# Eligibility

# The COVID STEROID trial

## Inclusion criteria

All the following criteria must be fulfilled:

**✓** Aged 18 years or above **AND**

**✓**  Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) requiring hospitalisation **AND**

**✓**  Use of one of the following:

* Invasive mechanical ventilation **OR**
* Non-invasive ventilation or continuous use of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) for hypoxia **OR**
* Oxygen supplementation with an oxygen flow of at least 10 L/min independent of delivery system

## Exclusion criteria

We will exclude patients who fulfil any of the following criteria:

**🗶** Use of systemic corticosteroids for any other indication than COVID-19

**🗶** Invasive mechanical ventilation for more than 48 hours

**🗶** Documented invasive fungal infection

**🗶** Fertile woman (< 60 years of age) with positive urine human gonadotropin (hCG) or plasma-hCG

**🗶** Known hypersensitivity to hydrocortisone

**🗶** A patient for whom the clinical team has decided not to use mechanical ventilation

**🗶** Previously randomised into the COVID STEROID trial

**🗶** Informed consent not obtainable