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Dear collaborators,

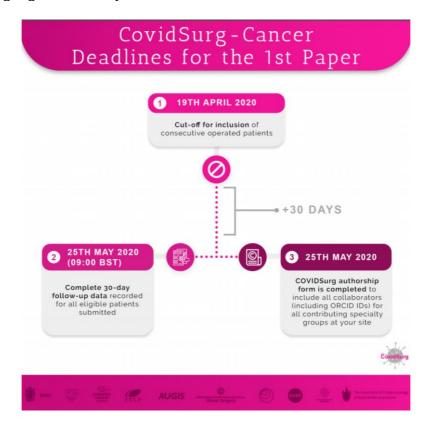
Thank you to all collaborators for continuing to submit data, some of which has already fed directly into publications! We have now had data entered for 7,800 patients from across 450 hospitals. Going forward we anticipate a number of further publications and outputs arising from **CovidSurg** data, so please do continue to identify eligible patients, collect data, and complete 30-day follow-up. No data will be wasted - all data that you continue to enter will contribute to at least one and most likely many analyses and further publications.

COVIDSurg-Cancer Deadlines

We are delighted to announce that we are nearing completion of a first manuscript from the COVIDSurg-Cancer data.

In order to ensure highest patient inclusion and data quality as possible we are setting a cut-off for inclusion of consecutive <u>operated patients</u> of **19th April 2020** latest. Please ensure all eligible patients are included and their **baseline/cancer-specific data** are now complete.

We will require complete <u>30-day follow-up data</u> for these patients to be complete by **0900 BST 25th May 2020** to include the data in the first analysis. A simple graphic to highlight these key dates is shown below.







In parallel we would ask that the COVIDSurg authorship form is completed to include <u>all collaborators</u> (including ORCID IDs) for all contributing specialty groups at your site by **25th May 2020** (see *Authorship Forms*) section below.

Please note that data collection will continue for both operated and non-operated patients since the emergence of the pandemic in your area - these data will be included in future analyses.

Many thanks for all your hard work on this important project.

Authorship Forms

Authorship of further publications will evolve with each paper as new hospitals join the collaboration and start contributing data. There may also be outputs which are speciality or region-specific and it may not be appropriate to list all collaborators if they have not contributed data to these sub-analyses.

For the first **CovidSurg** publication we asked Principal Investigators to complete an authorship form, but doing this for each paper would be time consuming both for them and for the central team, and would increase the likelihood of errors. Therefore, we are introducing the **'CovidSurg Authorship REDCap Project'** as a longer-term solution to streamline authorship.

All REDCap users have now been given access to the 'CovidSurg Authorship REDCap Project'. This can be accessed via the usual portal (https://globalsurgery.redcap.bham.ac.uk/) with your existing username/ password. You will be able to login in to this REDCap project at any time to add new collaborators or edit details for existing collaborators. Collaborator details will be securely held and other sites will not be able to see your collaborators' details.

Whenever authorship details are required for a new **CovidSurg** publication, these will be extracted from the **'CovidSurg Authorship REDCap Project'**, with eligibility for authorship on specific outputs determined based on whether they have contributed data to that specific data analysis.

A guide to how to use the 'CovidSurg Authorship REDCap Project' is attached. If you have any questions please speak to you PI or email covidsurgdata@gmail.com.

We are hoping to submit our next (second) paper for publication soon. This paper will report early data from CovidSurg-Cancer and we will share more details in the coming weeks. To help prepare for submission we would be very grateful if you could please aim to enter your collaborators details on to the 'CovidSurg Authorship REDCap Project' by 0900 BST on Monday 25th May 2020.





CovidSurg Lecture Series – REMINDER

The first CovidSurg lecture will take place on **Thursday 14th May (14:00 BST)**. Outcomes from the first 1100 patients will be presented and discussed to inform data-driven decision making and over 1,000 people have already registered for the lecture.

Please register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6915885082937/WN __U7mD5N-QIuWt7lhtxl8jA



Details of the second lecture on 25th May 2020 will be announced at the end of this week.

Previous Newsletter Editions

Past editions of the weekly **CovidSurg** newsletter can be found by clicking on the appropriate link; Edition 1, Edition 2, Edition 3, Edition 4, Edition 5, Edition 6.

