**COVID-19 CLINICAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM**

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**BACKGROUND AND RELEVANCE**

* The European Commission has launched the “COVID-19 Clinical Management Support System” (CMSS) to help frontline clinicians managing COVID19 patients
* The CMSS is a helpdesk developed for clinicians (in the EU + UK and EEA countries) to facilitate the **exchange of experience and knowledge** **on treating COVID19 patients and discuss specific or difficult patient cases** through virtual meetings
* The system is designed to support the building of a network of experts in various health fields coping with coronavirus affected patients
* It could be used for instance to consult on issues related to side effects of **COVID19 applied treatments on patients with chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease**
* Currently, registered participants include: 150 hospitals, 200 doctors, 16 Member States with the list constantly growing. The list is updated twice a week and sent by the European Commission on regular basis to all registered professionals
* For more details, please read the [factsheet](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/files/2b050f0b-5c4c-4b28-ab09-86a0da4e3b8d/be28afdc-6118-4e71-ba26-43e39dafa29d)

**PURPOSE**

* As COVID19 is a new disease and there is very limited knowledge and experience on treating it, the system allows clinicians to have quick exchanges on specific issues using a protected and secure system for the exchange of patient information
* The aim is to **facilitate the clinical decision-making process** for the benefit of patients suffering from COVID19.

**WHO CAN REGISTER?**

* Clinicians (e.g. doctor, critical care nurse) treating disease associated with coronavirus infection
* To use the helpdesk, the clinician must register by providing their contact details through the [application form](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/COVID19CENTRES)
* The list of all registered doctors is updated regularly by the European Commission and sent to all registered clinicians.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

* Video-conference meetings can be organised at regional, national, or European level with all those clinicians willing to take part, or alternatively with a selected list of participants defined by the organising clinician
* Webinars on specific COVID19 topics with a larger number of participants can be organised too
* The European Commission offers a facilitating role and a secure IT infrastructure for the organisation of video meetings and webinars, based on requests coming by interested clinicians.