



## OXFORD-RCGP RSC Monthly Newsletter: October 2022

Monthly updates, reminders and information brought to you by the  
 Oxford-RCGP RSC Practice Liaison Team

### What is happening this month?

- **Fantastic Job**
- **Coding is Caring**
- **New Practices to Virology Surveillance**
- **Consenting**
- **Should we resume our webinars?**
- **RSV ComNet study is recruiting practices**

As always, check out our **Active Research Projects** below

### Fantastic Job

It is a delight to start this month's newsletter with a positive message.

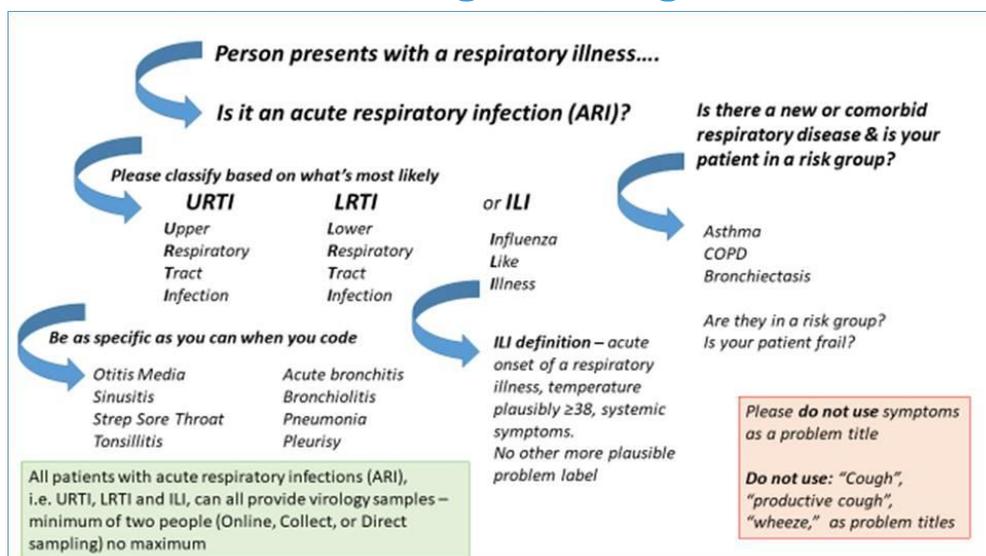
The efforts of all the participating practices have been very much appreciated. Especially over the last three weeks as the number of virology samples has climbed into the 200s.

We would really like each and every one of you to keep this momentum going. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

Don't forget we pay **£12.50** for every swab sample meeting the criteria collected. See below for the criteria

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### Coding is Caring



You may have seen the above graphic in Issue 19 of our Sampling Is Informing newsletter last week, but we wanted to highlight it again because of the importance of coding.

The attached graphic has been produced to illustrate pathways for clinicians to identify eligible patients to swab for our disease surveillance.

The graphic also illustrates what codes should be used.

**We're keen for feedback about this graphic, so let us know what you think!**

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## Consenting

Whether you are carrying out our virology swabbing or serology sampling, consent is a very important aspect. With the recent increase in sample volume, we thought we'd take this opportunity to re-look at what this means.

### **What do we mean when we talk about consent in this situation?**

When you are considering swabbing a patient or taking a blood sample as part of our research, the patient only needs to verbally consent to having their specimen taken and their data used.

The way they make an informed decision is by reading our [Patient Information Sheets](#) which outline the purpose of our surveillance, why swabs and samples are taken and what happens with the patient's specimen and data.

It is very important that patients are given ample time to read the sheets and ask any questions they need to before consenting to a swab or sample being taken.

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## Should we resume our webinars?

We are still looking for feedback about the monthly webinars we used to host.

We would appreciate you all taking a moment to complete the following survey [Webinar Survey \(office.com\)](#).

If you are unsure about the topics we used to cover then why not take a look back at our previous webinars [RCGP Research - YouTube](#)

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## The RSV ComNet study is recruiting practices

We will shortly be resuming with the RSV ComNet study. If you are a virology swabbing practice, please consider joining. Practice activity involves:

1. Regularly taking virology swabs in <5 year olds
2. Checking lab results for RSV positive cases
3. Contacting parents/guardians of RSV positive children for informed consent and conducting 2 short telephone interviews (~10 minutes each) using an online survey at Day 14 and Day 30 after the swab.

Our target across the network is 100-150 completed interviews so every practice that joins is a big help to us achieving that goal! Practices will be paid for participating in the study.

Please contact [elizabeth.button@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.button@phc.ox.ac.uk) for further information.

Thank you.

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## Active Research Projects

We're still recruiting for some exciting studies - click on the links below to find out more!

[UKHSA Disease Surveillance](#)

[RSV ComNet II](#)

[MONITORY](#)

[RAPTOR](#)