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Chiara Bertonecello - "Il ritmo che cura" - Cura di Sé e cura dell'Altro: Mail Art Project ASL BI

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[Factors Associated With Severe Gastrointestinal Diagnoses in Children With SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome](#)

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## Abstract

**Importance:** Severe gastrointestinal (GI) manifestations have been sporadically reported in children with COVID-19; however, their frequency and clinical outcome are unknown.

**Objective:** To describe the clinical, radiological, and histopathologic characteristics of children with COVID-19 presenting with severe GI manifestations to identify factors associated with a severe outcome.

**Design, setting, and participants:** A multicenter retrospective cohort study (February 25, 2020, to January 20, 2021) enrolled inpatient and outpatient children (aged <18 years) with acute SARS-CoV-2 infection, confirmed by positive real-time reverse-transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction on nasopharyngeal swab or fulfilling the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria for multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). The study was conducted by pediatricians working in primary care or hospitals in Italy participating in the COVID-19 Registry of the Italian Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases.

**Main outcomes and measures:** The occurrence of severe GI manifestations, defined by a medical and/or radiological diagnosis of acute abdomen, appendicitis (complicated or not by perforation and/or peritonitis), intussusception, pancreatitis, abdominal fluid collection, and diffuse adenomesenteritis requiring surgical consultation, occurring during or within 4 to 6 weeks after infection with SARS-CoV-2 infection. Logistic regression was used to estimate odds ratios (ORs) with 95% CIs of factors potentially associated with severe outcomes.

**Results:** Overall, 685 children (386 boys [56.4%]; median age, 7.3 [IQR, 1.6-12.4] years) were included. Of these children, 628 (91.7%) were diagnosed with acute SARS-CoV-2 infection and 57 (8.3%) with MIS-C. The presence of GI symptoms was associated with a higher chance of hospitalization (OR, 2.64; 95% CI, 1.89-3.69) and intensive care unit admission (OR, 3.90; 95% CI, 1.98-7.68). Overall, 65 children (9.5%) showed severe GI involvement, including disseminated adenomesenteritis (39.6%), appendicitis (33.5%), abdominal fluid collection (21.3%), pancreatitis (6.9%), or intussusception (4.6%). Twenty-seven of these 65 children (41.5%) underwent surgery. Severe GI manifestations were associated with the child's age (5-10 years: OR, 8.33; 95% CI, 2.62-26.5; >10 years: OR, 6.37; 95% CI, 2.12-19.1, compared with preschool-age), abdominal pain (adjusted OR [aOR], 34.5; 95% CI, 10.1-118), lymphopenia (aOR, 8.93; 95% CI, 3.03-26.3), or MIS-C (aOR, 6.28; 95% CI, 1.92-20.5). Diarrhea was associated with a higher chance of adenomesenteritis (aOR, 3.13; 95% CI, 1.08-9.12) or abdominal fluid collection (aOR, 3.22; 95% CI, 1.03-10.0).

**Conclusions and relevance:** In this multicenter cohort study of Italian children with SARS-CoV-2 infection or MIS-C, 9.5% of the children had severe GI involvement, frequently associated with MIS-C. These findings suggest that prompt identification may improve the management of serious complications.

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**The Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 Reinfection in Persons With Naturally Acquired Immunity With and Without Subsequent Receipt of a Single Dose of BNT162b2 Vaccine : A Retrospective Cohort Study**

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## Abstract

**Background:** There is insufficient evidence regarding the magnitude and durability of protection conferred by a combined effect of naturally acquired immunity after SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccine-induced immunity.

**Objective:** To compare the incidence rate of SARS-CoV-2 reinfection in previously infected persons to that of previously infected persons who subsequently received a single dose of BNT162b2 messenger RNA vaccine.

**Design:** A retrospective cohort study emulating a randomized controlled target trial through a series of nested trials.

**Setting:** Nationally centralized database of Maccabi Healthcare Services, Israel.

**Participants:** Persons with documented SARS-CoV-2 infection who did not receive subsequent SARS-CoV-2 vaccination were compared with persons with documented SARS-CoV-2 infection who received a single dose of the BNT162b2 vaccine at least 3 months after infection.

**Intervention:** Forty-one randomized controlled trials were emulated, in which 107 413 Maccabi Healthcare Services' members aged 16 years and older were eligible for at least 1 trial.

**Measurements:** SARS-CoV-2-related outcomes of infection, symptomatic disease, hospitalization, and death, between 2 March and 13 December 2021.

**Results:** A statistically significant decreased risk (hazard ratio, 0.18 [95% CI, 0.15 to 0.20]) for reinfection was found among persons who were previously infected and then vaccinated versus those who were previously infected but remained unvaccinated. In addition, there was a decreased risk for symptomatic disease (hazard ratio, 0.24 [CI, 0.20 to 0.29]) among previously infected and vaccinated persons compared with those who were not vaccinated after infection. No COVID-19-related mortality cases were found.

**Limitation:** Hybrid protection against non-Delta variants could not be inferred.

**Conclusion:** Persons previously infected with SARS-CoV-2 gained additional protection against reinfection and COVID-19 from a subsequent single dose of the BNT162b2 vaccine. Nonetheless, even without a subsequent vaccination, reinfection appeared relatively rare.



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[Pandemic preparedness and COVID-19: an exploratory analysis of infection and fatality rates, and contextual factors associated with preparedness in 177 countries, from Jan 1, 2020, to Sept 30, 2021](#)

COVID-19 National Preparedness Collaborators

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## Abstract

**Background:** National rates of COVID-19 infection and fatality have varied dramatically since the onset of the pandemic. Understanding the conditions associated with this cross-country variation is essential to guiding investment in more effective preparedness and response for future pandemics.

**Methods:** Daily SARS-CoV-2 infections and COVID-19 deaths for 177 countries and territories and 181 subnational locations were extracted from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation's modelling database. Cumulative infection rate and infection-fatality ratio (IFR) were estimated and standardised for environmental, demographic, biological, and economic factors. For infections, we included factors associated with environmental seasonality (measured as the relative risk of pneumonia), population density, gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, proportion of the population living below 100 m, and a proxy for previous exposure to other betacoronaviruses. For IFR, factors were age distribution of the population, mean body-mass index (BMI), exposure to air pollution, smoking rates, the proxy for previous exposure to other betacoronaviruses, population density, age-standardised prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cancer, and GDP per capita. These were standardised using indirect age standardisation and multivariate linear models. Standardised national cumulative infection rates and IFRs were tested for associations with 12 pandemic preparedness indices, seven health-care capacity indicators, and ten other demographic, social, and political conditions using linear regression. To investigate pathways by which important factors might affect infections with SARS-CoV-2, we also assessed the relationship between interpersonal and governmental trust and corruption and changes in mobility patterns and COVID-19 vaccination rates.

**Findings:** The factors that explained the most variation in cumulative rates of SARS-CoV-2 infection between Jan 1, 2020, and Sept 30, 2021, included the proportion of the population living below 100 m (5.4% of variation), GDP per capita (4.2% of variation), and the proportion of infections attributable to seasonality (2.1% of variation). Most cross-country variation in cumulative infection rates could not be explained. The factors that explained the most variation in COVID-19 IFR over the same period were the age profile of the country (46.7% of variation), GDP per capita (3.1% of variation), and national mean BMI (1.1% of variation). 44.4% of cross-national variation in IFR could not be explained. Pandemic-preparedness indices, which aim to measure health security capacity, were not meaningfully associated with standardised infection rates or IFRs. Measures of trust in the government and interpersonal trust, as well as less government corruption, had larger, statistically significant associations with lower standardised infection rates. High levels of government and interpersonal trust, as well as less government corruption, were also associated with higher COVID-19 vaccine coverage among middle-income and high-income countries where vaccine availability was more widespread, and lower corruption was associated with greater reductions in mobility. If these modelled associations were to be causal, an increase in trust of governments such that all countries had societies that attained at least the amount of trust in government or interpersonal trust measured in Denmark, which is in the 75th percentile across these spectrums, might have reduced global infections by 12.9% for government trust and 40.3% for interpersonal trust. Similarly, if all countries had a national BMI equal to or less than that of the 25th percentile, our analysis suggests global standardised IFR would be reduced by 11.1%.

**Interpretation:** Efforts to improve pandemic preparedness and response for the next pandemic might benefit from greater investment in risk communication and community engagement strategies to boost the confidence that individuals have in public health guidance. Our results suggest that increasing health promotion for key modifiable risks is associated with a reduction of fatalities in such a scenario.



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**Health system resilience and health workforce capacities: Comparing health system responses during the COVID-19 pandemic in six European countries**

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### Abstract

**Background:** The health workforce is a key component of any health system and the present crisis offers a unique opportunity to better understand its specific contribution to health system resilience. The literature acknowledges the importance of the health workforce, but there is little systematic knowledge about how the health workforce matters across different countries.

**Aims:** We aim to analyse the adaptive, absorptive and transformative capacities of the health workforce during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe (January-May/June 2020), and to assess how health systems prerequisites influence these capacities.

**Materials and methods:** We selected countries according to different types of health systems and pandemic burdens. The analysis is based on short, descriptive country case studies, using written secondary and primary sources and expert information.

**Results and discussion:** Our analysis shows that in our countries, the health workforce drew on a wide range of capacities during the first wave of the pandemic. However, health systems prerequisites seemed to have little influence on the health workforce's specific combinations of capacities.

**Conclusion:** This calls for a reconceptualisation of the institutional prerequisites of health system resilience to fully grasp the health workforce contribution. Here, strengthening governance emerges as key to effective health system responses to the COVID-19 crisis, as it integrates health professions as frontline workers and collective actors.

**Keywords:** COVID-19 pandemic; European comparison; health governance; health system resilience; health workforce capacities.

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arrogata in boccioli rubino  
va all'apoteosi  
Spasmi di vita  
Silenzio  
Spettri d'ombra navigano  
nel pensiero  
Il Domani-Vertice  
è lontano lassù  
Vanità?  
Odio e ...

cellule di nulla  
Atomica coltre  
Silenzio si esige  
Cuori straziati  
Deserti e bianche croci  
L'ora è tarda  
per il sorriso  
Tornano le tenebre arcaiche  
Arido pianto invade  
Silenzio  
La morte è nuda

*Lorena Crepaldi*  
03 febbraio 1989

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**GESTIONE DOMICILIARE DEL PAZIENTE CON COVID-19**

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## UNA DIVERSA FIDUCIA PER UN NUOVO RAPPORTO NELLE RELAZIONI DI CURA

“La buona medicina è un tavolo tenuto in piedi da tre gambe: pillole, parole e fiducia. Se una di queste tre risorse viene a mancare, l'insieme crolla.” Alle parole, che della fiducia sono nutrimento, Sandro Spinsanti ha dedicato il saggio *La cura con parole oneste*; in questo nuovo lavoro, che ne è l'ideale prosecuzione, si concentra invece sulla fiducia, perché è convinto che sia la sua perdita che funesta ai nostri giorni il complesso sistema delle cure: lo dimostrano innanzitutto lo scetticismo verso i vaccini anti-covid e il sempre più diffuso sospetto nei confronti del sapere scientifico. Con la grazia e l'ironia che gli sono proprie, ma senza per questo risparmiare aspre critiche a un sistema sanitario che nel tempo si è arroccato su posizioni difensive, aggravando se possibile la relazione medico-paziente, Spinsanti esamina i vari modi in cui la sfiducia si articola e si manifesta nella medicina dei nostri giorni e come sia andata crescendo ed evolvendosi nel tempo. Intravede, tuttavia, nel ricambio generazionale e di genere che potrebbe intervenire nel governo della sanità, una positiva prospettiva futura, ma avverte che non basta la fiducia costruita solo sui rapporti interpersonali con i curanti: è necessario che questa sia sostenuta da servizi alla salute efficienti e attendibili, con cittadini che siano in grado di sapere con certezza se e fino a che punto si estende l'impegno implicito a non lasciare indietro nessuno quando la condizione di salute si incrina. Anche per questo, afferma l'autore, è ora di aggiornare il Servizio sanitario nazionale, per rendere la tutela della salute un diritto non solo proclamato, ma concretamente esigibile.

**Sandro Spinsanti**



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