To:

National Respiratory Societies

Lausanne, 13 April 2020

**Subject: COVID-19 – data collection initiatives**

Dear Colleague,

During this challenging period, ERS would like to coordinate COVID-19 research efforts led by its members to minimize the burden for clinicians on the front line and maximize the impact of the research. Therefore, we are starting to catalogue COVID-19 patient data collection initiatives as well as interventional trials.

We are inviting any national respiratory society to join our effort and share with us the initiatives running at their national or at an international level. Would you have already an ongoing COVID-19 patient registry or observational study ongoing, we would be thankful if you could let us know!

We thank you in advance for your reply and wish you all the best during this difficult time.

Best regards,

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