What did we learn from monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on general practice?

The Centre for Health Systems and Safety Research at the Australian Institute of Health Innovation, Macquarie University is pleased to announce the publication of a new report “Monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on general practice - A suite of impact measures for Australian General Practice”.

The new report, led by Professor Andrew Georgiou, defines a suite of ten impact measures for general practice.

The report is a deliverable of a research project titled COVID-19 – utilising near real-time electronic Australian general practice data to establish effective care and best-practice policy which was undertaken as a collaboration between the Digital Health Cooperative Research Centre, Macquarie University, Outcome Health, Gippsland, Eastern Melbourne and South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Networks (PHNs), and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Quality Assurance Programs, with participation from Central and Eastern Sydney and South Western Sydney PHNs. The project was funded by the Digital Health Co-operative Research Centre with project
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While producing significant findings, several new reporting methods were also developed for this study including the IMPISCO framework, fidelity scores, and fidelity heat maps. In addition, a reporting structure for clearly identifying replication research was also proposed. The research is published in the *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association* JAMIA.

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