

# SurgWeek-2



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### Patient Information Sheet - for Parents / Guardians

*A collaborative global study tracking the outcomes of surgical patients*

#### Background

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Surgery is a vital part of healthcare and essential in the treatment of trauma, maternal health and cancer. Approximately 313 million operations happen in the world a year and around 1 in 6 people having an operation will experience a complication. Complications result in 3.5 million deaths per year and it is thought that half may be avoidable.

#### What is the purpose of the study?

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There is limited data on who experiences a complication and which of these patients then unfortunately do not survive. The aim of this study is to collect data on all patients having operations throughout the world in a six-week period to assess the variation in outcomes. This data will be used to try and improve outcomes globally.

#### What would your child taking part involve?

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This study will include all patients from all ages undergoing surgery. Participation in this study will simply mean that we monitor the course of your child's treatment in hospital and collect some extra data for the purposes of research. Your child's clinical care will not change whether you decided for them to participate in the study or not. Your child will not have to undergo any extra tests or procedures. If you wish them to participate, a member of your healthcare team will ask you to sign a consent form for them. There is nothing else for you to do.

Data will be collected from your child's medical records regarding their care. This data will be fully anonymised so that your child cannot be identified from it.

Participation in this study is voluntary and you can withdraw your child from the study within 30 days from the date you sign the consent form. You do not need to give a reason for why you wish to withdraw and doing so will not effect your treatment.

#### What are the risks and benefits of taking part?

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If you agree that your child will take part in this study there will be at no additional risk. This is because nothing about their treatment will change. We simply wish to monitor their normal treatment. It has no additional risk above normal treatment and no changes to your child's treatment will be made whether or not you decide for them to participate.

#### What information will be collected from my child?

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We will collect background medical information, information around the reason why your child came to hospital, the tests your child had, and the treatment your child receive in hospital.

## Further information

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If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask your doctor about any aspect of this study. You can also visit our website or contact the central research team.

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