

APPENDIX 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF EXCLUDED-AWAITING STUDIES

Title	Reason for exclusion
The Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS) COVID-19 Guidelines (1)	Specific population (ICU patients)
Initial Public Health Response and Interim Clinical Guidance for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak — United States, December 31, 2019–February 4, 2020 (2)	No guideline/ recommendations
Infection Prevention and Control guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities in the context of COVID-19 (3)	Specific setting (long term care facilities)
COVID-19 Guidance for sampling and laboratory investigations (4)	No expert panel reported
Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for primary care (5)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for secondary care (6)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Testing for SARS CoV 2 in Scotland (7)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
COVID-19 Guidance: Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting (8)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Interim Guidance: Public Health Management of cases and contacts associated with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community (9)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Choosing Wisely: COVID-19 recommendations (10)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Prince Edward Island Guidelines for the Management and Control of COVID-19 (11)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Australian Health sector emergency response plan for novel coronavirus (12)	No guideline/ recommendations
Clinical guide for the management of respiratory patients during the coronavirus pandemic (13)	No guideline/ recommendations
INTERIM CLINICAL GUIDANCE FOR ADULTS WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 IN BELGIUM (14)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Midwives ordering testing for COVID-19 (15)	No guideline/ recommendations
Statement from RCPATH's Immunology Specialty Advisory Committee on COVID-19 / SARS CoV2 antibody evaluation (16)	No guideline/ recommendations
Algorithm for symptomatic staff, symptomatic household testing and further actions (17)	Specific setting (long term care facilities)
American Association for Respiratory Care: SARS-CoV-2 (18)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Infectious Diseases Society of America Guidelines on the Treatment and Management of Patients with COVID-19 (19)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH SEVERE TO CRITICAL COVID-19 DISEASE (20)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Interim infection prevention and control guidelines for the management of COVID-19 in healthcare settings (21)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
NATIONAL SUPPORTING GUIDANCE FOR SCOTTISH GENERAL PRACTICE - COVID-19 (22)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
RCPATH advice on histopathology frozen sections and cytology fine needle aspiration during infectious disease outbreaks (23)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues

Guidance for remote reporting of digital pathology slides during periods of exceptional service pressure (24)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Infection prevention and control during health care when COVID-19 is suspected (25)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
COVID-19 Guidance: Acute Care (26)	Specific population
GUIDE TO INFECTION CONTROL IN THE HOSPITAL (27)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Policies and Guidelines for COVID-19 Preparedness: Experiences from the University of Washington (28)	No guideline/ recommendations
COVID-19: An ACP physicians guide (29)	No guideline/ recommendations
Laboratory testing for COVID-19. Emergency Response Technical Centre, NIVD under China CDC (30)	No guideline/ recommendations
Guidelines for Investigation and Management of Close Contacts of COVID-19 Cases Training Kit from Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (31)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Guide technique pour les tests de laboratoire la pneumonie du nouveau coronavirus (32)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
COVID-19: Laboratory Testing Guideline (33)	No guideline/ recommendations
Partie du diagnostic et traitement. COVID-19 prévention et le contrôle des (Updated) (34)	No guideline/ recommendations
Diagnosis and treatment. COVID-19 Prevention and Control (35)	No guideline/ recommendations
Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (36)	No expert panel reported
CDC Viral Test for COVID-19 (37)	No guideline/ recommendations
Serology Testing for COVID-19 (38)	No guideline/ recommendations
An overview of the rapid test situation for COVID-19 diagnosis in the EU/EEA (39)	No guideline/ recommendations
Considerations in the investigation of cases and clusters of COVID-19. Interim guidance. 2 April 2020 (40)	No guideline/ recommendations
Operational considerations for COVID-19 surveillance using GISRS Interim guidance 26 March 2020 (41)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Global surveillance for COVID-19 caused by human infection with COVID-19 virus Interim guidance 20 March 2020 (42)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Enfermedad por coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) (43)	No expert panel reported
Care of the Adult Critically Ill COVID-19 Patient (44)	Specific population
GUIDANCE FROM THE CCS COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (45)	Specific population
D-19 Testing Guidelines for British Columbia (46)	No expert panel reported
Diagnosis and Treatment Protocol for Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia (Trial Version 7) (47)	No expert panel reported
COVID-19: Kriterien zur Entlassung aus dem Krankenhaus bzw. aus der häuslichen Isolierung 2020 (48)	No guideline/ recommendations
Instructions for discharge from the hospital and for the cessation of precautionary measures against the transmission of patients with COVID-19 who are hospitalized or remain for home care (49)	No guideline/ recommendations
Communication of the CTS on the definition of a cured patient (50)	No guideline/ recommendations

Perinatal-Neonatal Management of COVID-19 Infection – Guidelines of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI), National Neonatology Forum of India (NNF), and Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) (51)	Specific population
Recommendation for the diagnosis and treatment of novel coronavirus infection in children in Hubei (Trial version 1) (52)	Specific population
Expert consensus for managing pregnant women and neonates born to mothers with suspected or confirmed novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection (53)	Specific population
Diagnosis and treatment recommendations for pediatric respiratory infection caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (54)	Specific population
Surviving Sepsis Campaign: guidelines on the management of critically ill adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (55)	Specific population
Diagnosis and prevention of new coronavirus infection in children in 2019 (56)	Specific population
Treatment of patients with nonsevere and severe coronavirus disease 2019: an evidence-based guideline (57)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
The Canadian Association for Interventional Radiology (CAIR) and Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) Guidelines for Interventional Radiology Procedures for Patients With Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 (58)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Sometimes Less Is Worse: A Recommendation Against Nonintubated Video-Assisted Thoracoscopy During the COVID-19 Pandemic (59)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
SARS CoV-2/COVID-19: Evidence-Based Recommendation on Diagnosis and Therapy (60)	No guideline/ recommendations
Nasal, pharyngeal and laryngeal endoscopy procedures during COVID-19 pandemic: available recommendations from national and international societies (61)	No guideline/ recommendations
Recommendations to the government following the declaration of COVID-19 pandemic (62)	No guideline/ recommendations
Molecular testing for acute respiratory tract infections: clinical and diagnostic recommendations from the IDSA's Diagnostics Committee (63)	Specific population
Recommendation of a practical guideline for safe tracheostomy during the COVID-19 pandemic (64)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Consensus statement: Safe Airway Society principles of airway management and tracheal intubation specific to the COVID-19 adult patient group (65)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Emergency tracheal intubation in 202 patients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China: lessons learnt and international expert recommendations (66)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Tracheostomy during COV-SARS-CoV-2 pandemic: Recommendations from the New York Head and Neck Society (67)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
Biosafety measures for preventing infection from COVID-19 in clinical laboratories: IFCC Taskforce Recommendations (68)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues

Radiological diagnosis of COVID-19: expert recommendation from the Chinese Society of Radiology (First edition) (69)	Awaiting
Infection prevention in radiological examination of COVID-19: expert recommendation from the Chinese Society of Imaging Technology (First edition) (70)	Awaiting
Please do not embrace!: Important recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute, authorities and expert associations on COVID-19 (71)	Awaiting
Information from the AG Thorax Diagnostik der Deutschen Röntgengesellschaft (72)	No guideline/ recommendations
Covid-19 diagnostic imaging recommendations (73)	No guideline/ recommendations
Recommendations for Minimal Laboratory Testing Panels in Patients with COVID-19: Potential for Prognostic Monitoring (74)	No guideline/ recommendations
Clinical Insights and Management Recommendations for COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Internal Medicine Departments: Recommendations by the Corona Department Heads in Israel (75)	No recommendations about diagnostic issues
CT and COVID-19: Chinese experience and recommendations concerning detection, staging and follow-up (76)	No guideline/ recommendations