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- Managing severe acute respiratory infections in the ICU poses challenges in terms of diagnostics, treatment, and overall patient management
- A substantial portion of the burden associated with severe acute respiratory infections in the ICU arises from secondary infections following viral infections
- It is noteworthy to examine changes in epidemiology following the introduction of specific vaccines or antiviral medications, as they may have a significant impact on the landscape of these infections



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- Ongoing challenges in older adults include risk of severe disease in the most vulnerable individuals, long-COVID, and co-infections
- Relaxation of non-pharmaceutical interventions in conjunction with continued evolution of SARS-CoV-2 viruses will maintain the risk of COVID-19 and increase the risk posed by other respiratory infections which preferentially impact older adults
- Older adults and high-risk individuals should receive COVID-19 boosters and vaccines for other VPDs according to national recommendations, possibly in co-administration, to optimise the vaccine coverage



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- In order to properly manage healthcare organisations it is necessary to pay attention to healthcare workers vaccination
- Healthcare workers vaccination is not just an organisational need aimed at avoiding absence and presentism but it also has a social impact
- It is necessary to improve vaccination campaigns also among healthcare workers



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