

# PRINCIPLE

Platform Randomised trial of  
INterventions against COVID-19 In older  
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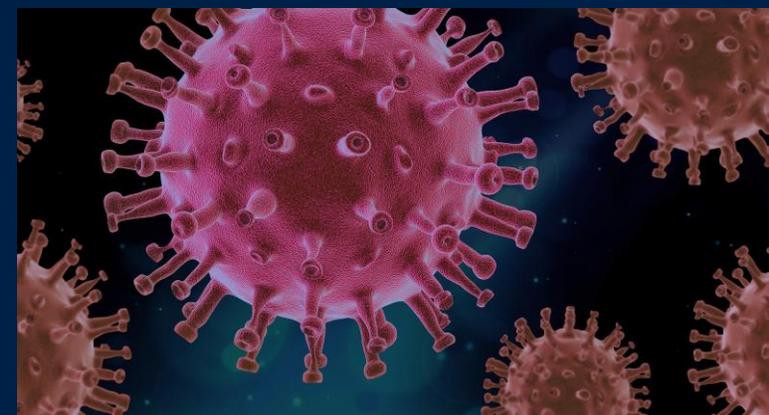
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## Aim:

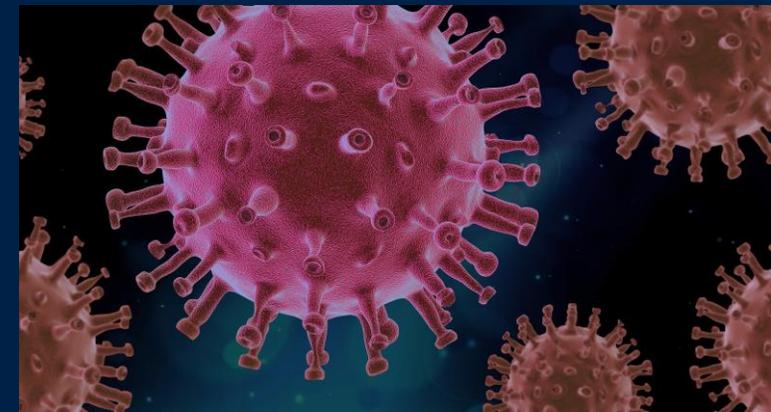
To be the national Primary Care platform trial for UK COVID-19, assessing the effectiveness of trial treatments in reducing the need for hospital admission or death for patients with suspected COVID-19 infection aged  $\geq 50$  years with comorbidity, and aged  $\geq 65$  with or without comorbidity, and during time of prevalent COVID-19 infections in the context of current care delivery



# What is a Platform Trial?

A platform trial allows for multiple treatments to enter or exit the trial over the course of the study, providing researchers the ability to adapt to results that are observed throughout a study.

This flexibility allows teams to drop treatments for futility, to declare one or more treatments superior, or even to add new treatments for assessment during a trial – allowing clinicians to better meet the unique needs of patient populations within a study.



# We are looking at...

Existing drugs  
that may be  
active against  
COVID-19

VS

Best usual  
primary care



# We are looking for

Patients aged  $\geq 50$ -64 years with any of the following listed comorbidities:

Known weakened immune system due to a serious illness or medication (e.g. chemotherapy)

Known heart disease and/ or hypertension



Known asthma or lung disease



Known diabetes not treated with insulin

Known mild hepatic impairment

Known stroke or neurological problem

Known to have a BMI  $\geq 35$ kg/m<sup>2</sup>

OR Patients aged  $\geq 65$  with or without comorbidity

**WITH**

New Continuous  
Cough

And/Or

A high  
temperature  
(hot to touch)

And/Or

Change/loss of  
smell/taste

**within 14 days of inclusion**

**OR**

A positive COVID-19 test in the  
last 14 days with any  
symptoms



# What will my service be doing on the study?

You will be screening potentially eligible patients to take part in the study. This information will be collected on our unique database: SENTRY. A training video on how to use SENTRY is available at:  
<https://www.phctrials.ox.ac.uk/principle-trial/ambulatory-care-111-hubs-and-health-trusts>

A script on what you need to say is provided within SENTRY. During your call with the patient you will be collecting information including:

- The patients name and contact details
- If they consent for their information to be seen by University of Oxford researchers.
- Some basic information about the patient's medical history (this is all self reported by the patient).

A guide on full eligibility is available.

If you have any questions about the study, please speak to your Principle Investigator in the first instance.

The trial team can be contacted via email at [principle@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:principle@phc.ox.ac.uk)