COVID-19 Reference Sources
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General Advice

General guidance specifically for healthcare professionals	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance
COVID-19 and legal guidance including Mental Health Act	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/C0072-MHLDA-Covid-19-Guidance-Legal-300320.pdf https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/about-us/responding-to-covid-19/responding-to-covid-19-guidance-for-clinicians/legal-covid-19-guidance-for-clinicians
BMJ guidelines on COVID-19 For information on: • PPE guidance. • WHO: infection prevention and control during health care when COVID-19 is suspected • CDC: interim infection prevention and control recommendations for patients with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in healthcare settings • CDC: strategies to optimize the supply of PPE and equipment. • Management of mild COVID-19 patients • Management of severe COVID-19 patients	https://bestpractice.bmj.com/topics/en-gb/3000168/management-approach
Management of patients with a learning disability, autism or both during the coronavirus pandemic.	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/C0031_Speciality-guide_LD-and-coronavirus-v1_-24-March.pdf

Respiratory Resources

Respiratory resource for managing COVID-19 on MH wards - compiled by Nicola Greenhalgh, Lead Pharmacist – Mental Health Services, NELFT. Provides a short eLearning programme for respiratory management of COVID-19 including: • Basic respiratory assessment, recognition of respiratory distress and deterioration. • Signs and symptoms of respiratory failure. • NEWS2 observations and early escalation. • Oxygen management and sepsis. Care plans including ReSPECT/DNAR decisions.	https://www.nhsglos.com/nlms/Respiratoryv2/RespCareShell.html
BTS guideline for oxygen use in adults in healthcare and emergency settings	https://thorax.bmj.com/content/72/Suppl_1/ii1

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Advice on Individual Drugs

Information of providing medication during COVID-19 including
- Benzodiazepines/Rapid tranquilisation
- Lithium
- Clozapine
- Medication in cognitive impairment
- Depots
- Treatment for ADHD

https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/about-us/responding-to-covid-19/responding-to-covid-19-guidance-for-clinicians/community-and-inpatient-services/providing-medication

For information on clozapine and COVID-19.
Monitoring for clozapine treatment during COVID-19, including recommendations for clozapine patients who present with symptoms.

https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/clozapine-drug-monitoring-in-primary-care-during-covid-19-for-stable-patients/

Guidance on the management of drugs requiring monitoring during COVID-19
- Azathioprine, leflunomide, mercaptopurine, and methotrexate
- Sulfasalazine
- Hydroxychloroquine
- Ciclosporin
- Penicillamine
- Warfarin
- Lithium
- Clozapine

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Select the drug of interest to be directed to the appropriate guidance.

Advice on Acute Behavioural Disturbances

Managing acute disturbance in the context of COVID-19.

https://napicu.org.uk/

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