Release Notes: CPRD GOLD September 2023

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):	21,277,412
Current acceptable patients (i.e. registered at currently contributing practices, excluding transferred out and deceased patients):	2,980,245
Percentage UK population coverage[2] (current patients only):	2,980,245 of 67,026,300 (4.45%)
Total patients eligible for linkage (Set 22):	9,280,904

Available follow-up time in years since 1st January 1995[3] (all patients including transferred out and deceased):
    Mean (Standard Deviation):
    Median (25th and 75th Percentile):
	
	8.51 (8.01)
	5.61 (1.97 – 13.51)

Available follow-up time in years (current patients only):
    Mean (Standard Deviation):
    Median (25th and 75th Percentile):
	
	14.44 (10.33)
	12.84 (4.72 – 26.23)

Total number of practices (current and historic) included in the database:	984
Currently contributing practices:	370
Percentage coverage of UK general practices (currently contributing practices only):	370 of 8,036 (4.60%)

Regional distribution of currently contributing practices[4]
    England:
    Northern Ireland:
    Scotland:
    Wales:
	
	7 (1.89%)
	41 (11.08%)
	211 (57.03%)
	111 (30.00%)

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[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.
The latest support files can be accessed by nominated users on the CPRD Data Access Portal on the Shared (L:) drive. Nominated users may share these files with colleagues who are authorised users within their organisation for the purposes of progressing a CPRD study.

Lookup	Filename	Records
Medical Dictionary	medical.txt	116,392
Product Dictionary	product.txt	88,795
Entity	entity.xls	501
Scoring	scoremethod.txt	5,259
Batch Number	batchnumber.txt	4,600,964
Product Pack Type	packtype.txt	89,747
Product BNF Code	bnfcodes.txt	2,480
Common Dosage	common_dosages.txt	73,068
Practice Details	allpractices_SEP2023.txt	984
All Patient Details	all_patients_SEP2023.txt	24,157,471
Acceptable Patient Details	acceptablepats_from_utspracts_SEP2023.txt	21,277,412

Other Updates

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CPRD GOLD Data Specification

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