Dear collaborators,

Thank you for your ongoing support of CovidSurg. We have now had data entered for over 12,000 patients from across 600 hospitals in 70 countries. This would not be possible without the effort of all collaborators – thank you for your support at this difficult time.

**New Site Set-up and Trouble Shooting Tool**

A new REDCap tool has been developed to help guide new sites through the process of setting up their hospital to participate in CovidSurg studies. If you have not yet started setting your site-up for CovidSurg/CovidSurg-Cancer, please access this tool at: [https://is.gd/covidsurgsetup](https://is.gd/covidsurgsetup).

**COVIDSurg-Cancer Deadlines: Reminder**

The first COVIDSurg-Cancer analysis will include all consecutive (i.e. all eligible) operated up to 19 April 2020. All eligible patients should have complete 30-day follow-up data entered on REDCap by **0900 UK-Time (BST) 25 May 2020**.

Please could REDCap access ensure that the CovidSurg authorship form is completed (see [Edition 7 of newsletter](https://is.gd/covidsurgsetup)) and includes all collaborators (including ORCID IDs) across all specialty groups at your hospital. If you have any queries regarding authorship please contact your local Principal Investigator.

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**CovidSurg-Cancer Deadlines for the 1st Paper**

1. **19TH APRIL 2020**
   - Cut-off for inclusion of consecutive operated patients

2. **25TH MAY 2020 (09:00 BST)**
   - Complete 30-day follow-up data recorded for all eligible patients submitted

3. **25TH MAY 2020**
   - COVIDSurg authorship form is completed to include all collaborators (including ORCID IDs) for all contributing specialty groups at your site
ASiT-COVIDSurg Webinar

The Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT) will be hosting an educational and training webinar "Data-driven decision making for surgery during the COVID-19 pandemic: Perspectives for trainees" in conjunction with CovidSurg. This webinar will discuss our upcoming publication in The Lancet, including reporting of outcomes of 1,100 patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection around the time of surgery. It will also reflect on the modelling study of elective cancellations during the peak phase of the pandemic, and its impact on clinical practice and training of surgical trainees.

Date: Tuesday 19th May 2020 Time: 19:00 GMT
Link to Registration: https://bit.ly/367nWZT

Speakers include:

- Miss Siobhan McKay, Academic Clinical Lecturer in General Surgery / Roux Club President
- Mr Richard Wilkin, Academic Clinical Lecturer in General Surgery
- Miss Elizabeth Li, NIHR Research Fellow in Surgical Innovation

The chair of the session is Mr James Glasbey, NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow in Global Health and ASiT NIHR/SRS Academic Representative.

CovidSurg Lecture Series

CovidSurg Data Driven Lectures are being used to efficiently release the main findings of our studies to our collaborators and the surgical community, aiming to inform decision making as the study evolves.

On our SECOND ONLINE LIVE DATA DRIVEN LECTURE we will share the results from the first 1200 patients enrolled on CovidSurg cancer study.

Date: Monday 25th May 2020 Time: 14:00 GMT
The first CovidSurg webinar is now available to view on YouTube at https://youtu.be/wjcyQTyE9T4 or listen on Spotify at https://open.spotify.com/episode/6sQpR3qmk0rZqT81ABkSYT?si=VLSijDTJRKqYh0iUU_OBw.

Modelling Study Publication

Covid-19 will heavily impact the delivery of elective surgery globally. In our paper published in the BJS, we project that 28.4 million operations will be cancelled or postponed during the peak 12 weeks of disruption.

View the paper at:


This paper did not use patient-level data from the CovidSurg dataset. Although this is an output from CovidSurg, authorship reflects the specific individuals who directly fed in to the study.

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