

EDITION 11

Dear collaborators,

Thank you for your ongoing support of **CovidSurg**. We have now had data entered for over **24,000** patients from across **733** hospitals in **73** countries. This has been a remarkable effort and could not have been achieved without the hard work and support of all collaborators.

Patient Information Booklet

We are proud to share with you the first **CovidSurg** Patient Information Booklet; *Having an operation during the COVID-19 pandemic*.

Understanding the effects of COVID-19 on surgical patients is CovidSurg's main focus so what is more important than disseminating the results to the patients themselves? This booklet has been created by working closely with a Patient Advisory Group (PAG) to address the questions they asked. This week we launch colour and black and white versions, the EasyRead version will follow in a couple of weeks following approval from the PAG.



The versions we are sharing today are in English and designed for UK context but most of the information is widely applicable. The **CovidSurg** Public and Patient Involvement team will work with the Dissemination committee to bring translated information very soon to patients across the **CovidSurg** network.

Please click the links below to access the booklet:

- [Colour version](#)
- [Black and white version](#)



Study Timelines

Please remember that the final opportunity for **NEW CENTRES** to get involved in **CovidSurg** (cohort and cancer studies) will be **14th JUNE**. If your hospital wishes to contribute data to either study but has not yet done so then you must request your REDCap account via the [Site Set-up Tool](#) by this date.

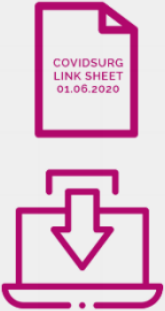


No new REDCap accounts will be issued after 14th JUNE

The second data lock for the **CovidSurg** cohort study is 17th June, please enter your patients who were SARS-CoV-2 positive and operated on up to 30th April.

The patient inclusion window will close on 31st JULY. Please see [issue 10](#) of the Newsletter for full details of upcoming and future deadlines.

Data Storage

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, a particular challenge for some sites will be ensuring the 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. To recap, some top tips for data storage are:

TIP #1	TIP #2	TIP #3
		
<p>Save linked data sheet with a standard filename and timestamp, we suggest, 'CovidSurg Link sheet dd.mm.yyyy'</p>	<p>Circulate link sheet with your PI and collaborators by secure email with 'CovidSurg Link sheet' in subject line, at key timepoints (each publication datalock).</p>	<p>Share the link sheet with your audit office if applicable or in a locked filing cabinet</p>

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