RiO - Searching

Good Practice

When you attempt to find a patient – the system will search locally first. Use the NHS number or the minimum dataset of surname (family name), forename (given name), date of birth and gender.

If the patient has not had any activity locally - you will not be able to find the patient and the system will allow you to register the patient – this means tracing the patient from the Personal Demographics Service on the Spine. This database holds details of all patients registered with a GP in England and Wales. Use the NHS number or the minimum dataset - you should be able to find your patient.

- Use the NHS number as it is unique and should only retrieve the correct record
- Check No for Soundex and Alias. Only check Yes if your initial search has not found the patient
- If you don't know the **Date of Birth** then de-select **Exact match** and instead select a date range •
- If the patient is present ask how they spell their name as it may be different to conventional spelling •
- Check if they use a shortened version of their given name e.g. "Chris" instead of "Christopher", or an alias e.g. David Andrew Armstrong may call himself Andy Armstrong
- If you are unsure of the spelling of names a Wildcard (*) search can be used. Don't use a wildcard search that is likely to match a large number of records e.g. only with a surname.

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