

Infodemia as a new phenomenon in the COVID-19 era

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In the context of the development of a pandemic of a coronavirus infection, the flow of information on the problem of COVID-19 (COro-naVirus Disease 2019) is growing like an avalanche, which, according to the World Health Organization, has acquired the character of an “infodemic”, which is a new phenomenon for society. The need for new data on a new disease can hardly be overestimated, but the overabundance of information that arose during the epidemic, which may or may not be reliable, makes it difficult to find reliable sources of information and recommendations when specialists need it. Like pathogens in epidemics, misinformation spreads faster and faster and makes it harder to respond to emergencies. How infodemic influences our decisions, what information about COVID-19 can be relied on, is modern medicine based on evidence or opinion, and what each of us can do to end the COVID-19 pandemic—these issues will be discussed.