

EDITION 4

Dear collaborators,

Thanks to your effort, we now have **>2500** patients entered on REDCap. This is a great achievement for a collaboration which has lasted just over a month now.

We hope to transform this data into useful outputs:

- The report of the first 400 patients included in **CovidSurg** is being submitted for publication this week. **Further analysis will be performed as the study evolves. If you were not able to include patients for this paper, you can definitely contribute to the upcoming ones!**
- The first **paper for the CovidSurg Cancer** is now being designed and will probably focus on SARS-CoV-2 transmissibility among cancer patients operated during the pandemic. **During this week our team might contact you for data completeness**, so we can publish the most robust data possible.
- Papers about the modelling studies are currently being written as well.
- Global Guidance for Surgical Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic was the first CovidSurg Collaborative paper (published last week: <https://bjssjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/bjs.11646>: open access).

REDCap accounts:

REDCap accounts can be requested at <https://globalsurgery.redcap.bham.ac.uk/surveys/?s=P4TYA89NXA>. You can view detailed REDCap specific information (including the speciality dashboard) in **Edition 3** of our newsletter available [here](#).

Inclusion Criteria flowchart

We have produced a short presentation which will run through the inclusion criteria of **CovidSurg** and **CovidSurg-Cancer** to help collaborators decide which patients should go into which study. You can view the presentation by following the link below.

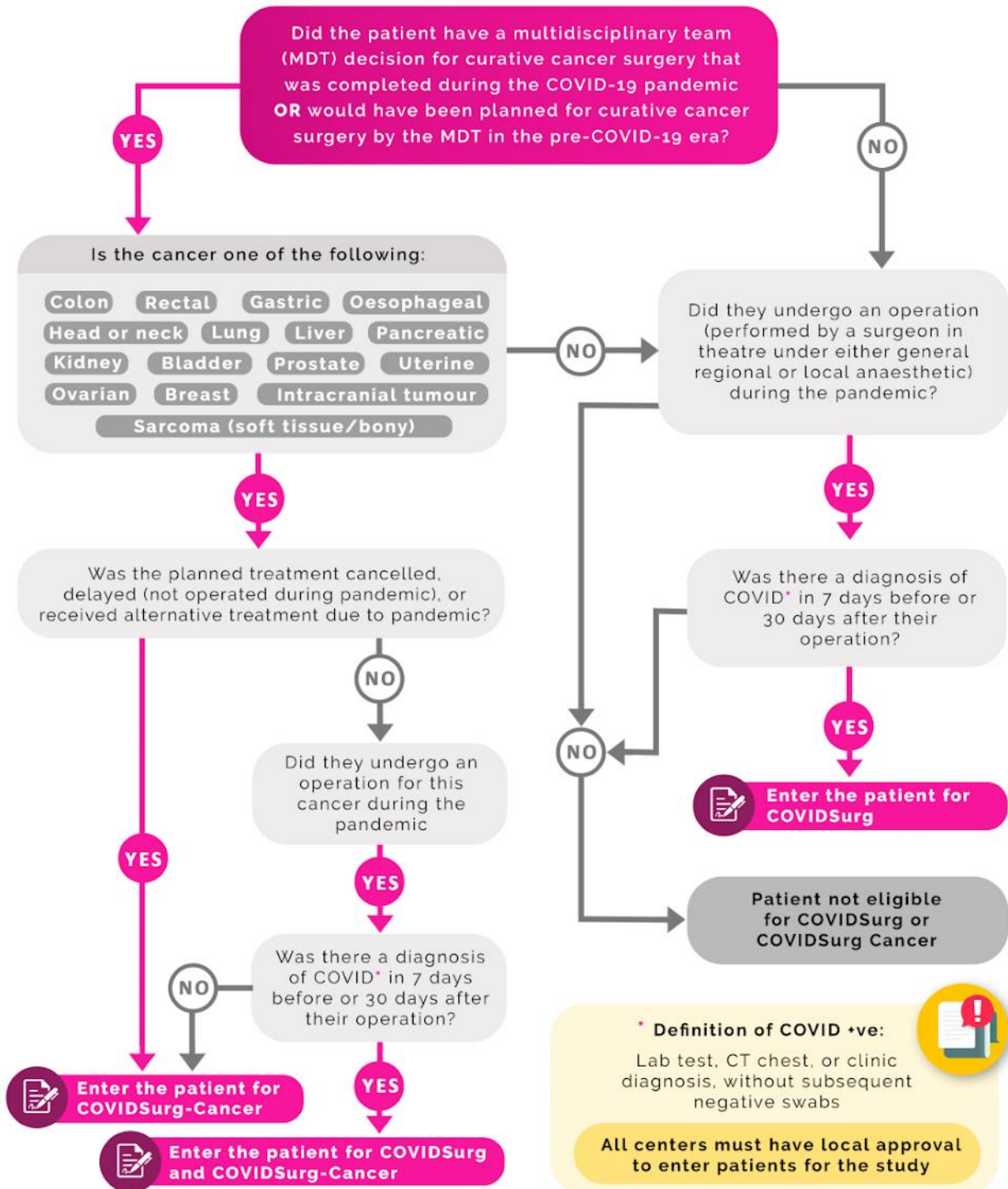
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aUw5RImuzUAmv6T9HJ7eYkVjl1EFrpbD/view>

You can also view the eligibility flowchart shown below if unsure about which studies a patient can be included in.



COVIDSurg / COVIDSurg-Cancer Eligibility Flowchart

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CovidSurg-Cancer

In order to host discussion around the CovidSurg-Cancer speciality groups and build international speciality networks we have setup the following speciality specific WhatsApp groups. Contributors are invited to join their relevant group(s).

- Oesophageal: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FpgYwgoPY9r3QfV2hVoU7Q>
- Colorectal: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JBuegyJLKNVE5YVwwwxCq6>
- Lung: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DoGh6ZteS4AHDIVnVYAB8o>
- HPB: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LCIDs5YU68p0loEB5YkOgr>
- Sarcoma: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DfJybL7AUAcHyZ1gm2W2YS>
- Head and Neck: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EZQOKXkYJXu14RAcVeNZc>
- Gynae: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DZN0TiDT4Qy9ZvkqHwszqF>
- Breast: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GDp4r7rBKUcJa5ATEMpLbJ>
- Neuro: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/D2ieh34P7Mo5RcAHCtxhZa>
- Urology: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HY9pS9kg5R1HI9K6fw0Du4>
- Paeds: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/J8CVb6IANPd7ymYhO1uOm7>

You can also find a recording of a recent CovidSurg-Cancer teleconference at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iyLCInF8zNjaDBNXAtJW5cHwUZVn5NHw/view>. Amongst the topics covered was clarification on inclusion criteria and setting up centres.

Please remember to include all consecutive patients operated on for the cancers that you are collecting data on, and track patients awaiting surgery as they may be operated later and will need to be followed up at 3 months if they do not.

Dissemination Committee video

CovidSurg collaborators and members of our global dissemination committee have come together to produce a short video highlighting how the collaborative are working together on meaningful studies to gather real-world data on how to best care for surgical patients.

View the video at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K9Nyf-cvDKqwFqT8ktfYSwgtijAi1xek/view>

Supporting other research groups

COVER study - COVID-19 and Vascular Surgery

The cover study is now registered around 80 sites globally, to collect data on COVID and vascular procedures and referrals.

If you'd like more information, or to get your site registered and approved go to:



<https://vascular-research.net/projects/cover-study-covid-19-vascular-service-study/>

Authorship follows the same model as Globalsurg, and we encourage trainees and junior team members to get involved!

Follow us on Twitter for regular updates and study information @vascresearchnet.

The study is being delivered alongside Globalsurgery and COVID-surg.



Supporting those effected by COVID-19

Professor Charles Knowles (Chair of ESCP's Research Committee and Professor of Surgery at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry) has written a song to support NHS and other key workers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. This is currently being recorded as a single with musicians from bands including Tom Jones, Primal Scream, New Seekers and Paul Weller and will be released to the media shortly.

Listen to the song at <https://youtu.be/4eWn2cy2yos>, those wishing to make a donation can do so via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ballad-for-the-nhs>. Over £8,000 has been raised so far and thank you to everyone who has contributed.

