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Dear UK Paediatricians,

In the currently escalating crisis of COVID-19, NHS England would like to collect data on all UK children (<18 years) admitted to hospital with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Whilst the data about children that has been published from China and Italy is largely reassuring, we are concerned that more subtle trends about children with co-morbidities and particular features on presentation to hospital have not been picked up. We are asking all paediatricians to enter patients' details into an online secure data repository. Reports of the data will be updated regularly through the RCPCH website so that clinicians 'on the ground' are aware of any trends that may be emerging and can feedback to their own patients and families who may be concerned about their vulnerability to COVID-19.

The database will be available at www.covidinchildren.co.uk and requests that a short form (Part 1) is completed for every patient suspected of having COVID-19 and admitted to hospital. Patients with confirmed COVID-19 should then have a (Part 2) form filled in daily to enable trends to be picked up rapidly. Consent is not required from patients as this is a matter of public health emergency and trends in data will be best validated by completion in all patients.

We thank you for your hard work during this emergency,

Best Wishes,

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