

Publication List

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COVID-19 Insight Series – Whitepaper

In partnership with PHNs, POLAR has produced a series of papers examining the impact of the pandemic on general practice activity. While not intended for publication in its current form, the [papers](#) present a crucial and near real-time view of the general practice perspective during the pandemic.

1. **Andrew Georgiou, Julie Li, Christopher Pearce, Adam McLeod et al.** COVID-19 – Protocol for Observational Studies Utilising Near Real-Time Electronic Australian General Practice Data to Promote Effective Care and Best-Practice Policy – A Design Thinking Approach, 13 January 2021, PREPRINT (Version 1) available at Research Square [<https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-142622/v1>]
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