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RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT – RUIMIN MA

This month's research spotlight focuses on a research study by Ruimin Ma, that looks into – Osteoporosis referral and treatment among people with severe mental illness: a ten-year data linkage study.

The research paper proposes people with severe mental illness (SMI) are at increased risk of Osteoporosis, but minimal information is available on their treatment and referral. They investigated differences in

The Full research paper link:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S002239562200005X?via%3Dihub>

these outcomes between patients with/without SMI in linked primary specialist care data.

They found people with SMI are more frequently prescribed medications for osteoporosis and referred to osteoporosis screening than the general population. However, this increased referral for osteoporosis screening and treatment does not appear to be translating into reduced rates of falls and fractures among patients with SMI. More proactive measures and strategies to screen and treat osteoporosis at a younger age for patients with SMI are therefore encouraged.

10 YEARS LATER

This year marks 10 years since the Clinical Data Linkage Service was founded. To see a full timeline of CRIS events. See our CRIS Timeline below: [CRIS: a timeline \(nih.ac.uk\)](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

There has been a lot of new content which we hope to feature in upcoming newsletters.

All current CRIS Projects can be found here: [CRIS Data Linkages \(nih.ac.uk\)](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 08th September 2022. The agenda for this meeting will be sent closer to the date.

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