

Dear collaborators,

Thank you for your time and effort in collaborating in the CovidSurg study.

We will be sending you a weekly newsletter to keep you updated about the CovidSurg study portfolio, and keep you up to date with progress

## CovidSurg

We have just reached **230** patients entered on REDCap. We now have **2836** collaborators involved, from **231 hospitals** in **115 countries**. This a fantastic network to come together within just two weeks, particularly given the stressful days we are all facing in our clinical practice. We hope to produce our first report from this study soon, to feedback outcome data to the global surgical community.

**Please remember to upload any eligible patients ASAP.** (COVID suspected or proven infection pre/post operatively up to 30-days after surgery)

A modelling study is now being conducted for cancellations of elective surgery based upon over 640 responses from within our network. Thank you for sharing your experience.

### ***New studies***

We would like to share with you two, new studies which we would be very grateful if you would consider taking part in.

**1. Surgical Team Sickness modelling:** Some of the colleagues in your surgical team might have been sadly infected by COVID-19 already, or be self-isolating.

Our Surgical Team Sickness Model aims to capture how much surgical teams are affected by COVID-19 throughout the outbreak, to inform team planning. We would be delighted to have your contribution to this by answering a few questions

- **English:** <https://is.gd/covidsurgsurvey2>.
- **Italian:** <https://is.gd/surveyitalian>.
- **Spanish:** <https://is.gd/surveyspanish>.

**2. CovidSurg Cohort Study:** It is unclear what the safety is of continuing elective cancer surgery at this difficult time. We are also unclear as to what will happen to the unfortunate patients with a need for surgery for cancer. They may have their surgery delayed, cancelled or they may have an alternative therapy (e.g. radiotherapy). This may have an impact on these poor patients outcomes.

**CovidSurg-Cancer** will include all patients with a multi-disciplinary team (tumour board) decision for surgery when COVID-19 first emerged at your hospital.



It will also include patients with a new diagnosis of cancer over a 3-month period from the study start date in your hospital, that **would have been treated with surgery** under normal circumstances, even if they do not go on to actually have surgery.

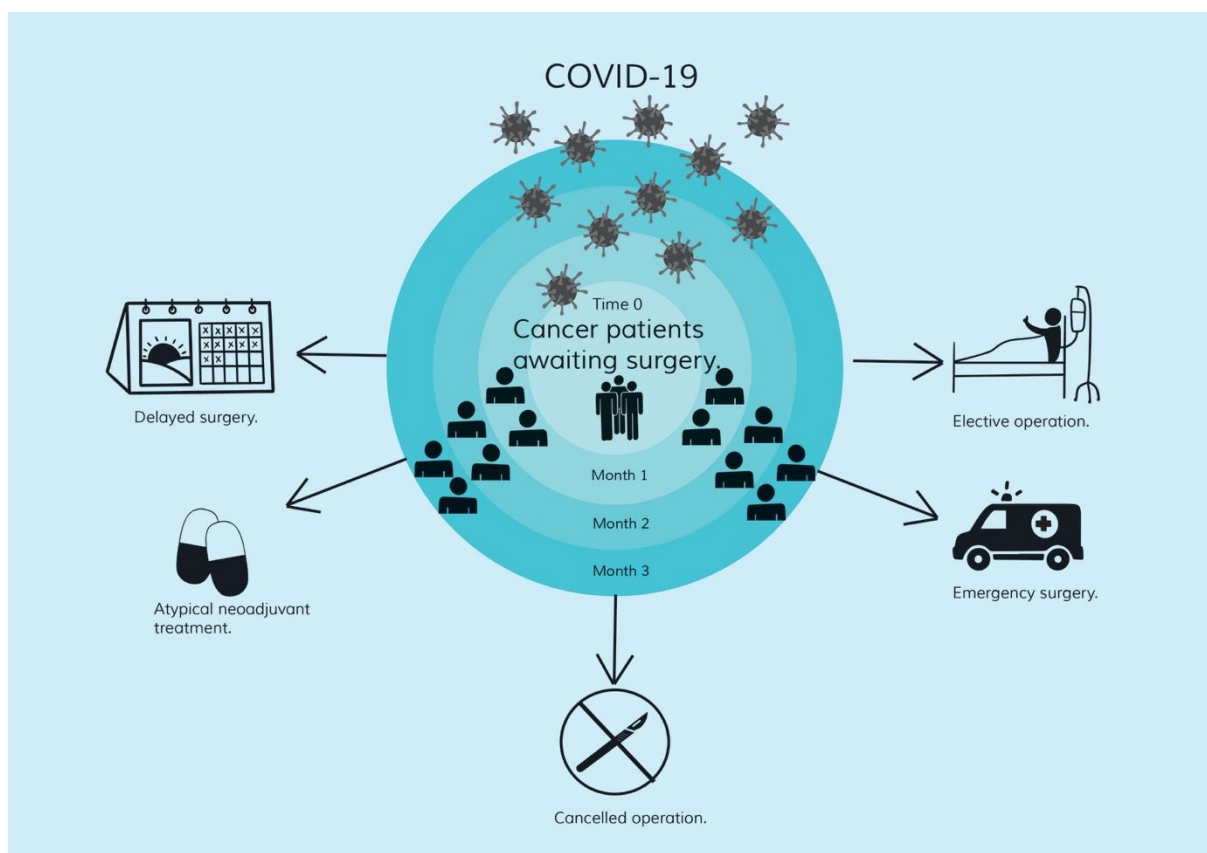
Patients undergoing surgery will have data collected to 30-days after their operation. Patients that do not have surgery, will be followed up to a maximum of 3 months from when they enter the study.

Data can be entered for one or more cancer types that you treat in your hospital, depending on your local team's capacity. As with CovidSurg, there are no limits on team size, so anyone that wishes to contribute can be involved.

Eligible cancer types are broad and include: Colorectal, Oesophagogastric, Head and neck, Lung, Liver, Pancreatic, Sarcoma, Kidney, Bladder, Prostate, Uterine, Ovarian and Breast.

Full details are available at: <https://globalsurg.org/cancercovidsurg/>

If you are already registered for the CovidSurg study and want to participate in the CovidSurg-Cancer study, **you do not need to register again**. You just need to check whether extra approvals are needed and gain these. The REDCap platform is the same for both studies. Data collection sheets are online for you to collect data while awaiting formal approvals, if appropriate.



**REDCap Support:** an online teleconference will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 19:00 (BST/UK-time) to guide REDCap users on how to access and input data to the system. To join please go to [www.gotomeet.me/surg](http://www.gotomeet.me/surg).

### *Other collaborations*

We are keen to support studies from other research groups. **Operation COVID** is a 3-phase rapid collaborative evaluation process regarding operating room practice in COVID-19, delivered by the Welsh Surgical Research Initiative.

- Phase 1-2 (ongoing): knowledge and experience gathering, exclusively via Twitter. **Please contribute at:** [www.twitter.com/opcovid](https://www.twitter.com/opcovid).
- Phase 3 (launching on **Monday 6th April**): expedited international process to identify consensus and urgent research targets.

Please **participate in the consensus process [online](#) or via [Twitter](#)**. All disciplines working with or in the operating room welcome.

