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aud: audio
blt: boletin
book: Book or Chapter
br: brief
comm: commentary
corr: correspondence
cp: Clinical Pearls
CP: clinical Practice
cr: report case or case report
cs: clinical summary
ed: editorial
er: evidence report
fti: from the inside
GL: Guideline
ITW: interview
let: letter to the editor or research letter
mail: E-mail
ma: matters arising
news: news or "news and analysis"
nr: narrative review
persp: Perspective
pomm: A piece of my mind
pos: posology
pp: patient page
pre-rt: Preliminary report
prf: Preface
prot: protocol
R: Original o Research
r: review
R+R: Recommendations and Reports
RCT: randomized controlled trial
srMA: systemic review and metaanalysis
vid: video
vp: viewpoint

(Known authors)

JLV: Jean-Louis Vincent
FT: Fabio Taccone
JC: Jacques Creteur
JCP: Jean Charles Preiser
NG: Nicolas Gaspard
DG: David Grimaldi
AQC: Armin Quispe Cornejo

Universal acronyms

AHA: American Heart Association
ARDS: acute respiratory distress syndrome
ECMO: extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
EMA: European Medicine Agency
ESICM: European Society of Intensive Care Medicine
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FDA: Food and Drug Administration
ICU: Intensive Care Unit
ISICEM: International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine
J&J: Johnson & Johnson
mAb: monoclonal antibodies

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MEDRXIV: The preprint server for health sciences
NHS: National Health Service
NIH: National Institutes of Health
PPE: Personal Protective Equipment
SCCM: Society of Critical Care Medicine
SSC: Surviving Sepsis Campaign
ULB: Université Libre de Bruxelles
VAP: ventilator-associated pneumonia
WHO: World Health Organization

Shortened words

§: shock
†: death
ABI: acute brain injury
ac_: all cause, any cause
adjRR: adjusted RR
ADM: admission
Æ: adverse events
af_: after
aILL: acute illness
ALT: altitude
and: +
bef_: before: ←
C19: COVID-19
chr_: chronic
CIpxs: critically ill patients
CVD: cardiovascular disease(s)
d_: during
d_MV: duration of mechanical ventilation
DIS: disease
DISC: discharge
DX: diagnosis
DYS: dysfunction
E&S: efficacy and safety
EFF: efficacy
EHR: electronic health record
EX: exclusion
f_: for
FEA: feasibility
freq: frequent
ƒ-up: follow-up
h_LOS: Hospital length of stay
H+: hospital
hALT: high altitude
H°: hospitalization
hr_: high risk
hr_HH: high bleeding risk
HTA: hypertension
i_: initiating
IC: Intensive Care
icu_LOS: ICU length of stay
IH: intracerebral hemorrhage
img: imagen
imp_: impaired
IN: inclusion
inc_: incident
INF: infection(s)
ir_: intermediate risk
l-t: long-term
LOS: length of stay

- hLOS = hospital LOS
- icuLOS = ICU LOS

lr_: low risk
MA: metaanalysis
mc: multicentric
MI: myocardial infarction
MINSALBO = ministerio de salud de Bolivia
mm: management
MM: Mortality
MM28: mortality to day 28
MM90: mortality at 90 days
MOD: multiple organ dysfunction
mv_FD: ventilator free days
MV: Mechanical Ventilation
n-aILL: non-acute illness
need_H°: need of hospitalization
NRD = neural respiratory drive
OC: outcome

- pOC = primary OC
- sOC = secondary OC
- uOC = unfavorable OC
- fOC = favorable OC

oDYS: organ dysfunction
or: ᵥ
PLA: placebo
PO: postoperative
hh: hemorrhagic.

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pOC: primary outcome(s)
PPHY: Pathophysiology
priA+: primary analysis
PSG: polysomnography
pxs: patients
REA: reanimation
rf_sDP: risk factor for severe disease progression
rf: risk factor
RR: relative risk
rR: risk ratio
s-t: short-term
S&S: sign(s) and symptom(s)
S&Son: sign(s) and symptom(s) onset
S†: stroke
S•: Sepsis or septic
SAF: safety
SØ: septic shock
sOC: secondary outcome(s)
sr: systematic review
SS: survival
SYMP: symptom(s)
SYMPon: symptom onset
SYS: system
tCR: time to clinical recovery
TTO: treatment
underC: underlying conditions
w_: with
wo_: without
yo: years old

Primary sources

Rule for original sources not listed: use the journal abbreviation exactly as shown in the citation contained in the article.

ACPJ: American College of Physicians (ACP) journal
AEM: Annals emergency of medicine
AIC: Annals of Intensive Care [critical-care journal → MC bible; added 2026-11-09]
AIHAJ: American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal
AIM: Annals of Internal Medicine
AIT: Anesthesiology Intensive Therapy
AJIC: American Journal of Infection Control
AJIM: American Journal of Industrial Medicine
AJRCCM: American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine
ASAM: American Society of Addiction Medicine.
BCMJ: British Columbia Medical Journal
BJH: British Journal of Haematology
BMA: British Medical Association
C: Circulation
CC: Critical Care
CCJM: Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine
CeCo: Cerebral Cortex
CED: coagulation and endothelial dysfunction
EHJ: European Heart Journal
ERJ: European Respiratory Journal
G&M: good & microbiome
ICM: Intensive Care Medicine
IJAA: International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents
IJCCM: Indian Journal of Critical Care Medicine [critical-care journal → MC bible; added 2026-11-09]
IJP: The Indian Journal of Pediatrics
IJU: International Journal of Urology
JACC: Journal of the American College of Cardiology
JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association
JIC: Journal of Intensive Care
KI: Kidney International
KIrep: Kidney International Reports
KJM: Keio Journal of Medicine
LANCET: The LANCET
MMR: Military Medical Research
NEJM: The New England Journal of Medicine
NEJMai: NEJM artificial intelligence
NEJMe: NEJM evidence
NNR: Neuroscience News&Reserch
SCIENCE: SCIENCE
TEC: Trauma and Emergency Care

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TRS: The Royal Society

Secondary sources

CTrials: ClinicalTrials.gov
CTU: Clinical Trials Update
HARVARD: The Harvard Crimson.
HBR: Harvard business review
HC: Healthcare
HEALIO: HEALIO
IM: Intramed
MB: Medical Bag
MEDPAGE: MedPage today
NEJMc: NEJM clinician
NEJMcat: NEJM catalyst
NEJMjw: NEJM journal watch
NEJMrb: NEJM resident briefing
NYT: The New York Times
PSYADV: Psychiatry Advisor
PT: Psychology Today
REUTERS: Reuters
TN: Technology Networks
UTD: UpToDate
WIRED: WIRED

Primary or secondary sources

ICUmmp: ICU management and practice

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Emojis and symbols

= cardiac arrest
= analysis
= flow
= arrhythmia
= suggestion(s)
= blood = hematology
= infections
= brain
= heart
= lungs
= abdomen = abdominal
= kidneys = renal
= liver = hepatic
= pressure
= muscle
= circulation
= inflammation
= recommendation(s)
= increase
= decrease
= improve
= worsen