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Weekly Update from Simon de Lusignan, Director of Oxford RSC

Our opportunity to thank network members and share how we use network data

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## ***Our plan for improving our sampling numbers... Tips for data quality, virology and serology sampling***

### **Virology Swabbing**

Save time by using our integrated virology lab form instead of filling out paper lab forms by hand. For EMIS practices only.

Import our protocol and template files into EMIS. When you code 'influenza-like illness', 'lower respiratory tract infection', 'acute bronchitis' or 'suspected COVID-19' the protocol will trigger two short templates. The first is a simple drop-down list of symptoms. The second is a UKHSA virology lab form that will pre-populate patient details and symptoms. The form can then be printed and included with the sample for posting. The protocol will automatically code in the patient's medical record that a swab has been taken for RCGP RSC virology sampling surveillance.

Please contact [practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk) for the files to import and instructions.

### **Serology Sampling**

Save time by sending a text message to patients ahead of their phlebotomy appointment with a link to the [Patient Information Sheet](#).

See example below:

*We are collecting blood samples as part of a UKHSA study to look at the background immunity of the population to COVID-19. This entails taking an additional bottle of blood when you come for your blood test. Please read this information leaflet (<https://bit.ly/seroinfo>) and let your health care professional know if you are happy to take part.*

## RSV ComNet study is still recruiting... 317/500 swabs collected so far but we still need more!

The aim of this study is to understand the disease burden of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in young children in primary care.

**Practices signed up to the study make a valuable contribution by simply swabbing more <5 year olds as part of RCGP RSC virology swabbing surveillance.**

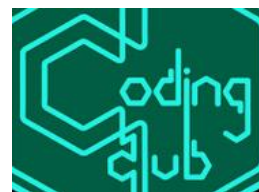


Parents/guardians of RSV-positive children, who have given consent, are followed up by practice staff for two short telephone interviews. This can be done by an HCA. Practices receive Study and CRN payments for their participation.

To join the study, please email:  
[elizabeth.button@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.button@phc.ox.ac.uk)

### **ClinT of the Week!** Remember - *Coding is caring!*

If a patient refuses the first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please **type 'declined SARS'** and select from the following options (depending on the individual circumstance):



- **SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) immunisation course declined**
- **SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) vaccination dose declined**
- **SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) vaccination first dose declined**
- **SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) vaccination second dose declined**
- **SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) vaccination third dose declined**
- **SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) vaccination fourth dose declined**

### **Publication of the Week:**

[COVID-19 vaccine uptake, effectiveness, and waning in 82,959 health care workers: A national prospective cohort study in Wales](#)



**Background:** While population estimates suggest high vaccine effectiveness against SARS-CoV-2 infection, the protection for health care workers, who are at higher risk of SARS-CoV-2 exposure, is less understood.