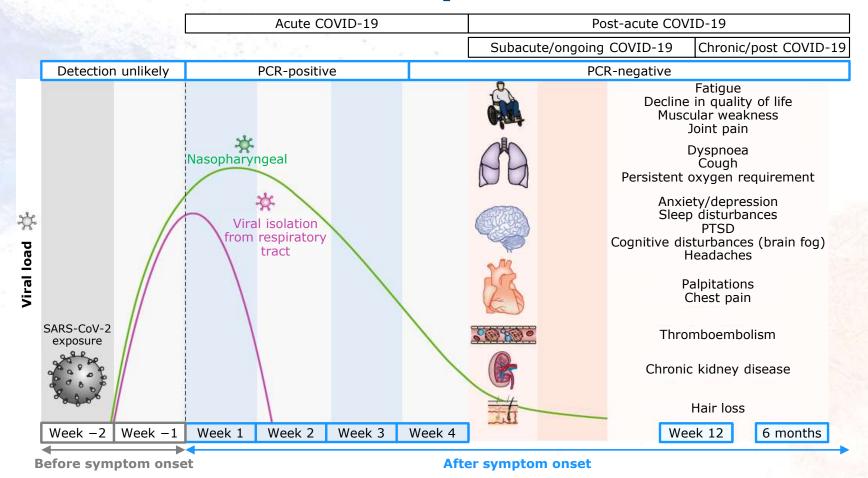


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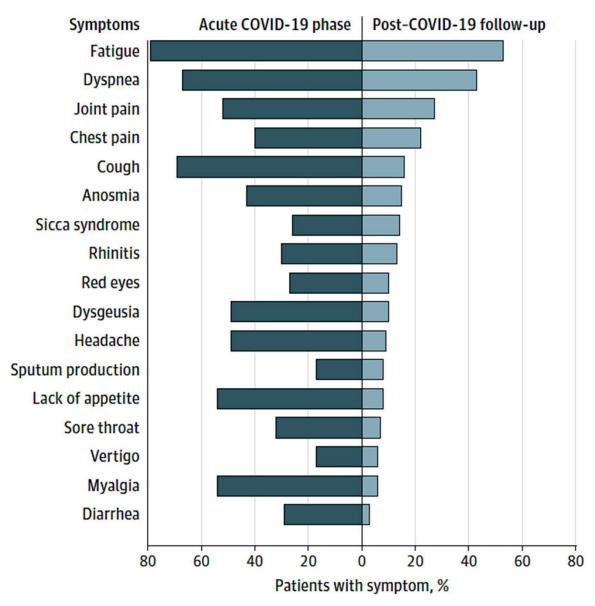
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Timeline for acute and post-acute COVID-19

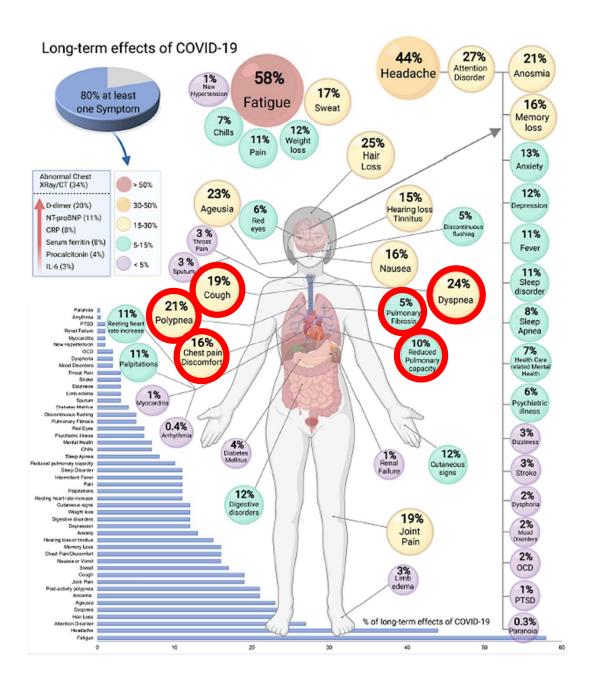


PCR, polymerase chain reaction; PTSD, post-traumatic stress disorder; SARS-CoV-2, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.

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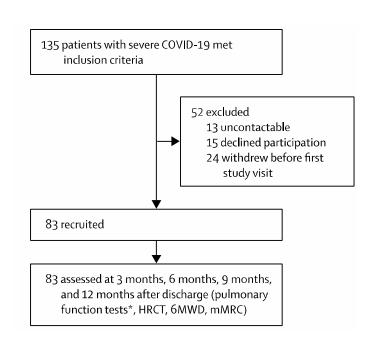


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3-month, 6-month, 9-month, and 12-month respiratory outcomes in patients following COVID-19-related hospitalisation: a prospective study

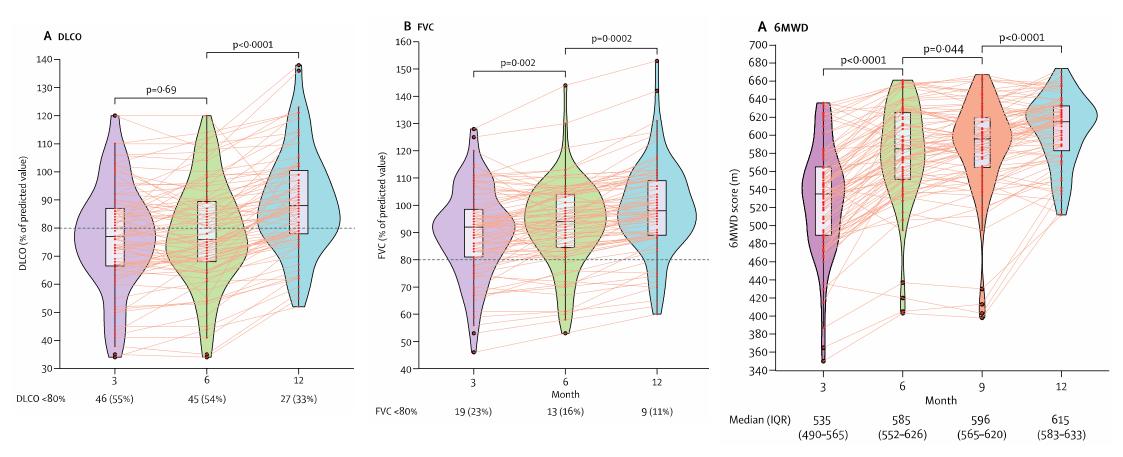


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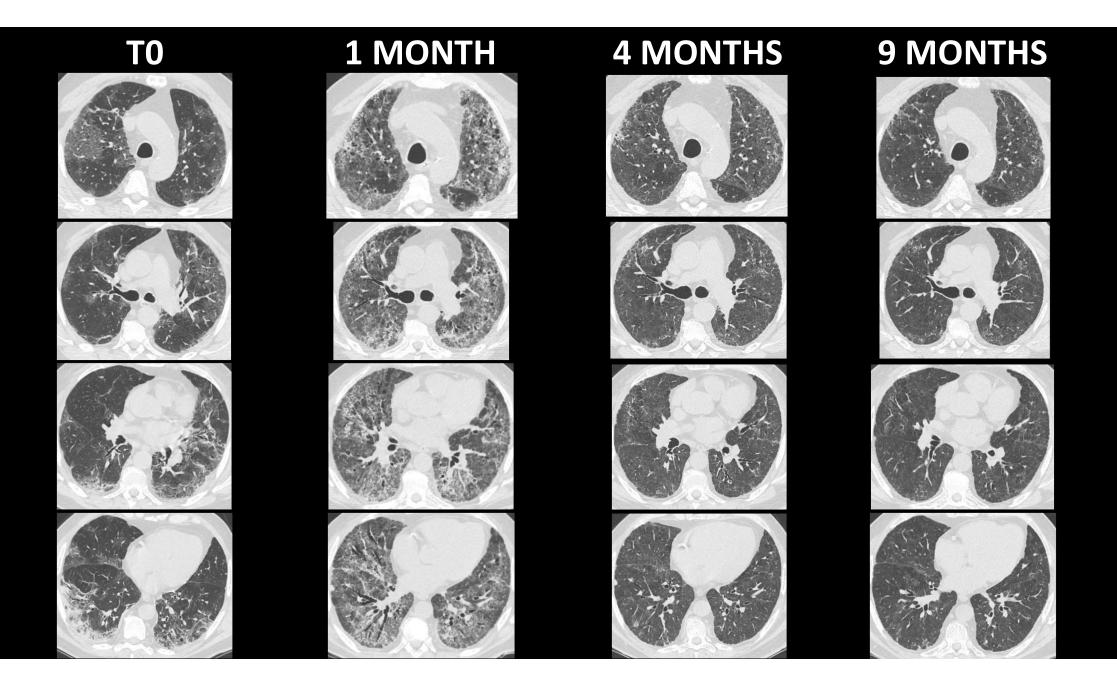


	All patients (n=83)
Age, years	60 (52–66)
Sex	
Male	47 (57%)
Female	36 (43%)
BMI, kg/m²	25.0 (23.5–27.1)
Cigarette smoking	
Never smoked	83 (100%)
Comorbidities*	0
Hospitalisation	
Length of hospital stay, days	29 (25–35)
Peak CT pneumonia score during hospitalisation	30 (24–36)
Oxygen supply	
Nasal cannula or mask	37 (45%)
HFNC or NIV	46 (55%)
Antivirals	
Oseltamivir	53 (64%)
Ribavirin	83 (100%)
Ganciclovir	42 (51%)
Corticosteroids	0

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Residual respiratory impairment after COVID-19 pneumonia



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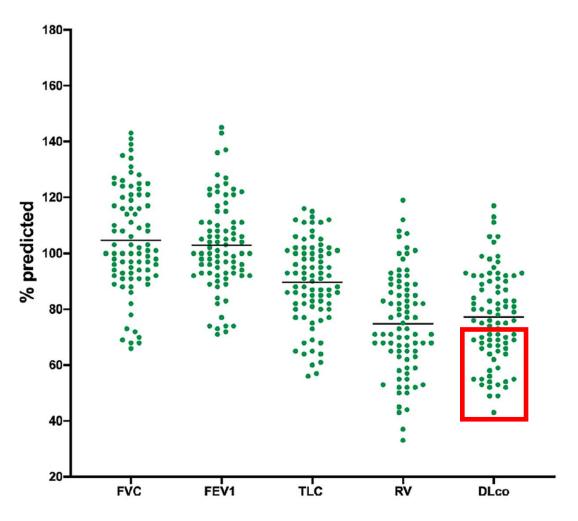
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FOLLOW-UP OF A COVID-19 HOSPITALIZED COHORT

	Available observations	N=87
Age, years		58 (13)
Male, n (%)		58 (67)
BMI (kg/m ²)		26.7 (4.4)
p/F worst	76	281 (150)*
Hospitalization time (days)	86	13 (10)*
Day from discharge (days)	85	35 (21)*
Smoking history, n (%)	85	
Never smoker		33 (39)
Smoker		4 (5)
Former smoker		48 (56)

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LUNG FUNCTION TESTS ONE MONTH AFTER DISCHARGE



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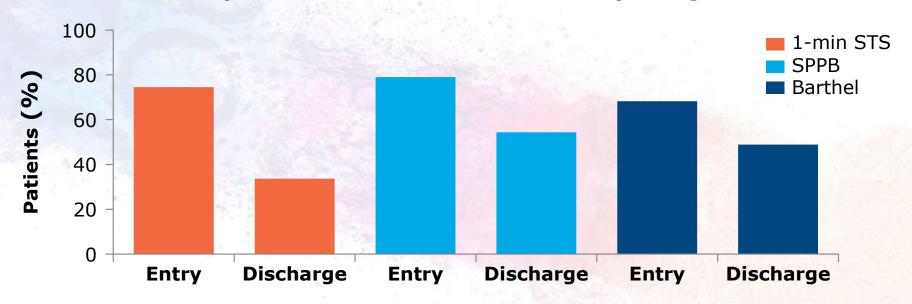
P/F RATIO DURING THE ACUTE PHASE PREDICTS RESIDUAL RESPIRATORY IMPAIRMENT

	N available observations	$p/F \ge 300 (N = 28)$	$p/F < 300 \ge 200 (n = 27)$	p/F < 200 (n = 21)	<i>p</i> value
Age (years)	76	52.3 (14.0)	59.2 (12.2)	63.1 (11.9)	0.014
Sex	76				0.618
Male		19 (68)	17 (63)	16 (76)	
Female		9 (32)	10 (37)	5 (24)	
BMI (Kg/m ²)	75	25.7 (5.1)	27.3 (3.9)	28.0 (4.3)	0.181
p/F worst	76	349.0 (55.8)*	276.0 (54.0)*	135.0 (92.5)*	< 0.001
Hospitalization time (days)	76	9.5 (6.0)*	13.0 (9.0)*	23.0 (14.0)*	< 0.001
ICU admission	76	0 (0)	1 (4)	13 (62)	< 0.001
FVC [§]	73				
Litres		4.23 (0.18)	3.77 (0.18)	3.68 (0.21)	0.099
% predicted		119.6 (3.3)	104.5 (3.4)	92.0 (3.9)°	0.005
DL _{CO} §	73				
Litres		23.23 (0.97)	21.05 (1.00)	18.69 (1.15)°	0.017
% predicted		82.7 (2.7)	80.6 (2.8)	64.9 (3.2)° [#]	< 0.001

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Impaired physical functioning for recovering patients hospitalized with COVID-19

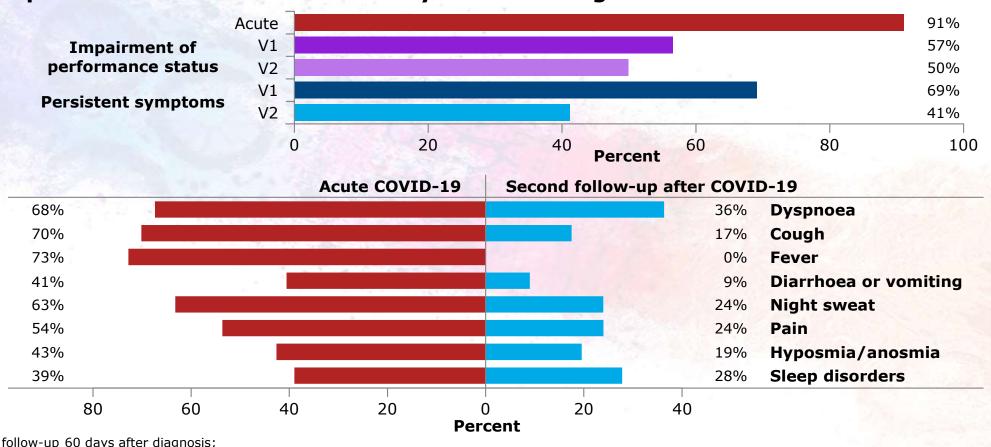
Proportions of patients with abnormal physical functioning and/or abnormal performance of activities of daily living



- Most patients had low (53.3%) or moderate (17.5%) SPPB summary scores
- 47.5% of patients still scored poorly on the Barthel index

Cardiopulmonary recovery after COVID-19: an observational prospective multicentre trial (1)

Symptom burden in the CovILD study cohort during acute COVID-19 and at follow-up



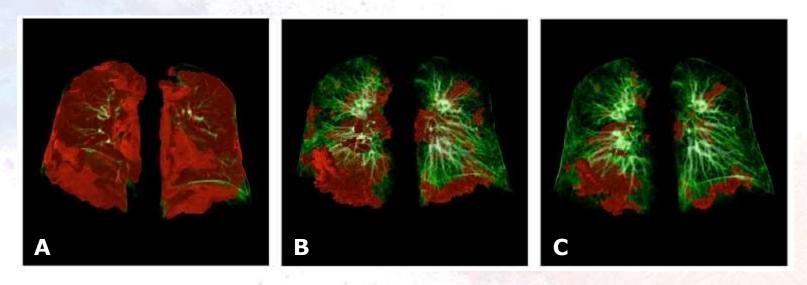
V1, first follow-up 60 days after diagnosis;

V2, second follow-up 100 days after diagnosis.

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Cardiopulmonary effects in recovering patients after COVID-19 infection

Representative sequential CT scans of a 56-year-old male COVID-19 patient during acute disease and follow-up



- Pulmonary 3D modelling assessed with CT (A) during acute COVID-19, (B) at 60 days follow-up, and (C) at 100 days follow-up
- Areas with increased opacity are marked with red; normal lung areas are indicated in green

Early outcomes after lung transplantation for severe COVID-19: a series of the first consecutive cases from 4 countries



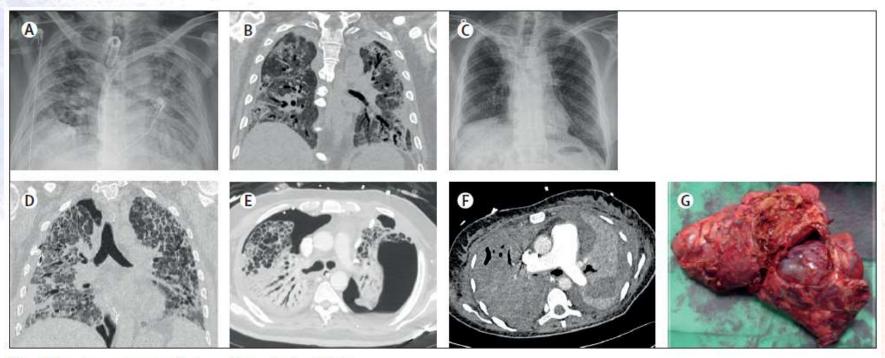


Figure 1: Imaging and gross pathology of transplant recipients

Typical chest radiograph (A) and CT (B) of a recipient undergoing lung transplantation for COVID-19-associated acute respiratory distress syndrome at the time of listing, showing honeycombing, consolidation, and bronchiectasis. (C) A chest radiograph of a representative recipient at the time of hospital discharge is given for comparison. (D–G) Typical radiological and gross pathological features seen in our patients at the time of listing: diffuse fibrosis in all lobes (D), pneumothoraces and shrinking lungs (E), parenchymal necrosis (F), and cavernous changes (G).

Implications of all available evidence

- Lung transplantation is feasible in patients with irreversible lung injury associated with COVID-19 who cannot be weaned off mechanical ventilation or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
- Further studies are needed
 - To identify patients who are likely to progress to irreversible lung damage
 - To establish long-term outcomes in patients with severe COVID-19 who undergo lung transplantation

Summary of post-acute COVID-19 by organ system

Pulmonary



- Dyspnoea, decreased exercise capacity, hypoxia are common persistent symptoms
- Reduced diffusion capacity, restrictive pulmonary physiology, ground-glass opacities, and fibrotic changes are observed at follow-up of COVID-19 survivors



Haematological

 Thromboembolic events were identified to be < 5% in retrospective studies





- Palpitations, dyspnoea, and chest pain may continue as persistent symptoms
- Long-term sequelae may include increased cardiometabolic demand, myocardial fibrosis or scarring, arrhythmias, tachycardia, and autonomic dysfunction



Neuropsychiatric

- Persistent symptoms may include fatigue, myalgia, headache, dysautonomia, and cognitive impairment
- 30–40% of COVID-19 survivors reported anxiety, depression, sleep disturbances, and PTSD

Renal



- Reduced eGFR has been reported at 6 months follow-up
- Resolution of AKI during acute COVID-19 occurs in majority of patients

Endocrine

 Endocrine sequelae may include new or worsening control of existing diabetes mellitus, subacute thyroiditis, and bone demineralization



Gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary

 Potential of gut microbiome alteration, which can result in enrichment of opportunistic organisms and depletion of beneficial commensals

Dermatological

- Hair loss has been reported in approximately 20% of COVID-19 survivors
- Papulosquamous eruptions, in particular pernio, were reported as long-lasting skin manifestations¹



Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children

- Affects children > 7 years and disproportionately those of African, Afro-Caribbean, or Hispanic origin
- Cardiovascular and neurological complications can occur

AKI, acute kidney injury;

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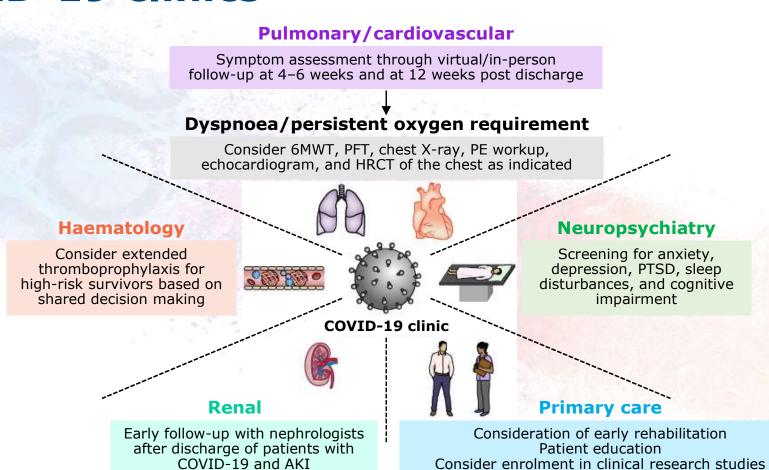
Patients at highest risk of COVID-19 pneumonia complications

- All patients managed on ICU or high-dependency unit
- All patients discharged with a new oxygen prescription
- All patients with protracted dependence on high inspired fractions of oxygen, continued positive pressure ventilation, and bi-level non-invasive ventilation
- Any other patient the discharging team has significant concerns about

Post-COVID-19 holistic assessment

- Assessment and management of breathlessness, oxygen requirement, dysfunctional breathing, post-viral cough, anxiety, fatigue
- Symptom or palliative care management where required
- Psychosocial assessment and onward referral where required
- Consideration of
 - Rehabilitation needs and onward referral where required
 - A new diagnosis of venous thromboembolic disease
 - Specific post-ICU complications such as sarcopenia, cognitive impairment, and PTSD

Interdisciplinary management in COVID-19 clinics



6MWT, 6-min walk tests; PE, pulmonary embolism.

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Active engagement with patient advocacy groups

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