Overview

For the development of the WHO Living Guideline on Therapeutics for COVID-19, WHO Living Guidance for Clinical Management of COVID-19 and the new WHO Living Guideline for Prophylaxis for COVID-19, a formal Guideline Development Group (GDG) comprising individuals with broad expertise spanning multiple specialties and all regions was convened. This group includes patient panel members as well. Confidentiality and declarations of interest were collected and reviewed and no conflict of interest was identified.

WHO wants to acknowledge all the experts that contributed to the Guideline Development Group (GDG) and thank their commitment and support to achieve the evidence-based recommendations for care of Patients with COVID-19.
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Neill Adhikari is an intensivist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and appointed to the Interdepartmental Division of Critical Care Medicine and Institute for Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. His research interests include critical care delivery in under-resourced settings and clinical trials. He is co-PI of trials of vitamin C for sepsis, and blood pressure targets for vasodilatory shock. He co-leads the Toronto-Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration in critical care medicine. Neil participated in the May 2020, Corticosteroids, Therapeutics and the updated January 2021 Clinical Guidelines for COVID-19 as one of the GDG Clinical Chairs.

Wagdy Amin

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He is a Member of scientific committee of COVID-19 and member of scientific committee of TB Control (Ministry of health &Population- Egypt ). He is interested in early diagnosis, treatment and control of tuberculosis and other chest infections, especially TB, drug-resistant TB and other chest diseases. He also has a long clinical experience as a pulmonologist and trainer in many fields in chest diseases e.g. (TB , SARI principle of pulmonary diseases) and shared in developing of TB, Asthma and COPD guidelines and preparedness plans for Influenza control.

During his work at the National TB Control Program NTP of Egypt, General Directorate of Chest Diseases Ministry of Health & Population he has served as Clinical/ Laboratory Coordinator (2003–2006), NTP of Egypt, Training Coordinator (2006–present ), NTP of Egypt, TB/HIV Coordinator (2006-present), NTP of Egypt and Pandemic Influenza Focal Point (2006–2011). He undertook a variety of scientific activities as the Director and facilitator, TB Control courses held in Cairo, in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and World health organization (WHO) for training of more than 250 members working in TB Control in Eastern Mediterranean Region countries, Organizer, facilitator and Instructor in TB control training for IEMSA members in collaboration with Cairo Anti-Smoking , Tuberculosis and Chest diseases Association in Cairo 2014, and different training courses in the field of Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis and hospital management, and different researches in the field of Chest Diseases and Tuberculosis and other infectious diseases like influenza and COVID-19. He is also passionate about driving anti-smoking campaigns. Wagdy participated in the guideline development process in the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline GDG as panel member.

Frederique Jacquerioz Bausch

Dr. Frederique Jacquerioz Bausch is a general medicine internist and specialist in tropical and travel medicine, currently working as a Senior Physician, Department of Primary Care, University Hospitals of Geneva, with a joint appointment at the Center for Emerging Viruses. She previously hold position as visiting clinical Professor at the Tropical Medicine Institute von Alexander Humboldt, Cayetano Heredia Hospital and University in Lima, Peru, and clinical Assistant Professor at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans, USA.

Dr. Jacquerioz Bausch served as a WHO consultant to provide clinical technical support during the 2013-2016 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, contributing significantly to the development of clinical guidelines and training material for the management of viral hemorrhagic fevers. She currently oversees the COVID-19 outpatient testing centers at the University Hospitals of Geneva and serves on the Hospitals Taskforce for COVID-19 evidence appraisal and clinical institutional guidance. Her current research focuses on the predictive factors of COVID-19 infection and adverse outcomes in the outpatient population. Frederique participated in the guideline development process in the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline GDG as panel member.
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Darren Brown is a clinical and academic Physiotherapist specialising in HIV, disability and rehabilitation. Darren leads the HIV rehabilitation service at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in London, UK. He is also vice-chair of Rehabilitation in HIV Association (RHIVA), HIV/AIDS Coordinator of World Physiotherapy subgroup IPT-HOPE, and steering committee member of Canada International HIV Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CHRRRC). Darren’s research interests focus on disability prevalence and rehabilitation effectiveness among adults living with HIV. Darren contracted COVID-19 in March 2020, and continues to live with Long COVID. He is a founding member of @LongCovidPhysio, an online peer support group for Physiotherapists and support workers living with Long COVID. Darren participated in the guideline development process in the January 2021 Living Guideline (on the session on Rehabilitation) GDG as panel member.

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Erlina Burhan is a pulmonologist with more than 16 years’ experience in pulmonology and respiratory medicine in Indonesia, where she is spearheading the fight against tuberculosis (TB). Dr Burhan undertook research in Namibia during her postgraduate studies at Heidelberg University, Germany. Since then, she has been Head of the Infection Division Department of Pulmonology and Respiratory Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia. Other positions held include: Head of the Professional Organization Coalition against Tuberculosis; member of the Board of Directors for the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases; and Head of the TB Assembly of the Asia Pacific Society of Respirology. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has acted as Head of the COVID-19 Commando Team Persahabatan National Lung Hospital and contributed to COVID-19 guidelines, training health care workers, and advising on health policy in Indonesia. Erlina participated in the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

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Vu Quoc Dat is a lecturer at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Hanoi Medical University, Viet Nam and an intensivist at the National Hospital for Tropical Diseases, a tertiary referral hospital for infectious diseases in northern Viet Nam. He completed the Career Development Fellowship with the WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases and undertook his PhD training at the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit in Viet Nam. He has expertise in clinical management of severe or life-threatening infections, zoonotic diseases, and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in resource-constrained settings. His research interests focus on interventions to emerging health issues related to infectious diseases, particularly in critical care settings, and on the capacity of healthcare systems in response to sepsis and severe acute respiratory infection. He served as a member of the national technical working groups for the development of national guidelines for the management of infectious diseases. Vu participated in the May 2020, Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

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Bin Du is Director and Professor, Medical ICU, Peking Union Medical College Hospital. Currently, he is President of the Chinese Association of Critical Care Physicians; and President of the Chinese College of Critical Care Medicine. He is Past President, Asia Pacific Association of Critical Care Medicine; and Past President, Chinese Society of Critical Care Medicine. Bin Du participated in the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

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Patrick serves in the following capacities:
- Quality Insights Renal Network 5 Chair, PAC & Medical Review Board of Directors. Patient Family Centered-Care partners Advisory Board.
- Member of ASM's Diabetes Kidney Disease Collaborative Task Force American Association of Kidney Patients BOD.
- Center for Dialysis Innovation Patient Advisory Board (PAB). Kidney Research Institute Patient Advisory Committee (PAC).
- Chronic Disease Coalition Ambassador & Southeast Region Co-Chair APOLLO Research Study Steering Committee APOL1’s Community Advisory Committee member, representing the Cleveland Clinic
- Kidney Health Initiative Patient Family Partnership Council Member
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She is a member of WSD Steering committee, Founding Member Asia Pacific Sepsis Alliance (APSA) and is founder and President of Sepsis Alliance Pakistan (SoAP). She was President of Pakistan Society of Critical Care Medicine from 2015-2019.

To promote research in critical care in Pakistan she founded a trust and is the CEO of South East Asian Research & Education in Criticalcare Health (SEARCH). She conducted the first comprehensive national survey of critical care services in hospitals accredited for training in Pakistan. Pakistan Registry of Intensive Care (PRICE) is operational across the country through a collaboration of SEARCH and NCIS-MORU and is now part of the broader CRITCARE Asia network (CCA). She is PI from Pakistan for REMAP-CAP and operationalised the WHO/ISARIC CCP during COVID Pandemic in intensive care units across the country. She is also a member of Board of Directors of International Severe Acute Respiratory & emerging Infections Consortium (ISARIC).

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Beverley J Hunt

Beverley J Hunt is an international expert on thrombosis and haemostasis based at Guy’s & St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust, London. From the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, she has been at the vanguard of preventing & treating patients with COVID-19 related thromboembolism.

Guideline experience. She sat on multiple National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidelines Development Group (GDG) for both the management of venous thromboembolism & thromboprophylaxis in hospitalized patients. In the last month she was part of NICE’s GDG on thromboprophylaxis in COVID-19 patients. She was a member of the International Society of Thrombosis & Haemostasis Guidance writing group for COVID-19 thromboembolism management.

Research. A member of the organizing committees of the anticoagulation and antiplatelet arms of the WHO approved platform study of critically ill COVID-19 patients - REMAP-CAP and a member of an UK Research and Innovation advisory committee to advise the RECOVERY trial.

Teaching. She has given over 50 international webinars on coagulopathy and thrombosis management in COVID-19 infection. She gave evidence to the UK House of Lords Science and Technology committee hearing on managing COVID-19.

She is founder & Medical Director of Thrombosis UK & chair of the Steering group of World Thrombosis Day. Both are not for profit, aiming to increase awareness and improve care of thrombosis.

Professor Hunt was awarded the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) by Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of her contribution to medicine.

Beverly participated in the January 2021 Living Guideline ( for the sessions on Anticoagulation/Thromboprophylaxis , Rehabilitation and Risk Factors, Prediction Models and Completion of Bundles) GDG as panel member.

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Sushil Kumar Kabra is Professor of Paediatrics at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India, where he is responsible for clinical services, teaching, training and research at the Department of Paediatrics (Paediatric Pulmonology and Intensive Care). His research interests include: acute respiratory infections in children, paediatric tuberculosis and cystic fibrosis. He has contributed to numerous publications and is Editor-in-Chief of the Indian Journal of Pediatrics. Sushil has participated in the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline development process as a GDG panel member.
Seema Kanda

Patient Partner, Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada, completed a dental assisting programme at Niagara College, Ontario, and her BA at McMaster University. Her vocation to care, combined with her father’s serious heart condition, made Seema realize the importance of patient understanding and participation in the medical decision-making process. She was one of the first in her workplace to contract COVID-19, which triggered rapid changes to work practices. Seema and her immediate family all suffered to various degrees with COVID-19. Her brother required mechanical ventilation for 6 weeks and was one of a few, locally, to survive. He continues to recover at home, receiving various therapies. Seema is now using her personal experience of COVID-19 to become an active patient partner in the decision-making process regarding treatment options. Seema believes through sharing patient experiences and making constructive suggestions patient care protocols can be improved and is taking the opportunity to contribute as a voice for COVID-19 patients. Seema participated in the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

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Claire participated in the January 2021 Living guideline GDG (for the session on Anticoagulation/Thromboprophylaxis) as panel member.

Greta Mino

Greta Mino is an infectious diseases paediatrician and researcher and practising physician at Alcivar Hospital in Guayaquil, Ecuador. For 21 years, Dr Mino held the position of Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at Dr Francisco de Icaza Bustamante Children’s Hospital. She is Past President of the Latin American Paediatric Infectious Disease Society. She served as national HIV programme consultant and HIV PMTCT programme coordinator for Ecuador’s Ministry of Health. Additionally, she has advised the Pan-American Health Organization on Influenza A(H1N1), and on the treatment of infectious diseases, surveillance of antibiotic resistance and control for HCAI, diarrhoeal disease and cholera. For the past 3 years, she has worked on the follow-up of patients with congenital zika syndrome. Since 2020, she has taken part in the COVID-19-MIS-C response, launched by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health and became an acting member of the WHO MIS-C group. Greta has participated in the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

Srinivas Murthy

Srinivas Murthy is Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. He is a paediatric infectious diseases and paediatric critical care physician and clinical epidemiologist. He has served as an advisor to WHO, Public Health Agency of Canada, and other public health agencies around the world since 2014. He holds research grant support from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Wellcome Trust and the Gates Foundation, and his academic and clinical focus is on severe and emerging respiratory infections. Srinivas participated in the May 2020, Corticosteroids, Therapeutics and the updated January 2021 Clinical Guidelines for COVID-19 as one of the GDG Clinical Chairs.
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Shalini Sri Ranganathan

Shalini Sri Ranganathan is a specialist in pharmacology and paediatrics at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Professor Sri Ranganathan has over 20 years’ experience in both pharmacology and paediatrics. Since 2007, she has regularly served as a member on the WHO expert committee on selection and use of essential medicines. She has won numerous medals and awards during her professional career for academic excellence and research. Her main interests are essential medicines for children, antimicrobial utilization, access to medicines, pharmacovigilance, paediatric dosage forms and rational use of medicines. She is a member of editorial boards of journals in Sri Lanka including the Ceylon Medical Journal and Ceylon Journal of Medical Sciences. She has authored over 80 publications. Shalini has participated in the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

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Rohit Sarin is Principal Consultant of the National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases, and Technical Advisor for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program, for the Government of India. He is a fellow of the National College of Chest Physicians; executive member of the Tuberculosis Association of India; and member of the Delhi Tuberculosis Association, Association of Bronchology, and Indian Medical Association. Widely published at national and international level, he has received several awards, including, the national Dr PV Benjamin Memorial Oration Award given by the TB Association of Telangana, Hyderabad, 2019; the international Karel Styblo Public Health Prize, 2017; and the Dr PK Sen Gold Medal – the highest award given by the TB Association of India, 2012. He has participated in the May 2020, Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

Mike Sharland

Mike Sharland is a leading expert in antimicrobial prescribing, resistance and health care associated infection in children. He is the lead clinical advisor for the neonatal and paediatric programme of the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership and Vice-Chair and AMR lead of the Penta Foundation, a global Paediatric Infectious Diseases research network. He Chaired the Department of Health’s National Expert Advisory Committee of Antimicrobial Prescribing, Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection for 8 years. He has been an advisor to the WHO for many years. He is member of the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines and Chair of the Antibiotic Working Group of the EML/EMLc, assisting with the development of the Access/Watch/Reserve (AWaRE) grouping of antibiotics and WHO global targets on use. Professor Sharland’s principal research interest is optimizing the use of antimicrobials in children. At St George’s University London he leads a major programme of research, including global cohort studies and clinical trials to improve the evidence base for antimicrobial prescribing. Mike has participated in the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.
Yinzhong Shen

Yinzhong Shen is Chief Physician, Associate Professor of Shanghai Public Health Clinical Center, Fudan University, and a member of the Standing Committee for Tropical and Parasitic Diseases branch of the Chinese Medical Association. With experience of working at WHO headquarters in 2014 and 2016, he was invited by the WHO Western Pacific Region to share China’s experience of COVID-19 clinical management with Pacific Island countries. His work focuses on clinical management and research in the field of infectious diseases. Shen has participated in the May 2020, the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.

Sally Singh

Sally Singh is Professor of Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation at the University of Leicester. She is also Head of Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and Director of the Centre for Exercise and Rehabilitation Science, a multidisciplinary group of researchers conducting a range of research projects in the field of exercise and rehabilitation. She is a member of the COPD Biomarker Qualification Consortium submitting a proposal to the FDA for approval of an exercise test developed in Leicester as an approved trial outcome for COPD. She is the clinical lead for pulmonary rehabilitation as part of National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme (NACAP) and is the lead clinician for the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service Accreditation Scheme run by the RCP.

Currently she co-chairing an ATS group ‘Defining modern pulmonary rehabilitation’ and the British Thoracic Society Guidelines Group on PR.

She is PI for an NIHR Global Research Group exploring culturally appropriate rehabilitation in low and middle income countries.

Sally participated in the Therapeutics and the December Living Guideline (on the session on Rehabilitation) GDG as panel member.

João Paulo Souza

João Paulo Souza is Professor of Public Health at the Department of Social Medicine, Ribeirão Preto Medical School, University of São Paulo, Brazil. With a clinical background in obstetrics and gynaecology and intensive care, Professor Souza worked for several years at WHO headquarters on global maternal and perinatal health issues. His current work focuses on the interface of health and social development, particularly on strategies for achieving an ecologically and socially sustainable healthier future. João has participated in the May 2020, the Corticosteroids, the Therapeutics and the January 2021 Living Guideline for COVID-19 development process as GDG panel member.
Miriam Songa Stegemann

Dr. Miriam Songa Stegemann is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, and received the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (Gorgas, Lima, Peru).

She works as a Senior Attending Physician and Scientist at Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin in Germany, Department for Infectious Diseases and Respiratory Medicine. She is head of the antimicrobial stewardship program at Charité. She is involved in international projects focusing on antimicrobial resistance in low and middle income countries. Recently, she was selected for funding through the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) Clinical Fellows program.

Since the beginning of the outbreak of COVID-19 she became a clinical expert in the management of COVID-19 patients. She conducts projects, which are inspired by her clinical engagement and generate added value for her individual medical activities as senior physician and science as well as for national and international networks with she is involved with focus on pandemic preparedness.

Miriam has participated in the Therapeutics and January 2021 Living Guideline GDG as panel member.

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Sebastián Ugarte Ubiergo is a Medical Doctor, Internist, Specialist in Critical Care Medicine who currently serves as ICU Director, INDISA Clinic, Universidad Andrés Bello, Santiago, Chile. His other positions include Director of the Postgraduate Program in Intensive Care Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Andrés Bello University UNAB, Director Department Epidemic Response, Chilean Society of Critical Care and Emergency Medicine, Member of the Expert advisory team of the Pan American Health Organization for the Development of COVID19 Guidelines, Member of the Expert advisory team of the Pan American Health Organization for the Development of Influenza Guidelines.

He also served as Past president “Comisión de Medicina Intensiva, Comisión Nacional de Certificación de Especialidades, Council member WFSICM, Past president Federación Panamericana e Iberica de Sociedades de Medicina Critica y Terapia Intensiva, Chilean Society of Critical Care and Emergency Medicine, Past President, Chilean Society of Intensive Medicine, Director Chilean Network of Intensive Medicine.

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