

Being treated in hospital for a hip fracture

How information about your hip fracture treatment can help to improve patient care

When someone over the age of 60 breaks their hip or thigh bone and is treated for this in hospital*, information is collected and entered into the National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD) run by the Royal College of Physicians.

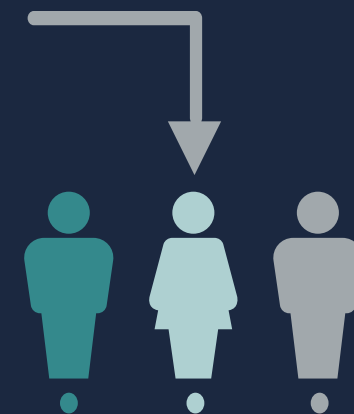
By studying this information (or data), the National Hip Fracture Database can advise and support hospitals in the following areas:

- > How to implement the best care to hip fracture patients.
- > How to use collected data to track performance in delivering the best care possible.
- > Possible improvements to the delivery of care.

*every eligible hospital in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Why has the National Hip Fracture Database been given permission to collect information about patients?

The larger the number of patients whose information is collected by the National Hip Fracture Database, the more likely it is that the results and recommendations it provides will be accurate and helpful. For this reason, we have been given permission to collect information automatically and are exempt from the National Data Opt-out Scheme.



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 break your hip or thigh bone, however, a different rule applies. This is because the National Hip Fracture Database has been given permission to collect information about all hip and femoral (thigh bone) fracture patients 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 Hip Fracture Database by scanning the QR code below.



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You still have the right to say no

If you are happy for the National Hip Fracture Database 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 do not want the National Hip Fracture Database to collect any information about you
- or
- > you think information about you has already been collected by the National Hip Fracture Database and would like to have it removed

please tell a member of the team at the hospital where you were treated. Alternatively, you can contact the National Hip Fracture Database by sending an email to nhfd@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.

IMPORTANT! If you would prefer not to have your information collected by the National Hip Fracture Database this does not affect the care you are given as a patient.

Further information and contact details:

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