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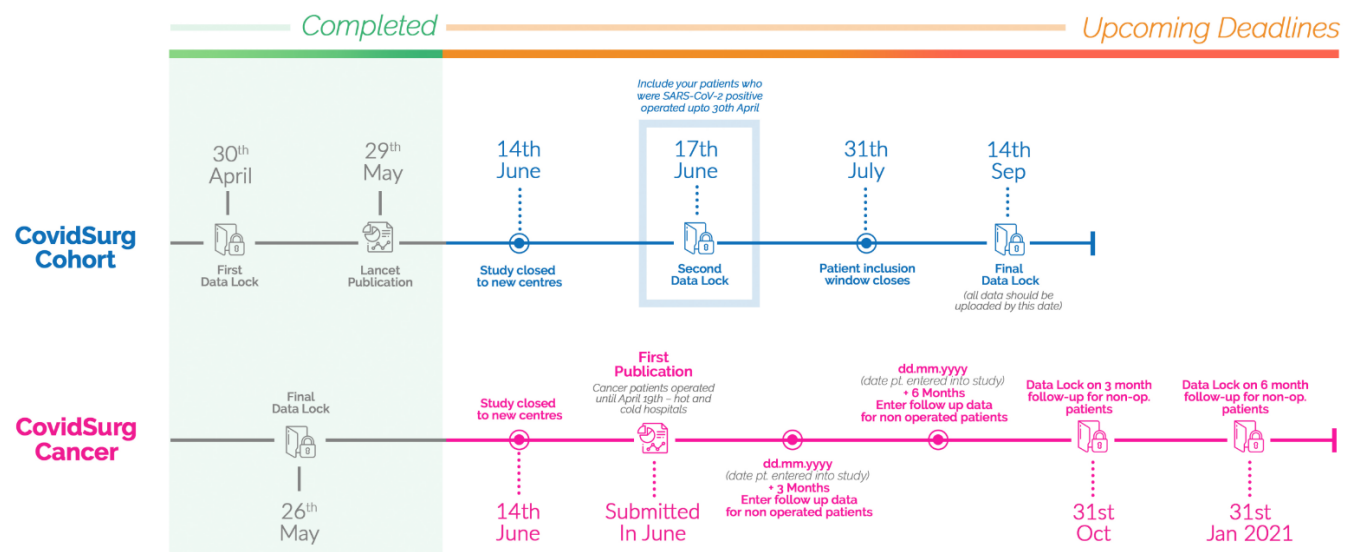
Dear collaborators,

Thank you for your ongoing support of **CovidSurg**. We have now had data entered for over **21,000** patients from across **733** hospitals in **73** countries. This would not be possible without the effort of all collaborators – thank you for your support at this difficult time.

## Study Timelines

In order to illustrate upcoming milestones and deadlines for both the **CovidSurg** cohort and cancer studies we have created the graphic shown below. Please note that the deadline for **NEW CENTRES** to get involved in both CovidSurg and CovidSurg-Cancer will be **14 JUNE**. If you have not yet started to enter data on to REDCap, please visit our [Site Set-up Tool](#) for information on how to get started.

Data collection for **CovidSurg** is ongoing, so please continue to submit data on eligible patients. The next batch of **CovidSurg** patients (i.e. those with peri-operative SARS-CoV-2 infection) will be locked for data analysis on **17 JUNE** – please make sure to upload your data by this date so that we can include it in the next analysis and publication.



## Top tips for storing CovidSurg link sheet

As CovidSurg matures, and collaborators, particularly trainees, rotate to different roles in different hospitals, a particular challenge will be ensuring safe local storage of patient identifiers with their REDCap IDs. This will be particularly important if longer-term evaluation relies on the ability to link pseudo-anonymised data with local patient IDs. Previous observational cohort studies have highlighted this challenge as the main barrier to data completeness. If your centre has entered a large number of patients this may be particularly challenging whereas central storage of patient



identifiers is associated with better data completeness at follow-up. Some top tips for storing your link sheet are:

## STORING YOUR COVIDSURG LINK SHEET OF PATIENT AND REDCAP IDS

### 3 TOP TIPS

#### TIP #1



Save linked data sheet with a **standard filename** and timestamp, we suggest, 'CovidSurg Link sheet dd.mm.yyyy'

#### TIP #2



Circulate link sheet with your PI and collaborators by **secure email** with 'CovidSurg Link sheet' in subject line, **at key timepoints** (each publication datalock).

#### TIP #3



Share the link sheet with your **audit office** if applicable or in a **locked filing cabinet**



Safe and standardised local storage of patient and REDCap IDs will facilitate longer term follow-up and enable us to remind you to search your files by a standardised title.

## First CovidSurg paper published in The Lancet

Congratulations to everyone in the **CovidSurg** network on the publication of the first CovidSurg paper.

This paper has been published in [The Lancet](#). On behalf of the central coordinating group, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for their hard work- this paper is only possible as a result of everyone's contributions. The very high quality of the data included in the study reflects the huge effort and amazing team work by CovidSurg collaborators.

## Webinar Recordings

Our most recent webinar, 'CovidSurg: How can it change practice? Results from the first CovidSurg paper' took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. You can view a recording of the webinar on [YouTube](#).

Further webinars will be arranged and publicised when we have data and results to share with collaborators, the next webinar will focus on results from the upcoming cancer paper. The date and time of this webinar will be publicised in due course.

## CovidSurg3

As our current studies begin to close for patient recruitment we can start to think ahead and plan subsequent studies that could be of benefit to our patients and inform surgical care in the COVID-19 era. We would welcome ideas from our collaborators on what you would like to see included in future studies, or which type of studies you would most like to engage on.

Please click [here](#) to send us your suggestions.

## 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](#), [Edition 7](#), [Edition 8](#), [Edition 9](#).

