

# Falling and breaking your hip or thigh bone as an inpatient

## How information about your fall can help to improve patient care and safety

When someone over 60 has a fall and breaks a hip or thigh bone while they are a hospital inpatient,\* information about the patient and their fall is collected automatically by the National Audit of Inpatient Falls (NAIF).

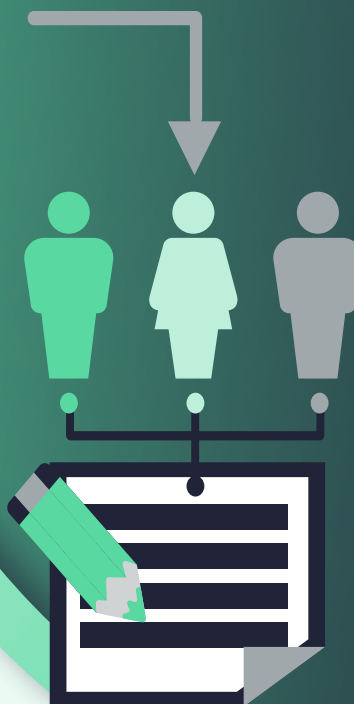
By studying this information the National Audit of Inpatient Falls can advise hospitals on how to prevent such falls from happening in future and:

- > the best way to care for inpatients who fall and break a bone
- > information that shows hospitals how they can work to avoid inpatient falls.

## Why has the National Audit of Inpatient Falls been given permission to collect information about all patients?

The larger the number of patients whose information is collected by the National Audit of Inpatient Falls, the more likely it is that the results and recommendations it provides will be accurate and helpful. For this reason, the National Audit of Inpatient Falls has been given permission to collect information automatically.

\* This applies to all acute, mental health, community and specialist NHS trusts and health boards in England and Wales.



## What if you have already told the National Data Opt-out Scheme that you do not want information about you to be collected?

Normally, if you have signed up to the National Data Opt-Out Scheme, information about you as a patient would not be collected. If you have a fall as a hospital inpatient and break your hip or thigh bone, however, a different rule applies. This is because the National Audit of Inpatient Falls has been given permission to collect information about all patients who fall and break a bone without needing to check which people have signed up to the National Data Opt-out Scheme.

You can check whether you have signed up to the National Data Opt-out Scheme in the NHS mobile app or by calling the helpline: **0300 303 5678**.

You can read more on patient information in the national audit of inpatient falls by **scanning the QR code**.



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## You still have the right to say no

If you are happy for the National Audit of Inpatient Falls to collect information about you, there is no need to do anything, as it will be collected automatically.

However, if, after reading this document:

- > you still do not want the National Audit of Inpatient Falls to collect any information about you, or
- > you think information about you has been collected by the National Audit of Inpatient Falls and you would like to have it removed

then please tell a member of the team at the hospital where you had a fall. Alternatively, you can contact the National Audit of Inpatient Falls by sending an email to [falls@rcp.ac.uk](mailto:falls@rcp.ac.uk).

## Making a complaint

If you think information about you is being used in a way that you are not happy with, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please visit [ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint](http://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint).

**IMPORTANT! If you would prefer not to have your information collected by the National Audit of Inpatient Falls does not affect the care you are given as a patient.**

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