



Frequently Asked Questions: Dermatology COVID-19 Registry AAD Ad Hoc Task Force on COVID-19

Who should enter cases in the Dermatology COVID-19 Registry?

Only health care professionals should enter cases. Patients should **not** enter their own cases. Health care professionals from any specialty and any country are encouraged to enter cases. You do not need to be a dermatologist to enter cases.

What kind of patient cases should go into the registry?

There are several different types of cases that can go into the registry:

- Patients with COVID-19 (confirmed or suspected) who develop dermatologic manifestations
- Patients with existing dermatologic conditions who subsequently develop COVID-19
- Patients on existing dermatologic medications who subsequently develop COVID-19

How long will this take?

We anticipate entering a case will take 5-7 minutes.

What kind of information will you ask for?

We will ask you for your name, email address and hospital. We will additionally ask about the patient's demographic information, details about the patient's new onset dermatologic condition, the patient's past medical history including past dermatologic conditions and treatments, as well as details surrounding the patient's COVID-19 diagnosis and treatment. You may not have all of this information. Please do your best and enter the information you have.

Is any identifiable patient information being collected?

No.

I have some information on a case, but not everything I think you'll ask for. Should I still enter the case?

Yes. There will be "don't know" responses to many of the questions, so please enter what you do have.

I *think* this patient has COVID-19, but they did not have a PCR or other lab test. Can I still enter their information?

Yes. We will ask you what type of COVID test the patient had, and “clinical suspicion only” is an option.

Is there a place to upload photos?

Currently, there is not a place to upload photos in the registry, due to our wish to protect patient identity. However, if you indicate that you do have a photo of the case, and you also indicate on the form that it is acceptable to contact you in conjunction with the case, we may reach out to ask if you would be willing to collaborate further with us and share a non-identifiable photo via a different secure platform.

Where is the data being housed, and how is it protected? Was there ethical approval?

The data is being securely stored in Redcap, hosted by Partners Healthcare (Massachusetts General Hospital). The data is not being stored by the American Academy of Dermatology. The protocol was reviewed by Partners Healthcare (Massachusetts General Hospital) IRB, with Esther Freeman, MD, PhD as Principal Investigator (PI), and was deemed “not human subjects research.” We are not collecting any protected health information (PHI) or identifiable patient data. [View the IRB approval.](#)

Some institutions may still require a data use agreement to share non-identifiable patient data, please check with your institution, and reach out to covidregistry@aad.org if this applies to you.

I'm in private practice, not an academic medical center. Can I still enter cases?

Yes.

I would like to do analysis on the registry data. Can that be arranged? What about authorship?

Yes, in the future — we are working on establishing a formal process for data requests. This feature is not yet active. Please check back for updates. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to this rapidly changing pandemic landscape.

For manuscripts resulting from the registry, we follow the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) authorship criteria. We appreciate all entries/contributions to the registry. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer authorship based solely on the grounds of submitting a de-identified case to the registry.

You ask about lab tests that have been done. Does this mean I am supposed to be doing certain lab tests?

No. The registry is not meant to affect patient care. The registry is simply meant to record events that have taken place. The testing that is listed is meant to reflect a wide range of possible clinical scenarios that may or may not apply to your case.

There is an update to a patient case that I entered in the past. Can I update lab tests or other information that I already entered?

Yes. Please contact covidregistry@aad.org and we can help to update the record.

I have more questions about the registry. Who can I contact?

Please contact covidregistry@aad.org should you have additional questions.