



Release Notes: CPRD Aurum September 2024

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):	49,585,087
Current acceptable patients (i.e. registered at currently contributing practices ² , excluding transferred out and deceased patients):	16,585,135
Percentage UK population coverage ³ (current patients only):	16,585,135 of 67,026,300 (24.74 %)
Total patients eligible for linkage (Set 22):	35,185,352
Available follow-up time in years since 1 st January 1995 ⁴ (all patients including transferred out and deceased): Mean (Standard Deviation): Median (25 th and 75 th Percentile):	8.77 (8.82) 5.23 (1.99 – 12.98)
Available follow-up time in years since 1 st January 1995 (current patients only): Mean (Standard Deviation): Median (25 th and 75 th Percentile):	12.84 (10.43) 9.70 (3.41 – 22.22)
Total number of practices (current and historic) included in the database:	1,828
Currently contributing practices ² :	1,615
Percentage coverage of UK general practices (currently contributing practices only):	1,615 of 8,036 (20.10 %)
Regional distribution of currently contributing practices ⁵ England: Northern Ireland: Scotland: Wales:	1,615 (100.00 %) 0 (0.00 %) 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 Currently contributing practices are those contributing data to CPRD within 120 days of the database build being created. Practices that no longer contribute data to CPRD are classed as not currently contributing practices. The definition of currently contributing practices has been altered from 60 to 120 days to allow for the change to a quarterly release schedule planned up to March 2024.

³ [Based on latest UK population estimates from the Office of National Statistics.](#)

⁴ 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.

⁵ Expressed as a percentage of all practices currently contributing to CPRD Aurum.

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.

Other Updates

None

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CPRD Aurum Data Specification

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