

EDITION 9

Dear collaborators,

Thank you for your ongoing support of **CovidSurg**. We have now had data entered for over **20,000** patients from across **707** hospitals in **72** countries. This would not be possible without the effort of all collaborators – thank you for your support at this difficult time.

CovidSurg-Cancer

As we have now extracted the first cohort of operated patients for analysis, we would also like to highlight the second key aspect of the COVIDSurg-Cancer protocol.

This is capture of the non-operated or delayed patients that would have had surgery under normal circumstances. This essential cohort will allow us to see the broader impact of COVID-19 on patients that would typically have had surgery. Non-operated patients should be followed-up up to 3-months and 6-months from STUDY ENTRY to see what has happened to their treatment pathways. This has been extended from 3-months only to 6-months in response to requests from international collaborators throughout the network, as complete pathway and restaging information is unlikely to be available by 3-months only.

If the patient does go onto surgery within this window, they should have standard 30-day postoperative follow-up collected.

If you are unable to collect this data, please still continue to collect data on operated patients during the study window - but we will not use your data for papers with an overview of non-operated and operated patients together - we will confirm which 'denominator' you have used later, before performing this analysis.

Secondly, please also note that some patient identification periods, may now be coming to an end. Remember, this is 3-months from the emergence of COVID-19 in your hospital/area. For example, if your first cases were on 19th February, no new patients need to be identified from 19th May onwards.

We have created a nice, simple graphical representation of these processes in the attached document. Please read this in detail to ensure you have captured the correct patients and information over the correct timepoints.

Thank you so much again for your amazing work in driving COVIDSurg-Cancer forwards - and we encourage you to ensure as data collected is as high-quality as possible as we move into the follow-up phase, to drive high-impact of our research over the coming months.



CovidSurg Lecture Series



Next Monday, we will be holding our next webinar about further details of first **CovidSurg** paper. This will be a round table discussion, to answer questions from collaborators and the wider surgical community. The full paper will be released to you by email closer to the webinar so you can send us your questions and interact in a live discussion about them.

CovidSurg: How can it change practice? Results from the first COVIDsurg paper

Monday 1st June at 15:00 (GMT+1 London)

Register here: <https://bit.ly/Covidsurgroundtable>

You can view the first **CovidSurg** webinar on [YouTube](#) or listen on [Spotify](#).

Covid Mental Health Assessment

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected healthcare systems globally. Importantly, this pandemic has had significant impact to the health of the healthcare workers, especially their psychological status. This survey aims to assess the global prevalence of depression, anxiety and PTSD among all healthcare workers across any departments in hospital and in the community.

We would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to answer the following survey:

<https://globalsurgery.redcap.bham.ac.uk/surveys/?s=8HRMHE9PF7>

Young BJS (external opportunity)

Young BJS is a new community of early-career researchers with enthusiasm for surgical academia. The ethos is aligned with that of the BJS (British Journal of Surgery) with a mission to promote excellence in clinical and scientific research. Specific goals of the group will be to network, educate, and innovate in surgical publishing on a global scale. To get involved, enthusiasm is all that is required.



Those interested in becoming part of Young BJS, can email their details including name, institution, career stage and specialty interest to admin@youngbjs.org.

You can find out more about Young BJS at the Cutting Edge blog:
<https://cuttingedgeblog.com>

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