



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As you may know from the ERA-EDTA email blast of March 24, the ERA-EDTA Council has decided to establish an ERA-EDTA wide database that collects granular individual patient data of KRT patients with COVID-19. This database should allow early detailed analysis to achieve insight in the patient and treatment characteristics that are related to outcome. We hope that such knowledge can help to improve their prognosis by intervening on modifiable risk factors.

We want to inform you that we hope to go live with the ERA-EDTA COVID-19 Database this afternoon. The **design of the database is attached**. You as President of your National Society and also all ERA-EDTA Full members will be asked to participate and will soon receive an e-mail with details on how to participate: **we would really appreciate your active support to this important initiative by circulating this email (and the next one) to all your National Society members as well.**

At the main location of the ERA-EDTA COVID-19 Database in The Netherlands, the IRB judged this initiative exempt of IRB approval, because it is only observational and meant to analyze and improve patient care. However, it may be that in your country for participating in this initiative IRB approval is necessary. We would like to ask your help in this. To assist you in this process, **we have drafted a template** that can be used. In some countries a national procedure by one investigator is sufficient. In that case, would you please take on this process? In other countries each participating site will need to get IRB approval themselves. In that case, could you please be so kind to enthusiastically bring this initiative under the attention of your national ERA-EDTA members to maximize participation?

We are aware that in some countries there may be initiatives to start a similar database. We would like to ask these countries ALSO to take part in the present initiative. To get rapid insight, we need large patient numbers in due time. Taking part in a pan-European initiative will reach this goal much faster than only via individual country initiatives. We intend to send **downloads of country-specific data regularly for local analysis**. Please let the **COVID-19 KRT Working Group** know whether you wish to receive such data, that **may serve as country specific database**. You can mail them at [COVID.19.KRT@umcg.nl](mailto:COVID.19.KRT@umcg.nl)

The ERA-EDTA Council urgently asks the members of the Society to help fill this up-coming COVID-19 KRT Database as rapidly as possible, in the hope that this effort will allow to gain insight that may help improve the prognosis of the KRT patients we care for. Please be so kind to enthusiastically bring this initiative under the attention of your national/regional registry members to maximize participation.

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