



National Joint Registry: Patient Consent Form



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What is the National Joint Registry?

The role of the National Joint Registry (NJR) for England, Wales and Northern Ireland is to improve patient safety and monitor the results of joint replacement surgery. The information held on the registry helps to find out which are the best performing artificial joints and the most effective types of surgery.



How does the NJR help patients?



The NJR provides information and evidence to:

- Help surgeons choose the best artificial joints (implants) for patients
- Empower patients by helping them find out more about the implants available to them
- Improve patient safety by checking how well implants, surgeons and hospitals perform and take action where it is needed
- Giving hospitals, surgeons and implant manufacturers feedback about their performance to help them improve patient care
- Help surgeons quickly decide whether patients need to return to hospital if implant problems are found

What information is collected?

Details of your operation and your implants will be recorded on the NJR by your hospital. Your personal details such as your name and address will only be recorded if you give your consent.



Why does the NJR need my personal details?

Your personal details allow the NJR to link you to the implant(s) you received during surgery. If, for instance, you need another operation in the future, the NJR can measure the time between the operations. Adding together this time from all patients' operations tells us how well different implants, hospitals and surgeons are doing. Without using personal details to link operations, the NJR cannot find out about problems with implants, hospitals or surgeons.

Personal details needed by the NJR are:

aName **a**Date of birth **a**Postcode **a**NHS number

The NJR Centre might also give you the opportunity to take part in patient feedback surveys in the future, to give your views on whether the surgery has made your life better. Shoulder patients will be routinely invited to take part. Patients receiving other joint replacements may also be invited. You do not have to take part in any surveys.

NJR and research

Operation and patient information in the NJR may be used for medical research. The purpose of this research is to improve our understanding and treatment of joint problems.



The majority of our research uses only anonymised information that means it is impossible to identify individuals. From time to time researchers may wish to gather further information. In these cases we would seek your approval prior to disclosing your contact details. You do not have to take part in any research study you are invited to take part in and saying no does not affect the care you receive.

Please be reassured that the storage, release and use of this data are subject to very strict controls.

You can find examples of how we use data for research at www.njrcentre.org.uk as part of our Research library.

Giving your consent is voluntary and more information is available if you are unsure.
Whether you choose to consent or not, please sign this form on the back.

NJR data and other healthcare information

Operation and patient information in the NJR is used to link to other healthcare information. It is also analysed and made available to surgeons, hospitals and manufacturers - without any of your personal details - as part of our feedback services.

Doing this improves the NJR's ability to monitor patient safety and patient outcomes. It also means that people and organisations involved in improving joint replacement surgery can better understand and develop improved or more cost-effective medical treatments.



Do I have to give my consent?

No. If you do not consent, your operation details will be stored on the NJR without any personal details, so you cannot be identified. If you change your mind about consenting to the NJR holding your personal details, please contact the NJR Centre – see 'Finding out more' below.



Is my information safe?

Your personal details are kept confidential at all times. Very strict rules and secure procedures are in place to ensure that your information is kept safe. You can ask for a copy of your personal data held on the NJR by writing to the NJR Centre.



Finding out more

NJR Website
www.njrcentre.org.uk

E-mail
enquiries@njrcentre.org.uk

NJR Helpline
Tel: 0845 345 9991

Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm (excluding public holidays)

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This form should be kept as part of the patient record. DO NOT send this form to the NJR Centre

Patient Details (all mandatory)

Surname

Forename

Date of birth

Postcode (home)

Milton Keynes University Hospital
To be completed by the hospital

NHS or national patient number

Height m & Weight kg

or BMI

I CONSENT to my personal details being recorded within the NJR. I understand that the NJR will not release my personalised data unless required by law or where there is a clear overriding public interest in disclosure. Where possible, I will be told if any disclosure is to take place.

Signature

Date

I DO NOT CONSENT to my personal details being recorded within the NJR.

Signature

Date

To be completed by the hospital (person accepting patient consent)

Name

Signature

Position

Date

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