



Release Notes: CPRD Aurum January 2021

Summary

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

Metric	Coverage
Total number of acceptable patients ¹ (including transferred out and deceased patients):	39,239,161
Current acceptable patients (i.e. registered at currently contributing practices, excluding transferred out and deceased patients):	13,195,614
Percentage UK population coverage ² (current patients only):	13,195,614 of 66,796,800 (19.75 %)
Total patients eligible for linkage (Set 20):	35,449,324
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):	7.86 (7.76) 4.78 (1.84 – 11.84)
Available follow-up time in years since 1 st January 1995 (current patients only): Mean (Standard Deviation): Median (25 th and 75 th Percentile):	11.61 (9.12) 8.98 (3.40 – 20.16)
Total number of practices (current and historic) included in the database:	1,485
Currently contributing practices:	1,370
Percentage coverage of UK general practices (currently contributing practices only):	1,370 of 8,961 (15.29 %)
Regional distribution of currently contributing practices ⁴ England: Northern Ireland: Scotland: Wales:	1,357 (99.05 %) 13 (0.95 %) 0 (0.00 %) 0 (0.00 %)

¹ Permanent registrations only. Over 93% 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 Aurum.



Lookups

These files can be requested from CPRD Enquiries at enquiries@cprd.com

DOI

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Other Updates

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

Digital object identifier (DOI)

CPRD database releases for CPRD GOLD and CPRD Aurum now include a digital object identifier (DOI). The DOI links to information about the database version and how to cite the data in research findings. This update supports transparent, reproducible research and provides additional assurance of data provenance. In future, if you are using CPRD data that has a DOI, please cite this in any publications.

CPRD Aurum Data Specification

Available on the CPRD website: <https://www.cprd.com/primary-care>