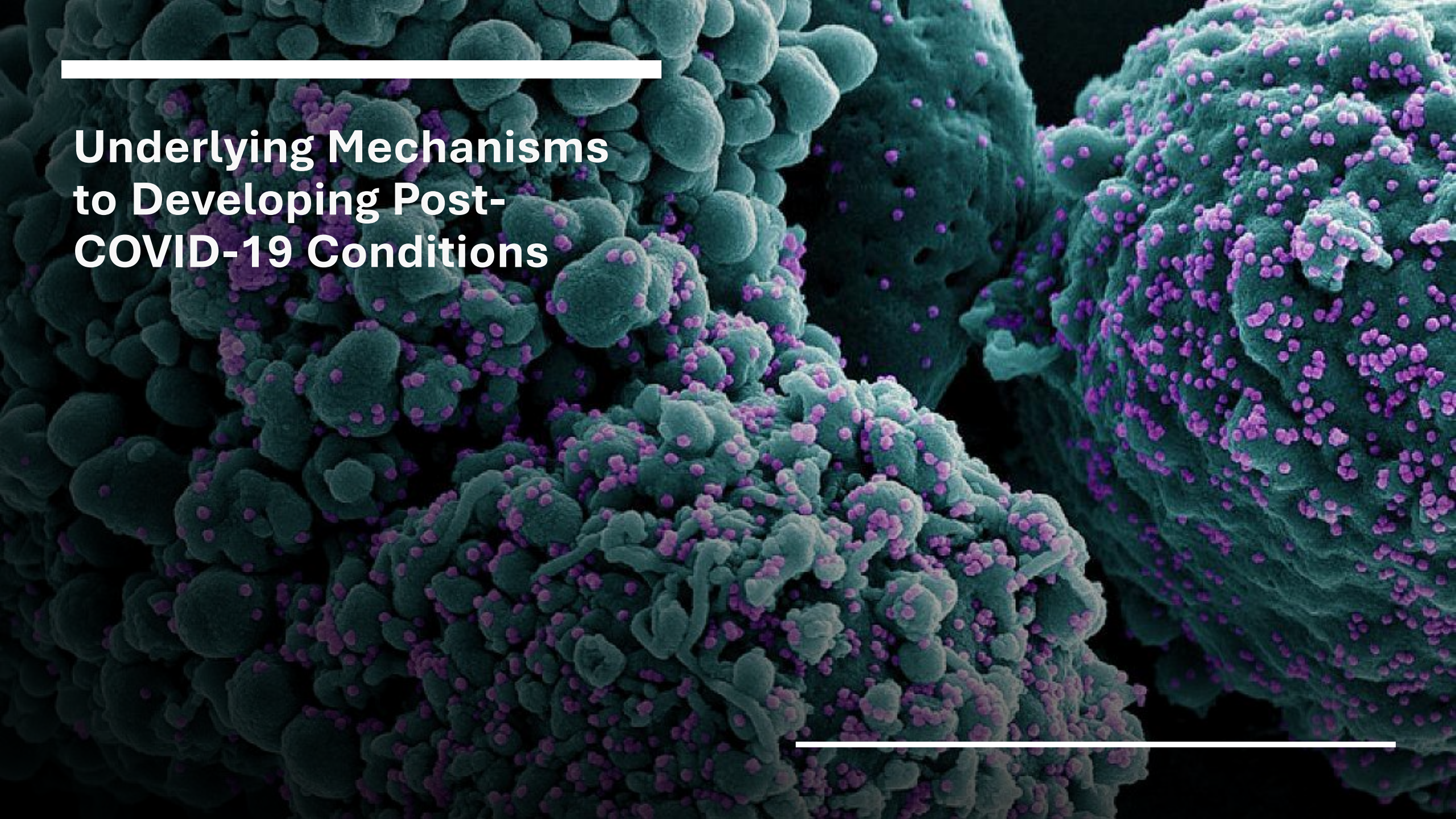
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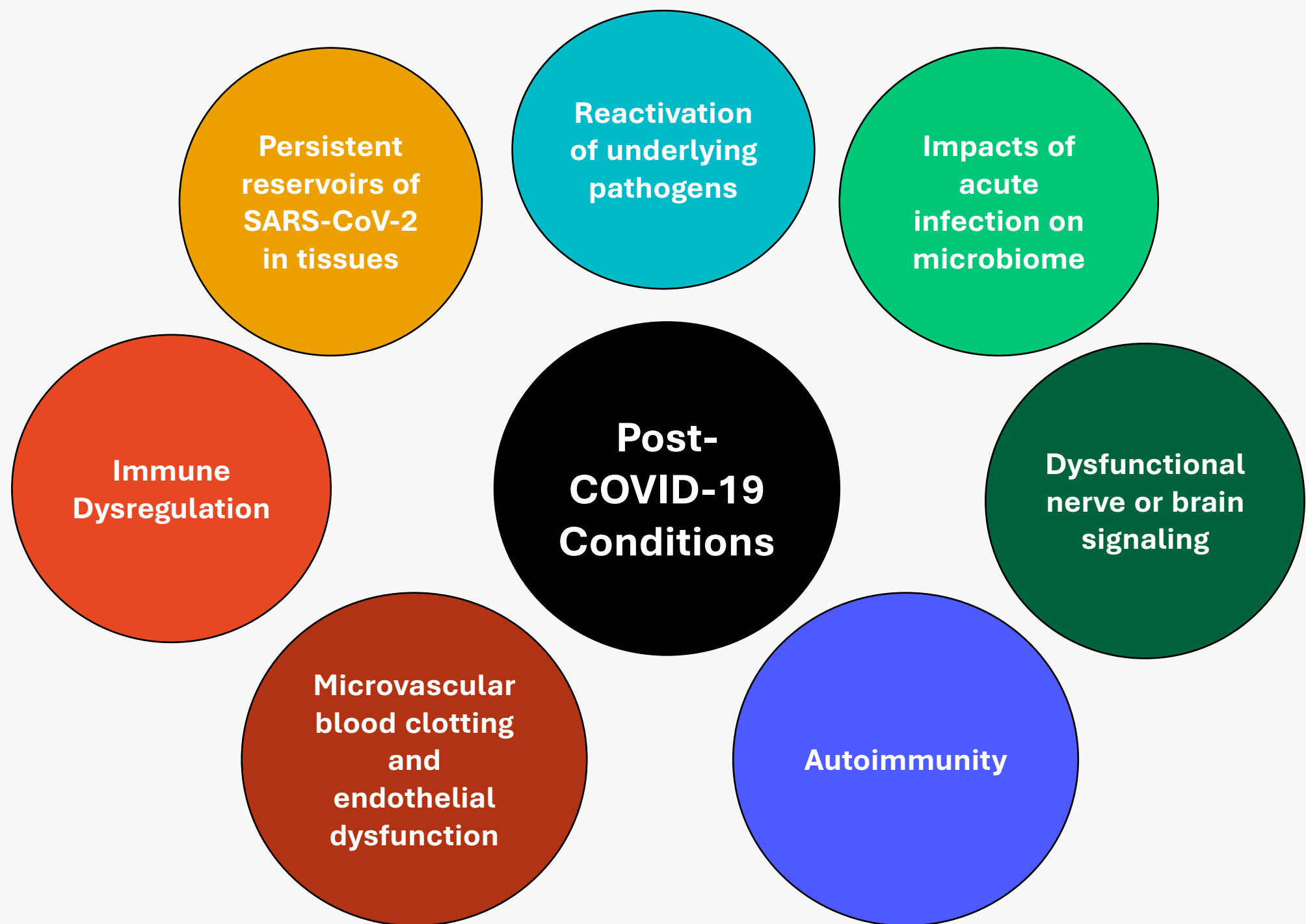
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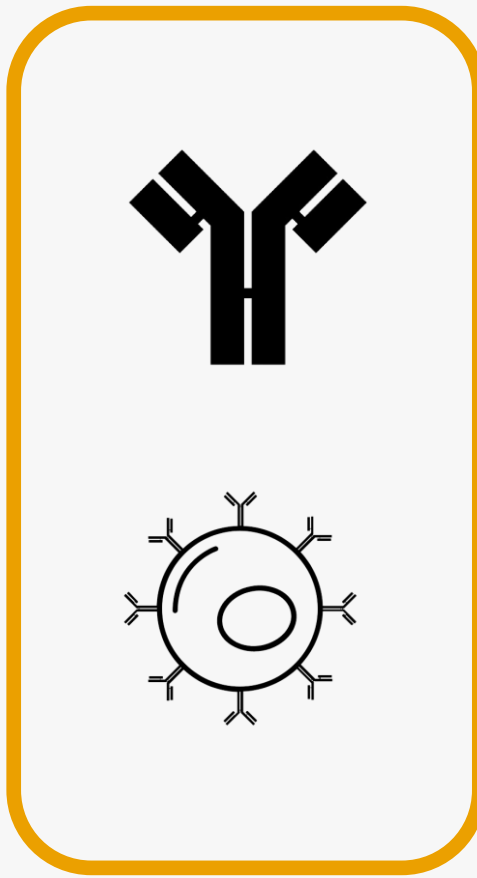
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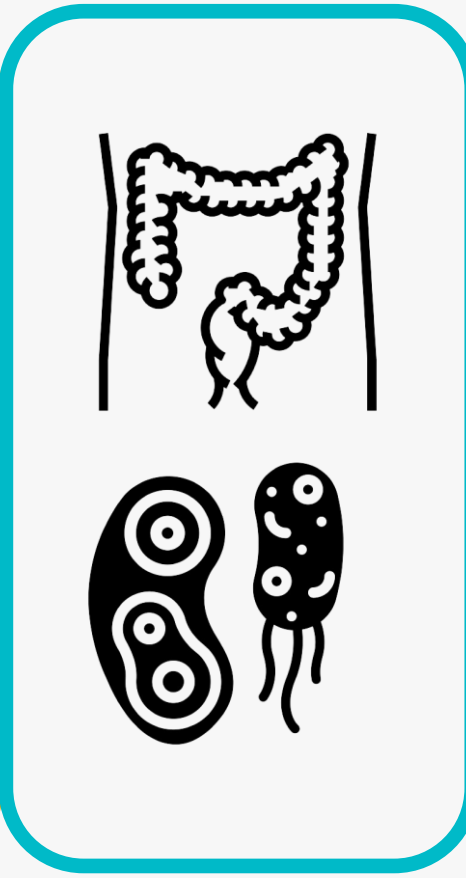
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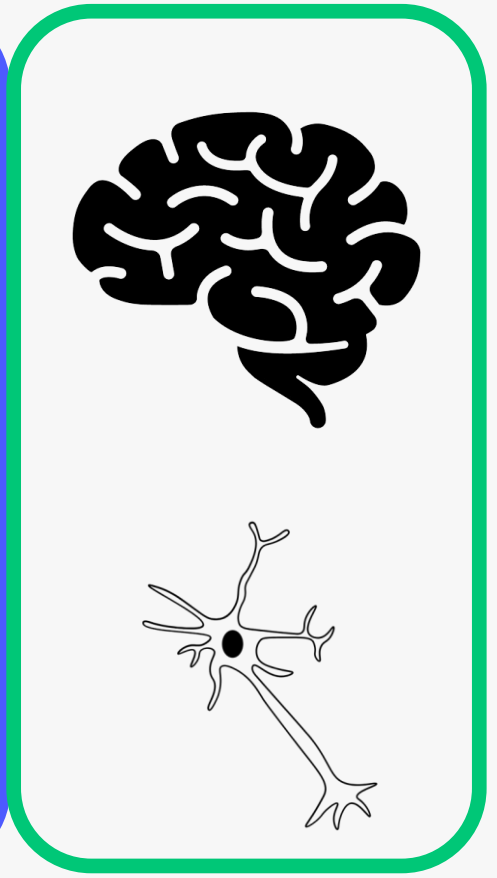
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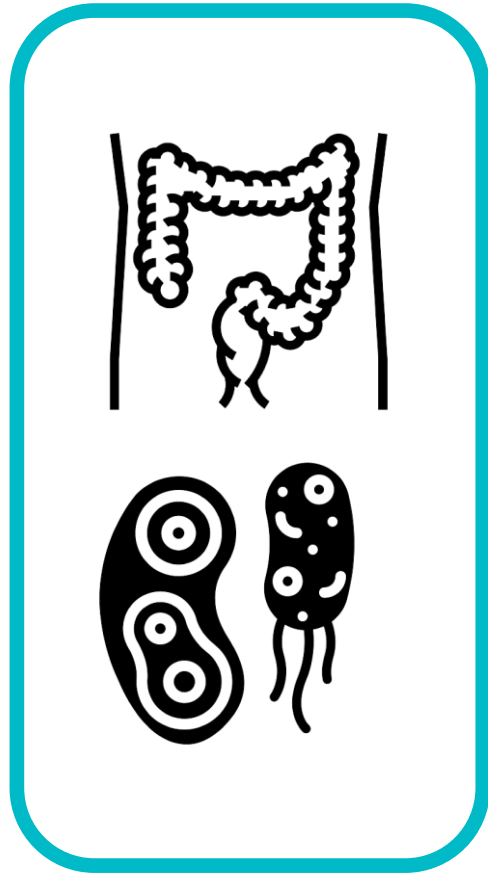
**Autoimmunity and
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Gut microbiota



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Gut microbiota composition reflects disease severity and dysfunctional immune responses in patients with COVID-19

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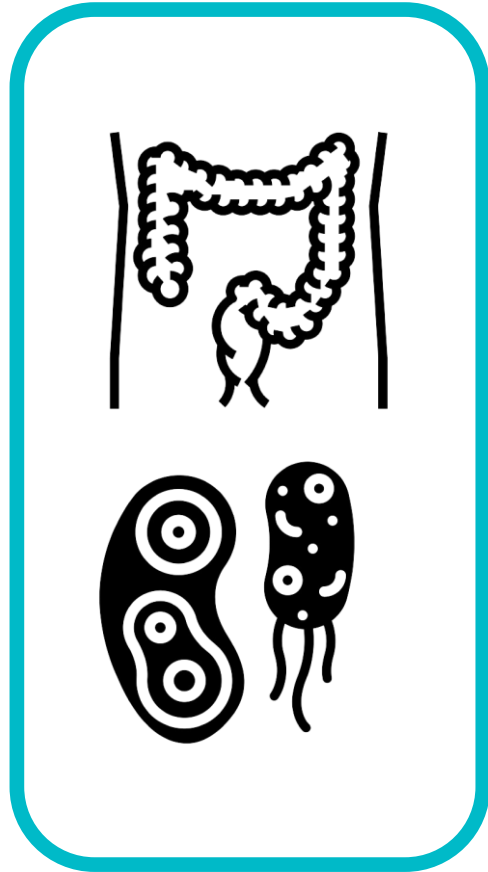


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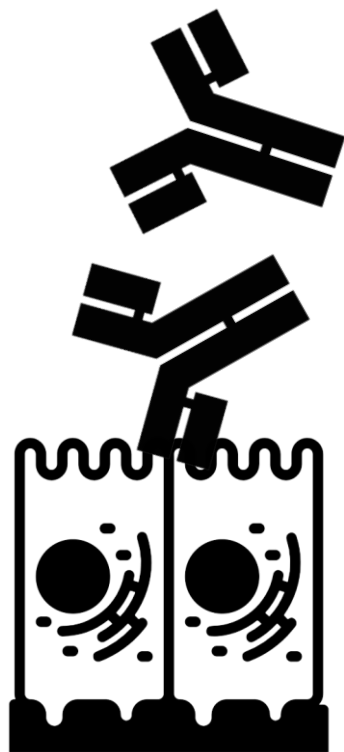
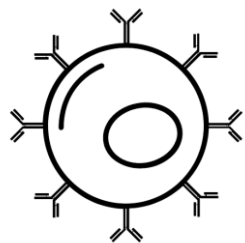
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- Studies show that gut microbiome composition is significantly altered comparing those with COVID-19 and those without COVID-19.
- Commensals associated with immunomodulating potential were underrepresented in those with COVID-19.
- Disruption was associated with elevated inflammatory markers.
- Continued dysbiosis after infection resolution suggest possible pathway for lingering symptoms.



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Multiple early factors anticipate post-acute COVID-19 sequelae

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Mild

Moderate

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Healthy Controls





Acute
Infection

2-3 months
after
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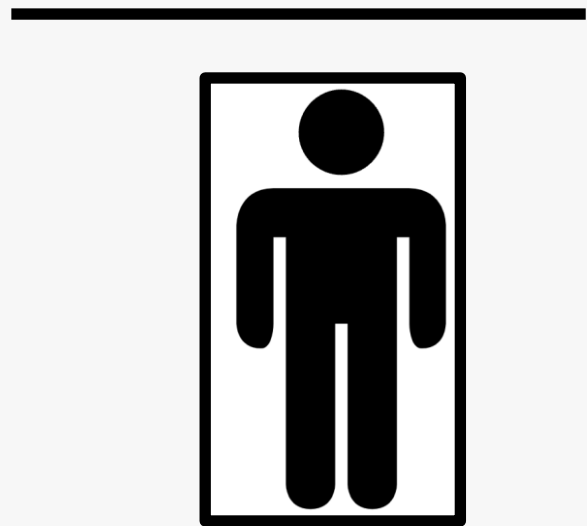
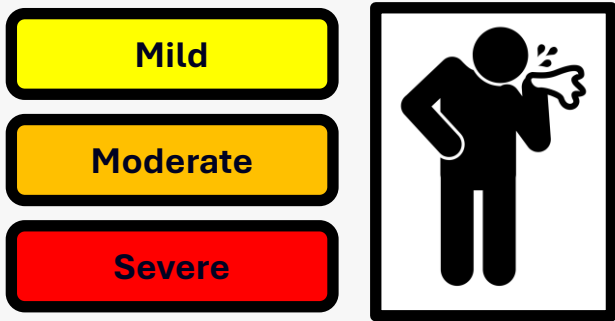
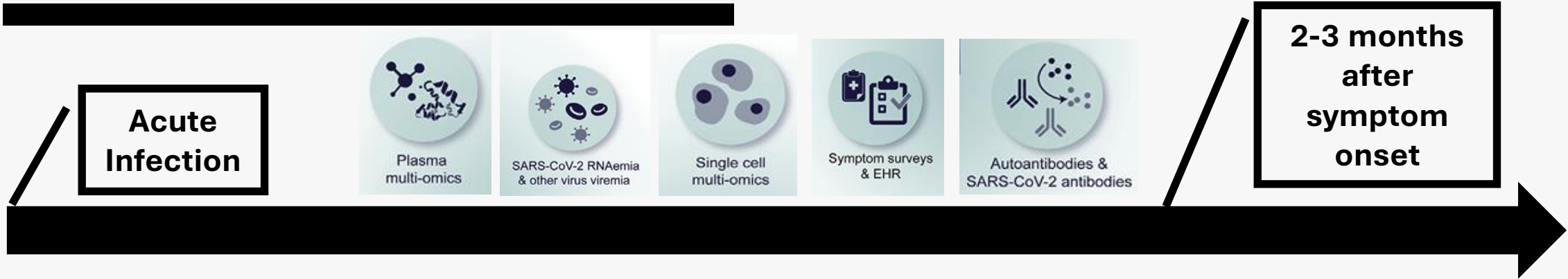
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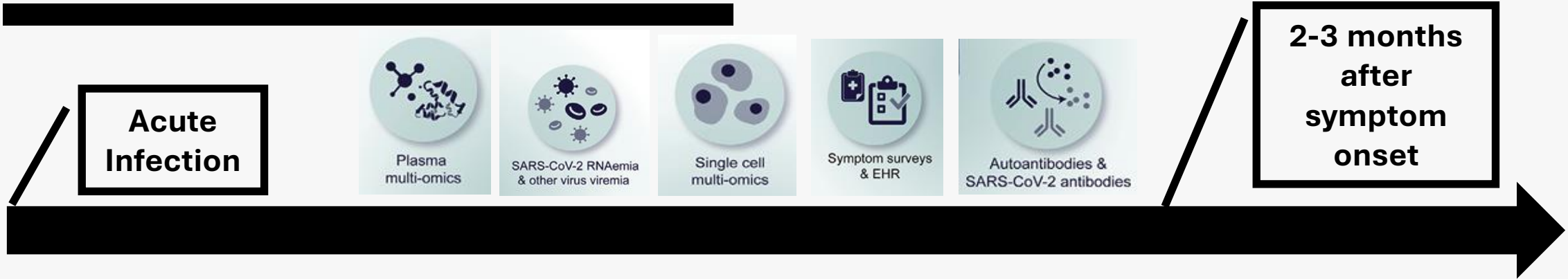
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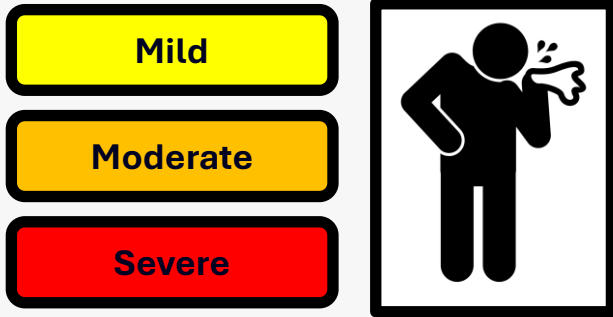


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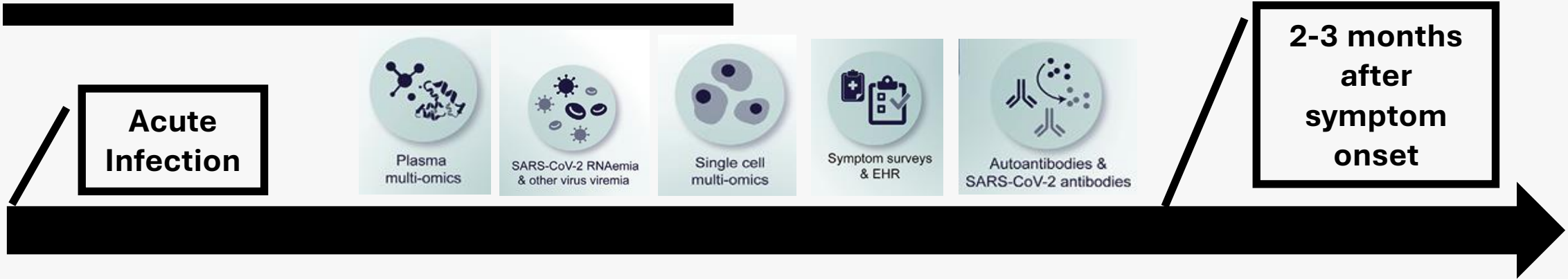


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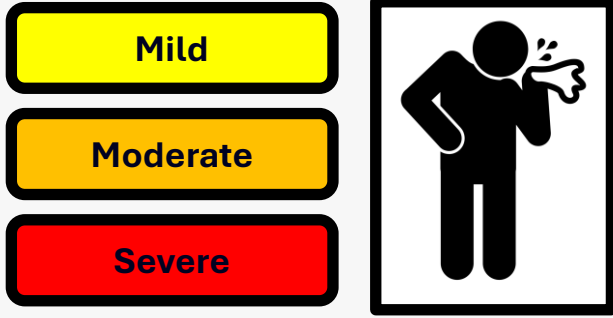


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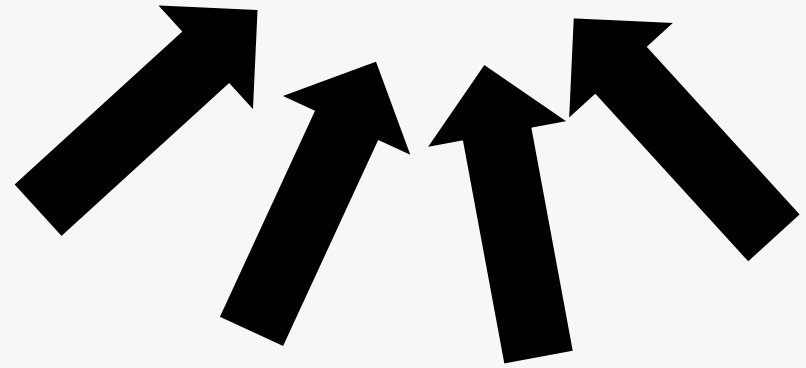


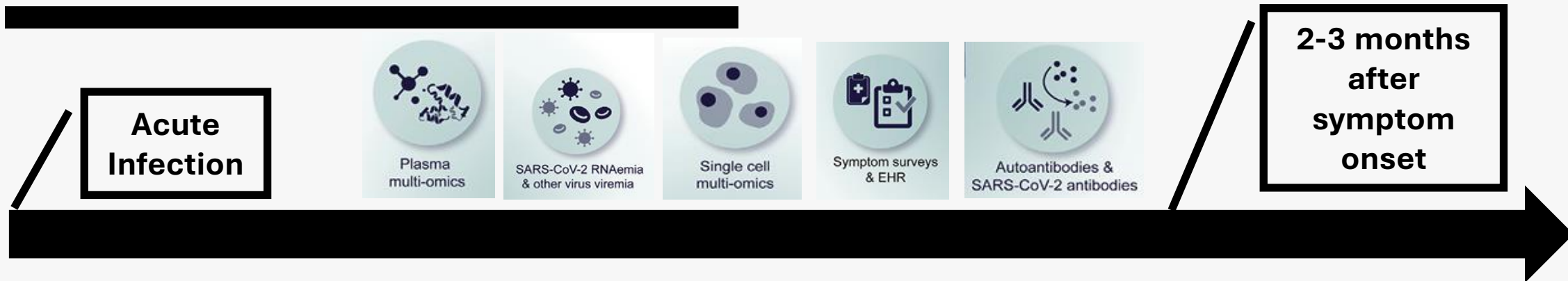


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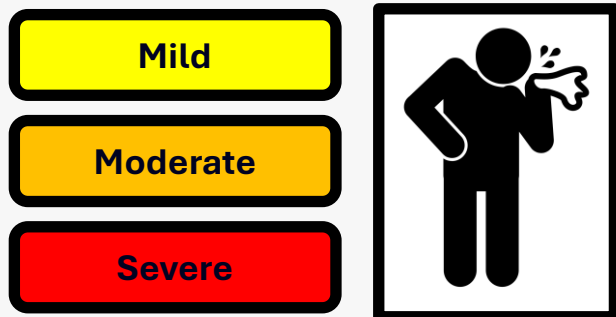


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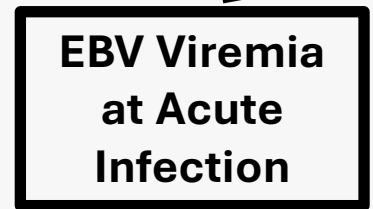




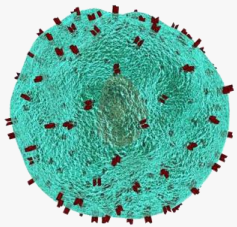
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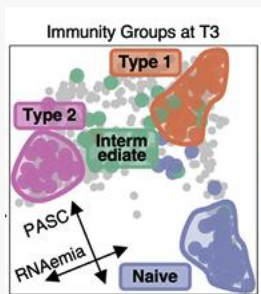


Additional Findings



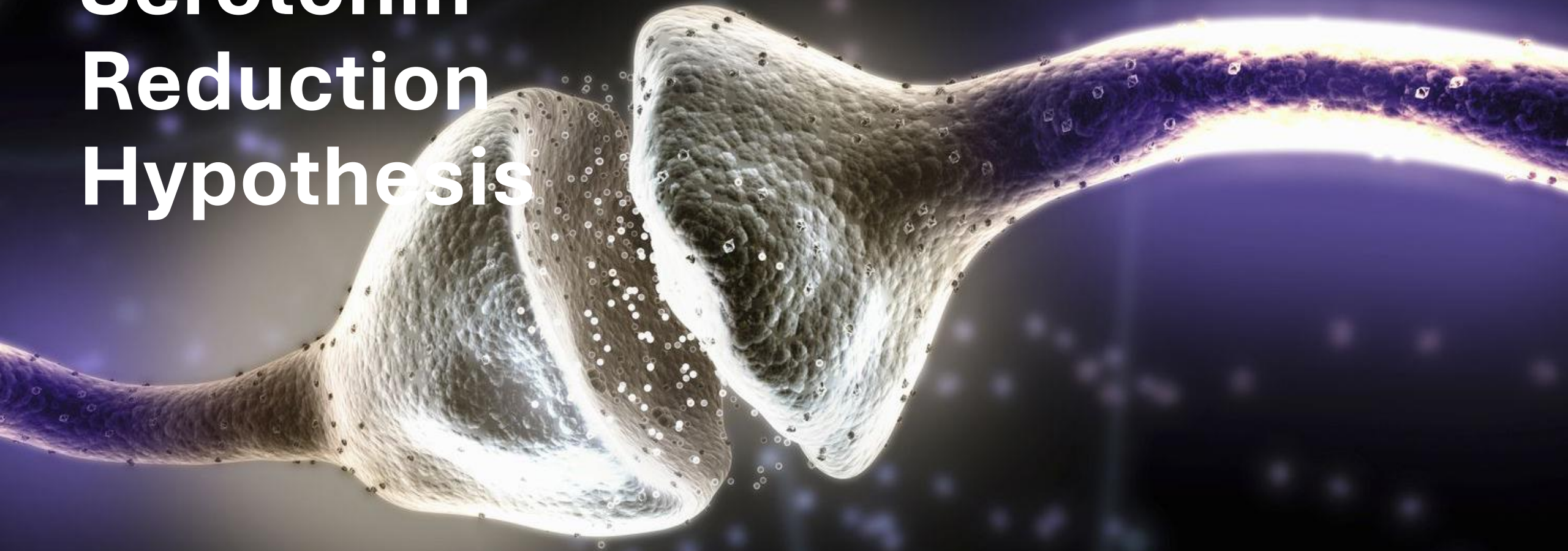
- Markers of post-COVID-19 conditions are mostly present at time of acute infection and many are no longer detectable at the time of diagnosis.

- Specific T-cell subpopulations are associated with specific post-COVID-19 conditions (e.g. gastrointestinal symptoms).

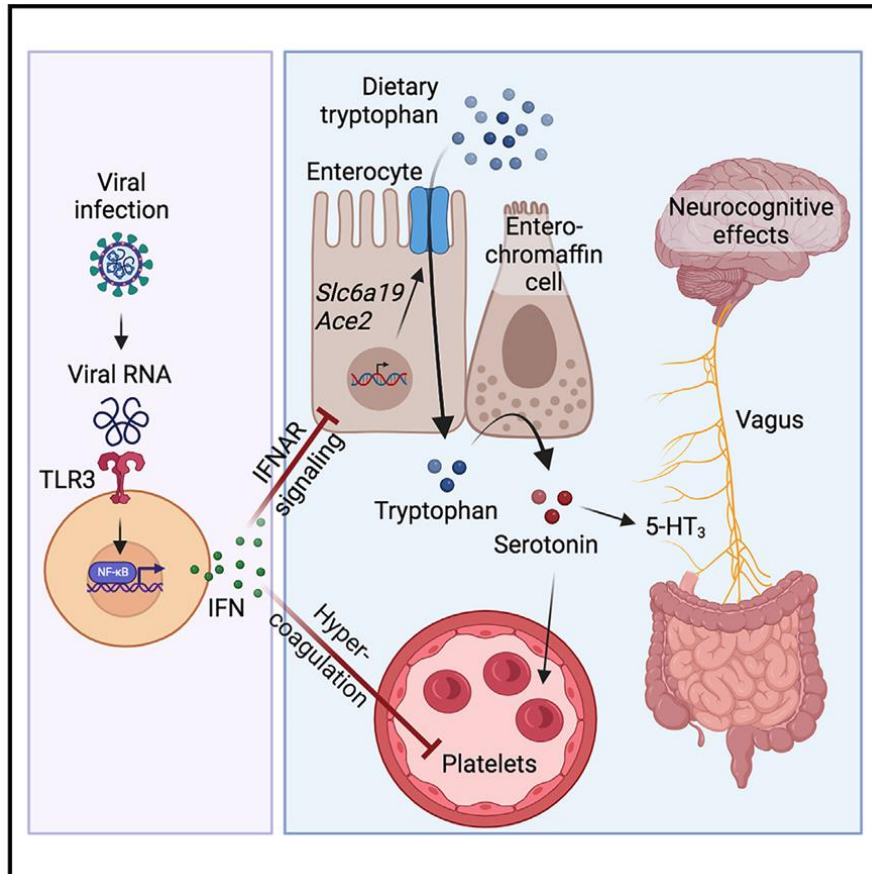


- Distinct immune endotypes or “signatures” at the time of post-COVID-19 condition were present with various expressions of immune cell sub-types.

Serotonin Reduction Hypothesis



Serotonin reduction in post-acute sequelae of viral infection



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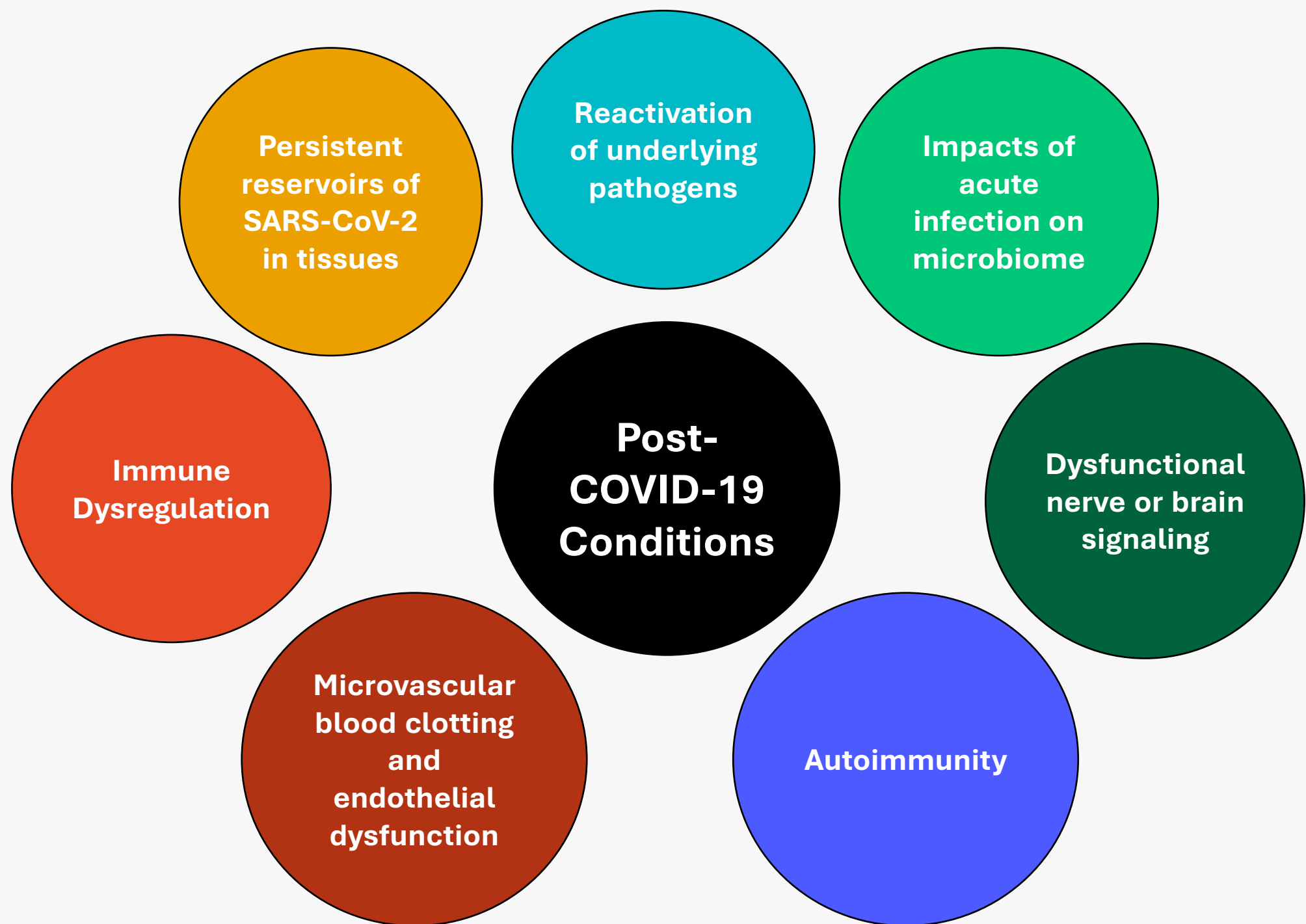
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In brief

Post-viral syndromes are associated with serotonin reduction, which may contribute to the neurological and cognitive symptoms seen in individuals with Long COVID.

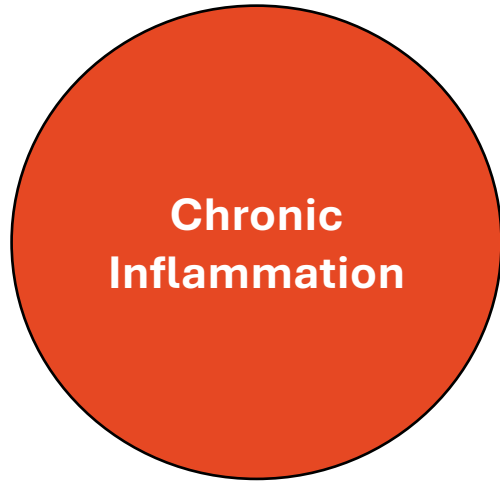


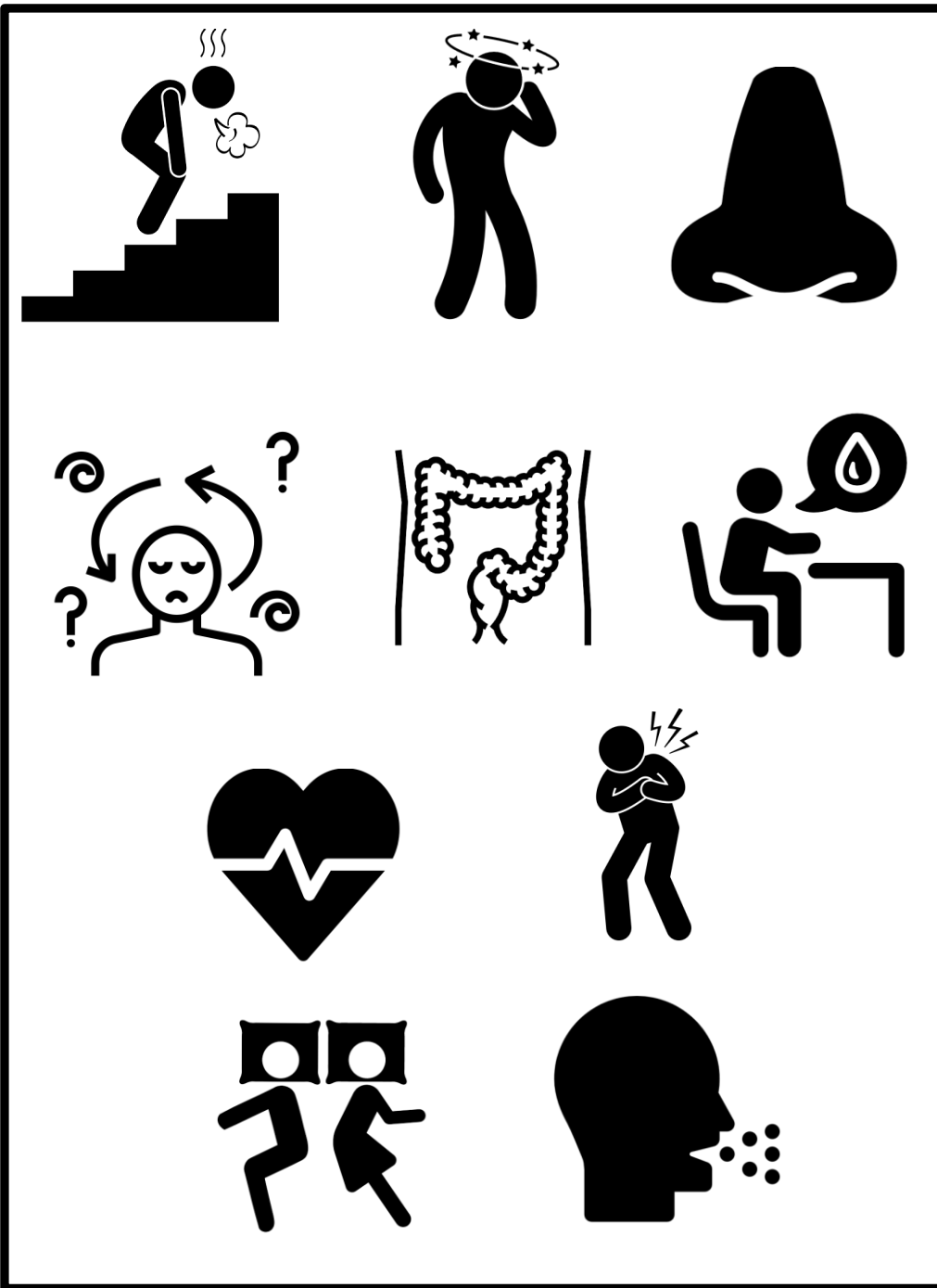
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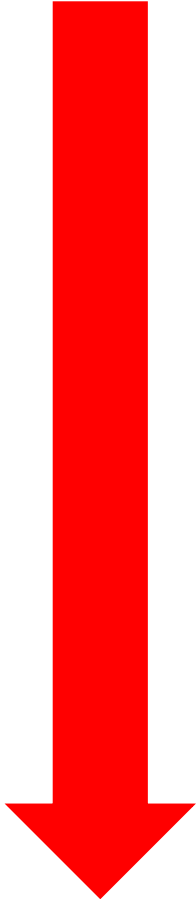
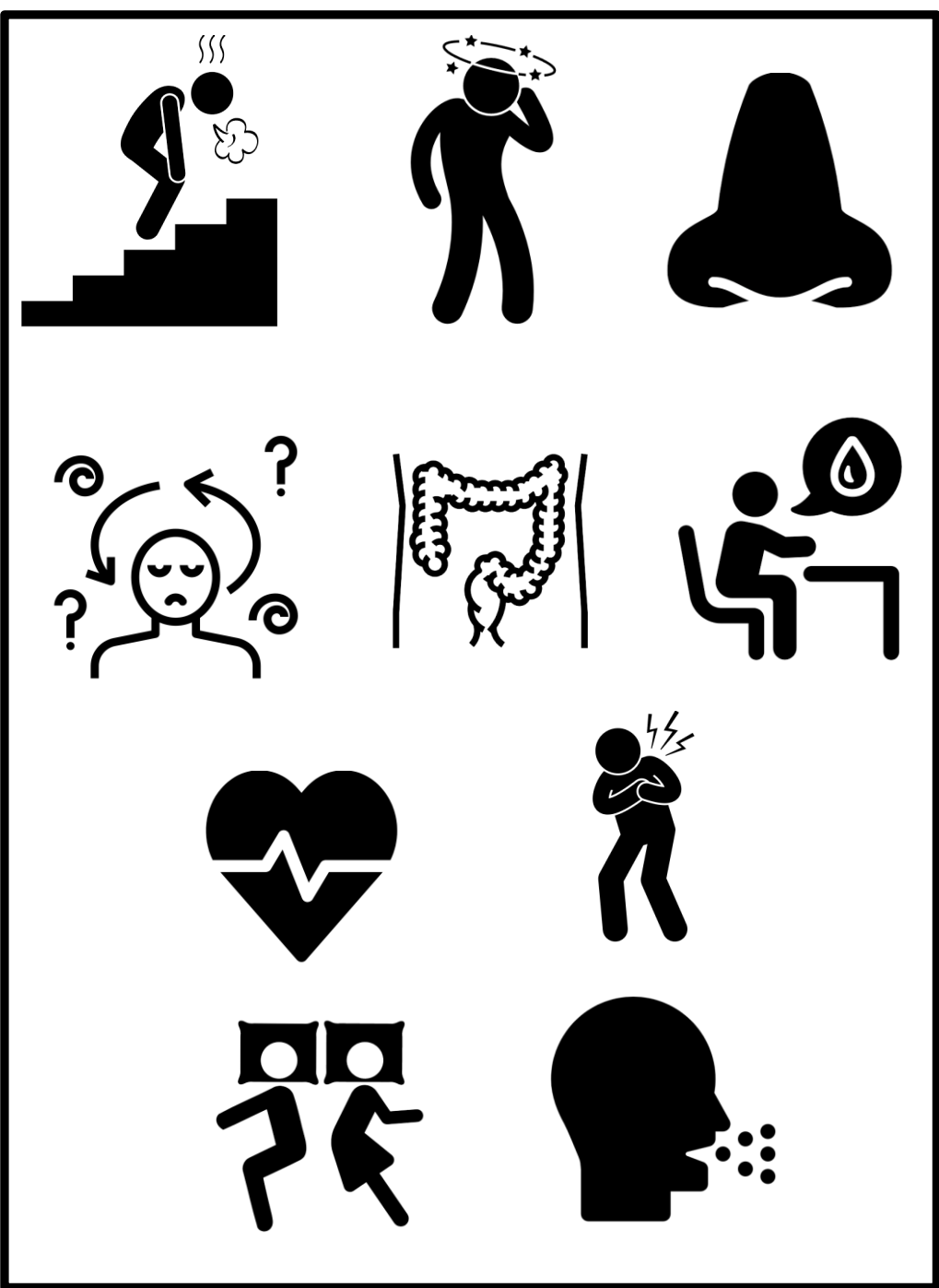
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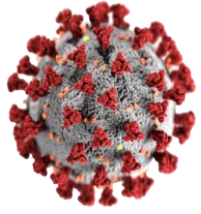




1. Performed plasma metabolomics among patients with long COVID.
2. Metabolite profile distinct from those who recovered symptom-free.
3. Serotonin levels most notably depleted in acute and post-acute COVID-19.



**Associated
with Lower
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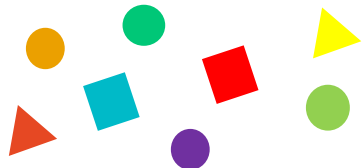
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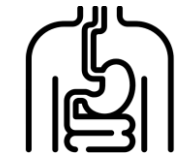
Persistent viral infection was associated with higher levels of interferon-stimulated genes also seen in long COVID patients.



Serotonin



Serotonin levels recovered in those that cleared infection but not those with chronic infection or persistent inflammation.



Most serotonin in our bodies is produced in the GI tract from dietary tryptophan; people with acute COVID-19 and long COVID have reduce plasma tryptophan levels.

Circulating serotonin stored on platelets.

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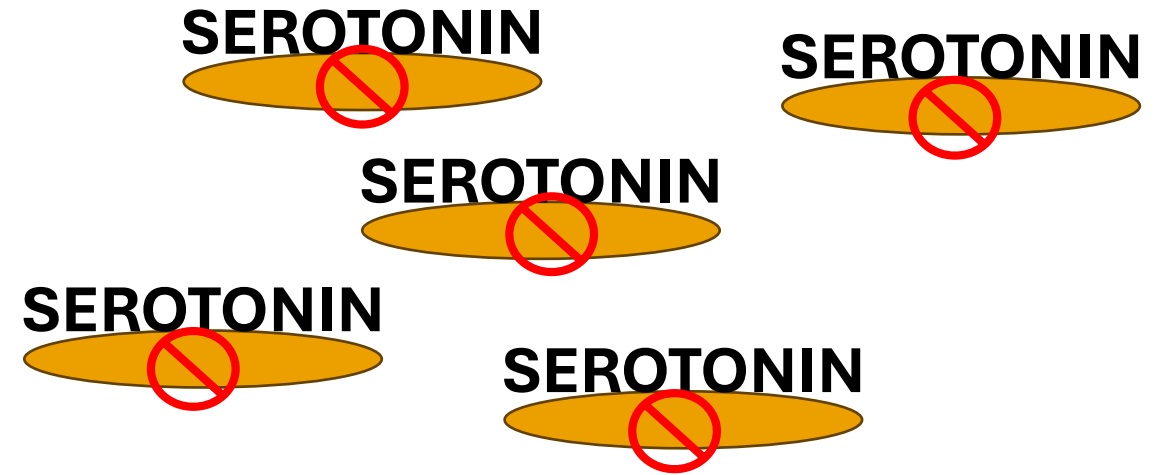
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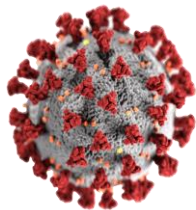
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Viral inflammation drives platelet hyperactivation and consumption.



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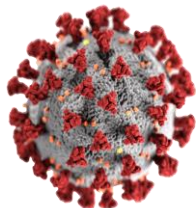
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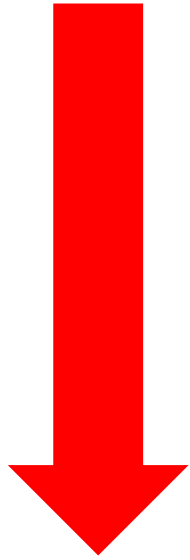
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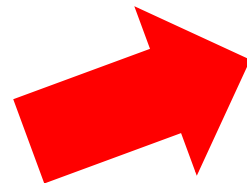
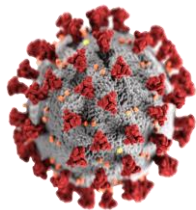
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Serotonin



Serotonin

- **Hippocampus responsible for short-term memories and requires serotonin as a key player for its function.**
- **Serotonin in the brain is unaffected by viral inflammation so peripheral serotonin levels associated with cognitive impairment.**
- **Reductions of serotonin impact vagal neuros and then go on to affect the hippocampus.**



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Perspective
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Do Pandemics Ever End?

Joelle M. Abi-Rached, M.D., Ph.D., and Allan M. Brandt, Ph.D.

“The declaration of the end of a pandemic therefore marks a critical point when the value of a human life becomes a variable of actuarial significance – in other words, when a government determines that the social, economic, and political costs of saving a life exceed the benefits of doing so....

It is neither epidemiology nor any political declaration that determines the end of a pandemic, but the normalization of mortality and morbidity by means of a disease’s routinization and endemicization – what in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic has been called ‘living with the virus.’ ”

~ Joelle M. Abi-Rached, MD, PhD and Allan M. Brandt, PhD





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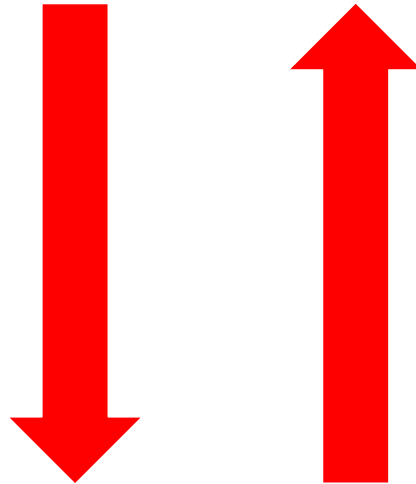
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Post COVID-19 conditions become more common.



**Risk of infection
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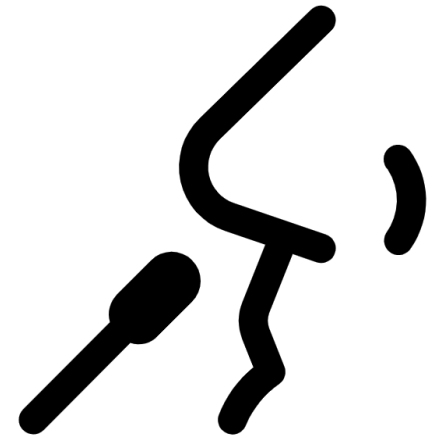
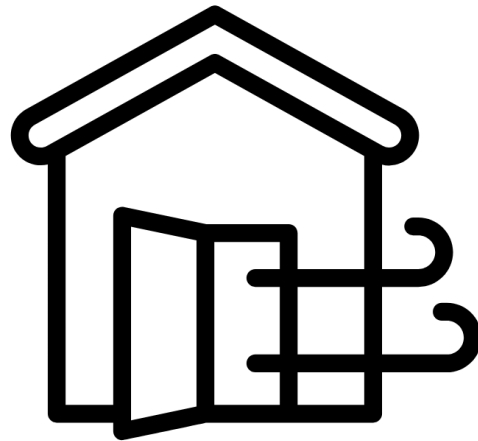
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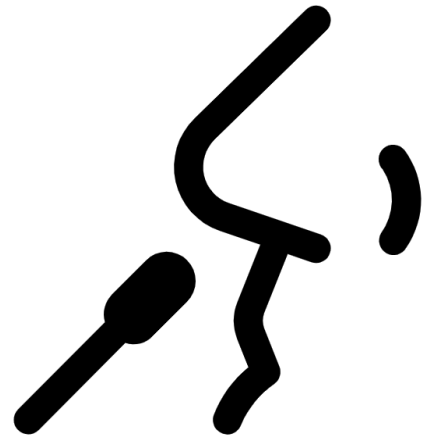
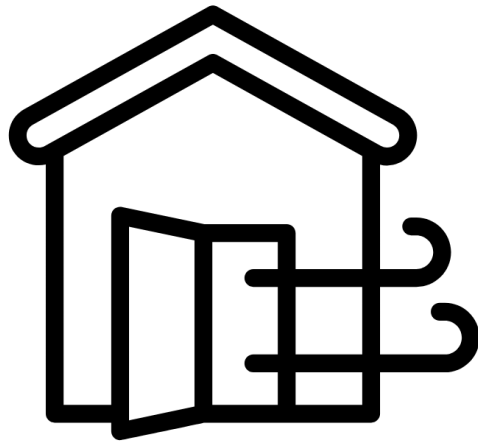




Stay up to date with recommended vaccinations



Get treated early if eligible



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- Kaiser Family Foundation: Long COVID: What do the Latest Data Show? <https://www.kff.org/policy-watch/long-covid-what-do-latest-data-show/#:~:text=As%20of%20January%2016%2C%202023%2C%2015%25%20of%20all%20adults,are%20no%20longer%20reporting%20symptoms.>
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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



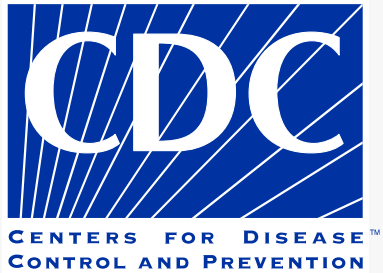
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Symptoms impact everyday functioning

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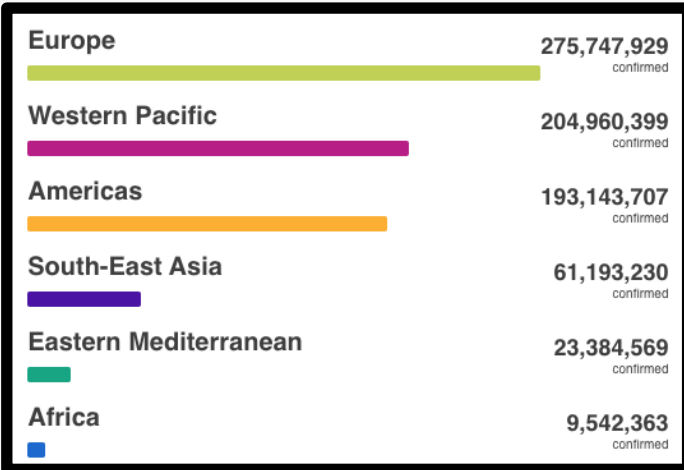
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- Case counts are not an accurate assessment of community burden
- Changes in testing behavior and decreased access to testing
- Ending of WHO and US federal government PHE changed reporting requirements
- CDC seroprevalence study suggest that 78%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

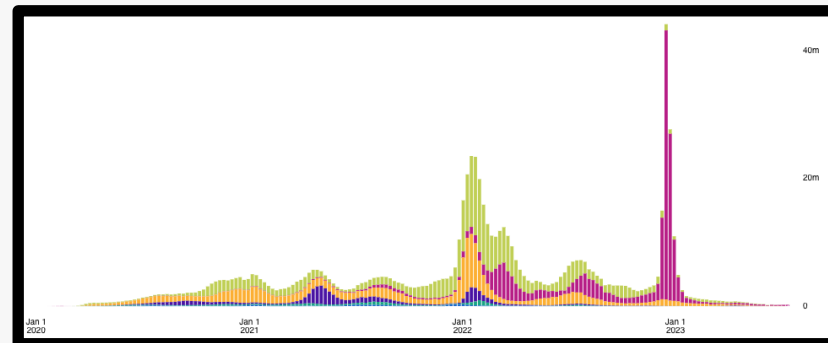


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A clinical case definition of post-COVID-19 condition by a Delphi consensus

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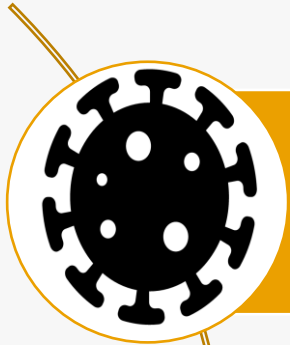


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**Representation
From All WHO
Regions and
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Definition of a post-COVID-19 condition:



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



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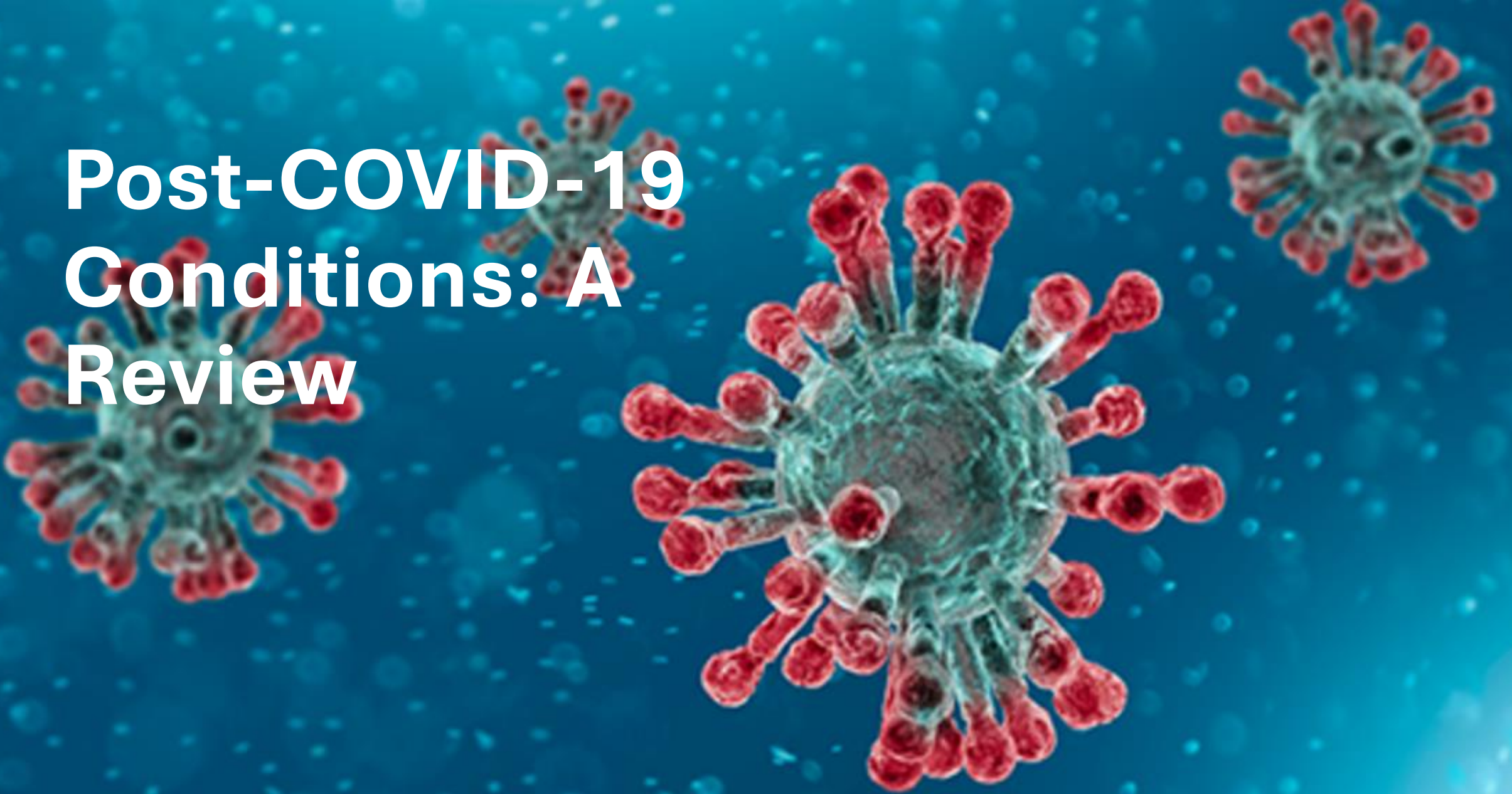
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Category	Laboratory Tests
Blood count, electrolytes, and renal function	Complete blood count with possible iron studies to follow, basic metabolic panel, urinalysis
Liver function	Liver function tests or complete metabolic panel
Inflammatory markers	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

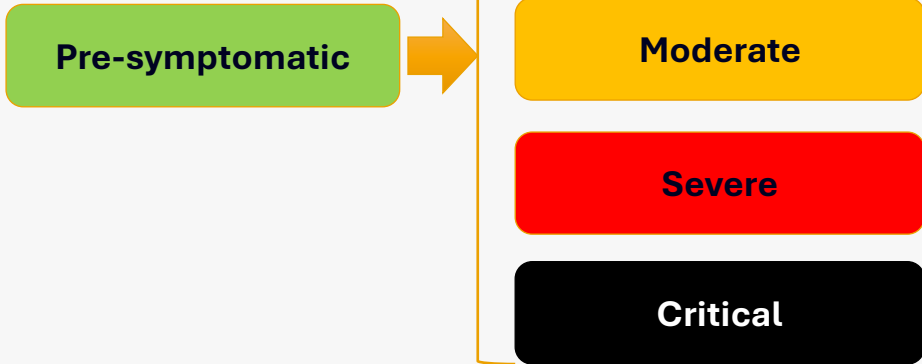
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Myocardial injury	Troponin
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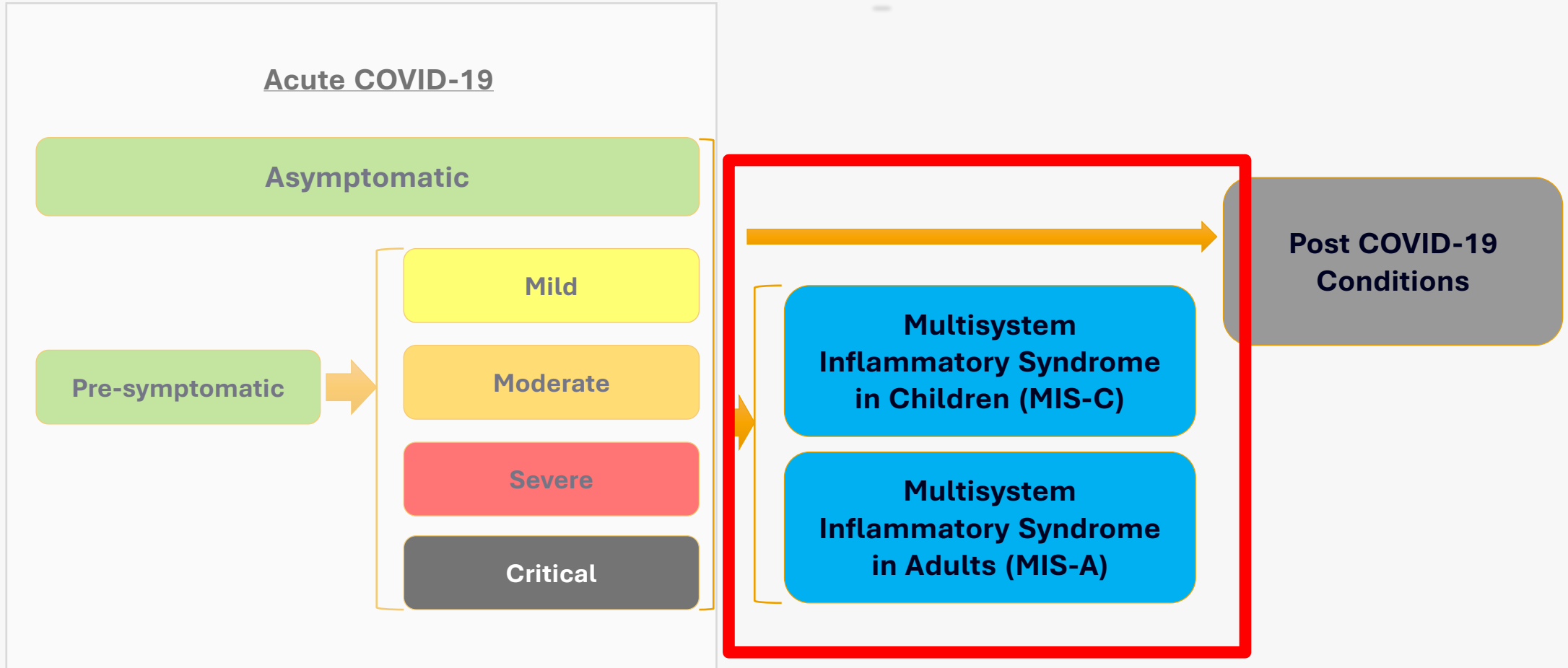
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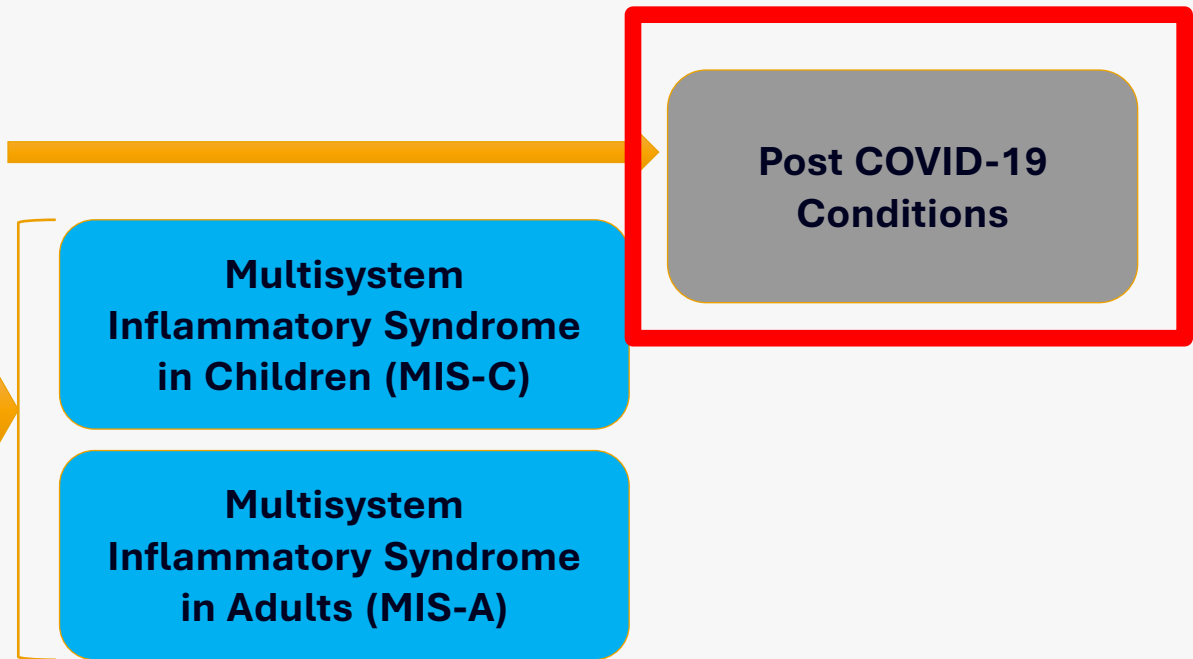
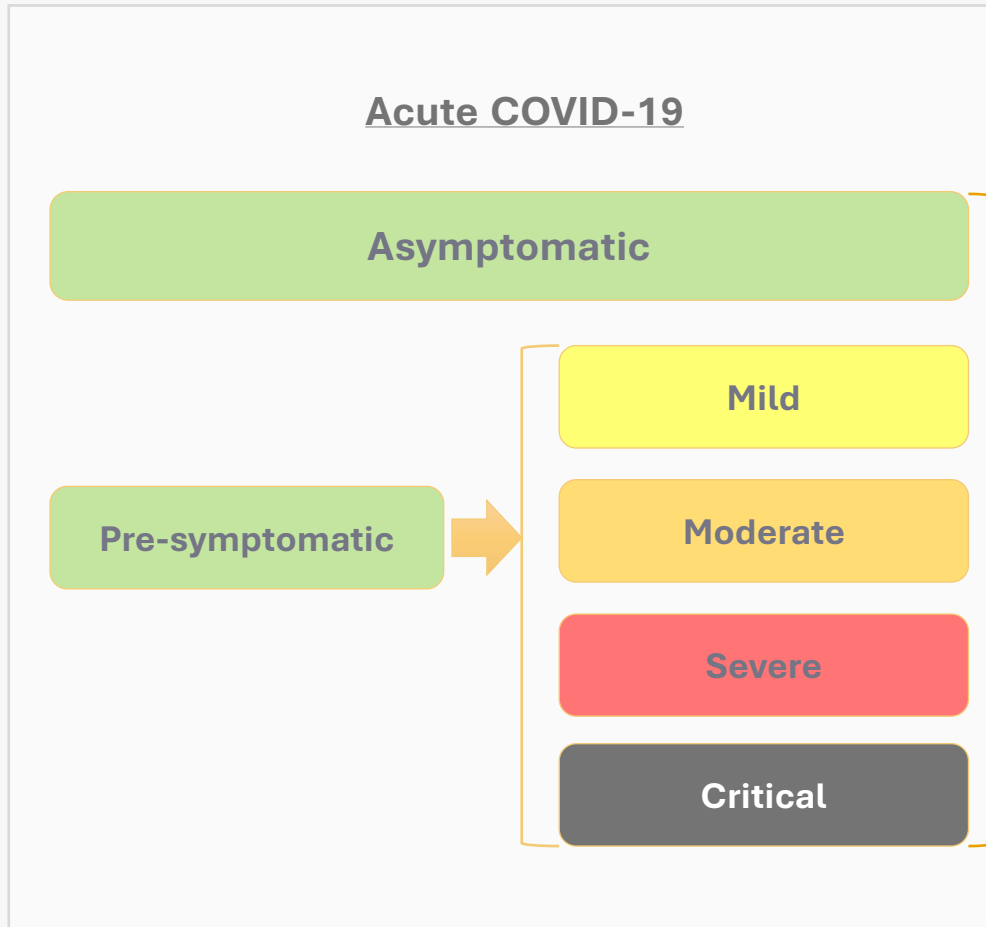




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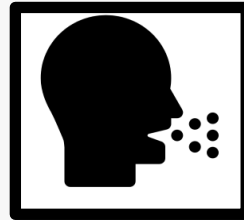
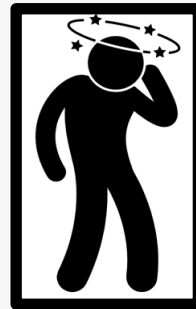


Evaluation of Patients with Post-COVID-19 Conditions

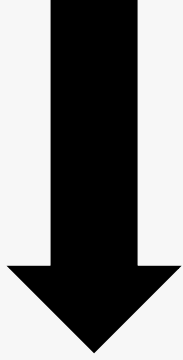
When evaluating a patient in clinic for a post-COVID-19 condition...



**determining where to start can feel
daunting.**



**There is currently no gold
standard approach to evaluation.**



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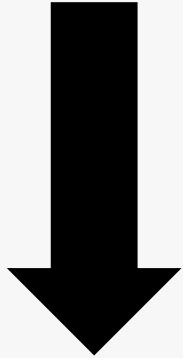
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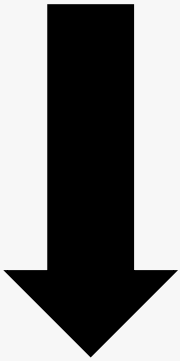
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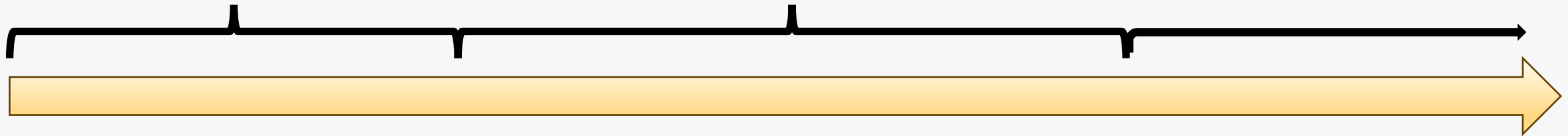
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Thinking about acute infection recovery in phases.

Post Acute
(0-4 weeks)

Early Post COVID-19
Condition
(5-12 weeks)

Post COVID-19
Condition
(>12 weeks)



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



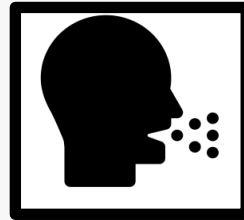
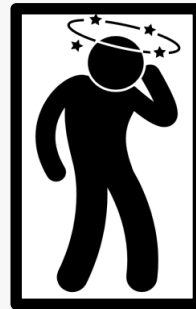
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- There is no definitive single or collective tests to diagnose post-COVID-19 conditions
 - SARS-CoV-2 testing may be warranted to rule out re-infection.
 - May consider expanded testing for those with symptoms beyond 12 weeks



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



PASC Consensus Guidance

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Member Stories

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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.

Neurological Symptoms Guidance Statement

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Cardiovascular Complications Guidance Statement

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Breathing Discomfort Guidance Statement

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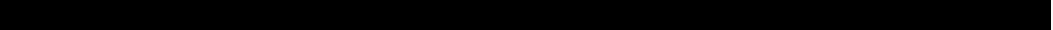
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- **Gradual increases**
- **Titrated work hours**

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