



## Release Notes: CPRD GOLD August 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   |
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| Total number of acceptable patients <sup>1</sup> (including transferred out and deceased patients):  | 20,434,894   |
| Current acceptable patients (i.e. registered at currently contributing practices, excluding transferred out and deceased patients):  | 3,078,521  |
| Percentage UK population coverage <sup>2</sup> (current patients only):  | 3,078,521 of<br>67,081,000 (4.59%)                       |
| Total patients eligible for linkage (Set 21):  | 9,270,763  |
| Available follow-up time in years since 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1995 <sup>3</sup> (all patients including transferred out and deceased):<br>Mean (Standard Deviation):<br>Median (25 <sup>th</sup> and 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile): | 8.38 (7.74)<br>5.59 (1.97 – 13.43)                       |
| Available follow-up time in years (current patients only):<br>Mean (Standard Deviation):<br>Median (25 <sup>th</sup> and 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile):   | 14.06 (9.61)<br>13.16 (4.82 – 25.87)                     |
| Total number of practices (current and historic) included in the database:   | 972  |
| Currently contributing practices:  | 402  |
| Percentage coverage of UK general practices (currently contributing practices only):   | 402 of 8,961 (4.49%)                                     |
| Regional distribution of currently contributing practices <sup>4</sup><br>England:<br>Northern Ireland:<br>Scotland:<br>Wales:   | 35 (8.71%)<br>40 (9.95%)<br>213 (52.99%)<br>114 (28.36%) |

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@cprd.com)

| Lookup                     | Filename                                  | Records    |
|----------------------------|---|------------|
| Medical Dictionary         | medical.txt                               | 115,731    |
| Product Dictionary         | product.txt                               | 84,414     |
| Entity                     | entity.xls                                | 501        |
| Scoring                    | scoremethod.txt                           | 5,118      |
| Batch Number               | batchnumber.txt                           | 4,449,676  |
| Product Pack Type          | packtype.txt                              | 89,747     |
| Product BNF Code           | bnfcodes.txt                              | 2,455      |
| Common Dosage              | common_dosages.txt                        | 73,068     |
| Practice Details           | allpractices_AUG2021.txt                  | 972        |
| All Patient Details        | all_patients_AUG2021.txt                  | 23,250,125 |
| Acceptable Patient Details | acceptablepats_from_utspracts_AUG2021.txt | 20,434,894 |

## Other Updates

The following updates have been made to the August 2021 release.

### Three Character Lookups

The following lookups have been added to the IMT three character lookup file: HEPAB, TYPVISINGLE, COVNOVAVAX, HPVGENERIC, FLUPHA, HEPATYPH.

## DOI

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## CPRD GOLD Data Specification

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