



Release Notes: CPRD GOLD March 2021

Summary

An updated version of the CPRD GOLD database (data sourced from GP practices using Vision® GP software) is now available, which contains the following:

Metric	Coverage
Total number of acceptable patients ¹ (including transferred out and deceased patients):	19,723,490
Current acceptable patients (i.e. registered at currently contributing practices, excluding transferred out and deceased patients):	3,093,596
Percentage UK population coverage ² (current patients only):	3,093,596 of 66,796,800 (4.63%)
Total patients eligible for linkage (Set 20):	9,209,819
Available follow-up time in years since 1 st January 1995 ³ (all patients including transferred out and deceased): Mean (Standard Deviation): Median (25 th and 75 th Percentile):	8.39 (7.69) 5.64 (1.99 – 13.49)
Available follow-up time in years (current patients only): Mean (Standard Deviation): Median (25 th and 75 th Percentile):	13.97 (9.41) 13.13 (4.93 – 25.60)
Total number of practices (current and historic) included in the database:	952
Currently contributing practices:	399
Percentage coverage of UK general practices (currently contributing practices only):	399 of 8,961 (4.45%)
Regional distribution of currently contributing practices ⁴ England: Northern Ireland: Scotland: Wales:	53 (13.28%) 40 (10.03%) 202 (50.63%) 104 (26.07%)

¹ Permanent registrations only. Over 98% of permanent registrations are deemed to have 'acceptable' (or research quality) data based on CPRD metrics.

² [Based on latest UK population estimates from the Office of National Statistics.](#)

³ Follow-up time stated here does not incorporate the up-to-standard (UTS) date and the database includes records pre-dating the 1st of January 1995.

⁴ Expressed as a percentage of all practices currently contributing to CPRD GOLD.



Lookups

Indication of monthly changes to the Lookup files is given below. These files can be requested from CPRD Enquiries at enquiries@cprd.com

Lookup	Filename	Records
Medical Dictionary	medical.txt	115,444
Product Dictionary	product.txt	83,376
Entity	entity.xls	501
Scoring	scoremethod.txt	5,057
Batch Number	batchnumber.txt	4,349,127
Product Pack Type	packtype.txt	88,612
Product BNF Code	bnfcodes.txt	2,444
Common Dosage	common_dosages.txt	73,068
Practice Details	allpractices_MAR2021.txt	952
All Patient Details	all_patients_MAR2021.txt	22,478,198
Acceptable Patient Details	acceptablepats_from_utspracts_MAR2021.txt	19,723,490

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Other Updates

CPRD GOLD Data Specification

These files can be downloaded from the CPRD website: <https://www.cprd.com/primary-care>