

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As you may know from the email blast of March 24, the ERA-EDTA Council has decided to establish a European 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 the ERA-EDTA COVID-19 Database has gone live this weekend, and that you can already enter data.

Which patients should be entered:

The database is meant for European patients living with a kidney transplant or on dialysis, who are COVID-19 infected, whether they are admitted to hospital or remained at home.

How to register as a user:

Please send an e-mail to COVID.19.KRT@umcg.nl. This e-mail should contain:

First name and surname

E-mail address

Institution (in English when possible) + country

We will reply as soon as possible with further details and instructions.

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. Taking part in a pan-European initiative will allow reaching conclusions much faster than via individual country initiatives. We intend to send downloads of country-specific data regularly for local analysis.

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. Please spread this news among your colleagues.

Casper Franssen, Lead Dialysis Subdatabase
Luuk Hilbrands, Lead Kidney Transplant Subdatabase
Ron Gansevoort, ERA-EDTA COVID-19 KRT team
Marc Hemmelder, Director Dutch National KRT Registry
Kitty Jager, Director ERA-EDTA Registry