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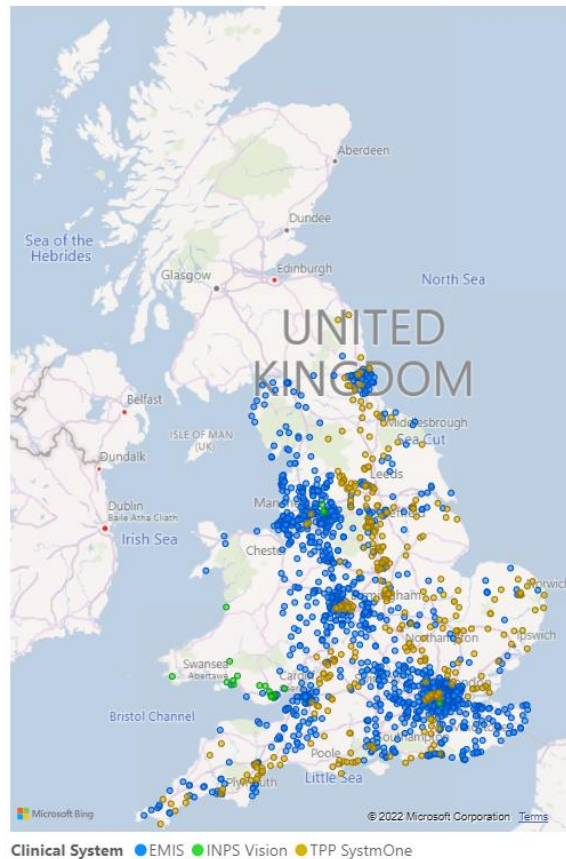
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Your Weekly Update from Simon de Lusignan, Director of RCGP RSC

ORCHID Practice Map



Our ORCHID Network Is Growing!

As we head into the bank holiday weekend, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank our practice members for all your efforts over the summer. We're genuinely grateful for the time and energy you've contributed in support of the network. Thank you!

Also, if you are one of our more recent members, welcome to the RCGP RSC! We're really excited to work with you as we approach the upcoming flu season. You're in good company, as our ORCHID network has increased over the summer months to 1,942 practices... and continues to grow!

You can check out the network in more detail by visiting our interactive ORCHID Practice Map here: [ORCHID Practice Map | ORCHID :: Oxford-RCGP RSC](#)

If you know of any practices that would like to become members too, just ask them to get

in touch - we'll be happy to help. They can contact us at practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk

Thanks again and we're looking forward to working with you all in September - Have a great bank holiday!

Strikes & Your Samples

Friday 26th August

Wednesday 31st August

Thursday 8th September

Friday 9th September

As you may know, Royal Mail have four days of strikes planned, the first of which takes place today. We would ask that you factor this into your sampling and swabbing strategy for the coming days.

Also, the TATUK service has advised any kits ordered after 2pm yesterday will not be delivered until Tuesday next week.

Serology and virology samples can be stored in a fridge overnight. Blood samples should be stored upright. Please continue to collect samples, but with the risk of delays in mind.

ClinT Of The Week

Remember, coding is caring! Please code a disease as a problem.



Pneumonitis (disorder)
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Publication Of The Week



[Mortality from angiotensin-converting enzyme-inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers in people infected with COVID-19: a cohort study of 3.7 million people - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)

Concerns have been raised that angiotensin-converting enzyme-inhibitors (ACE-I) and angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) might facilitate transmission of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 leading to more severe coronavirus disease (COVID-19) disease and an increased risk of mortality.

We aimed to investigate the association between ACE-I/ARB treatment and risk of death amongst people with COVID-19 in the first 6 months of the pandemic.

We identified a cohort of adults diagnosed with either confirmed or probable COVID-19

(from 1 January to 21 June 2020) using computerized medical records from our RCGP RSC primary care database. This comprised 465 general practices in England, United Kingdom with a nationally representative population of 3.7 million people.

To see our results, click the link above for the full publication.