



GlobalSurg-3 Patient Information Sheet

Introduction

Across the world, there are considerable differences in how surgery for cancer is undertaken. Previous studies have shown that for patients in low income countries, results following surgery can be worse than patients in high income countries. Patients in low income countries suffer more complications, have a higher risk of death and have poorer results following surgery for cancer. This study is looking at how we might be able to improve surgery for patients across the world, by first understanding the differences in surgery patients get for cancer across the world.

This information sheet describes the GlobalSurg 3 study. This is a medical study which is looking at how surgery for Breast, Bowel and Stomach cancer is being performed across the world. We are looking at patients from both high and low-income settings. We want to know if there are any differences in how cancer is treated and the results of surgery, so we can improve cancer treatment in future. This study does not involve any new treatments and you will receive the same care as you would receive if you were not part of this study. The GlobalSurg 3 study is only interested in simple data that is routinely collected during your stay at hospital.

Aims of GlobalSurg 3

The aims of GlobalSurg 3 is to find out what differences there are in surgery for cancer in countries across the world. We are interested in the results of surgery, whether there were any complications and how well the surgery treated the cancer. Finally, we are interested in the long-term effects of this surgery, so would like to contact you at 1 to 3 years after your surgery. Some patients might be followed up for 5 years after surgery in total.

In this study, we are interested in breast cancer, stomach cancer or bowel cancer. If you have one of these types of cancer, you are able to take part in this study.

Research team

The GlobalSurg research team involves doctors, researchers and students from your hospital who would have given you this information sheet. Their contact details can be found at the bottom of this document. The team leading the research is based in the United Kingdom, with representatives, including expert surgeons and patients from around the world. The team leading the research look after the data, ensure the study is performed properly and are responsible for the analysis of the study.

What is involved

There are no extra forms you have to fill out, the researchers at your hospital will look at your medical record and use this to help them fill out the data needed for the GlobalSurg 3 study.

So we can contact you to see how you are doing in future, please make sure you retain a copy of this sheet and contact your researcher below with any changes in your details.

You might be asked to take part in other studies, which could include asking you questions on how your surgery went and how you are feeling at the moment. More information will be provided on this if you are approached for this.

Are there risks involved?

There are no direct risks and there will not be any harm to your health from taking part. This study collects only routine information that is usually collected by your hospital team during your hospital stay. Your data will be securely uploaded to a secure database. This database is kept up to date and has strong security features in place. The database is stored in a secure environment. Only the research team can access this database and access is very strictly monitored. If you take part in this study your medical care and legal rights will not be affected.

What benefits are there in taking part in this study?

There are no direct benefits to participating in this study to you. However, this study will provide a lot of important information which will be used to improve care for cancer patients in future. This will help others who are undergoing cancer surgery in both low-income countries and high-income countries.

What are my rights if I participate?

Your data will be kept secure and handled in a confidential manner. Your medical care and legal rights will not be affected by participating in this study. As this study does not involve anything being done to you or any new treatments, you can participate in other research studies at the same time if you wished too. You may withdraw your consent to participate in this study at any time. If you wish to do this, contact your hospital research team in the first instance with the details provided below. Your data will be deleted if you do decide to withdraw your consent. Throughout the study, your confidentiality and information will be protected.

Will I receive any payment or other benefit?

There will be no direct payments or benefits to you. For some people participating in this study, we might approach them to be involved in other studies related to this project. There might be payment for these studies.

What will this data be used for?

The information gathered in this study will be analysed and used to produce scientific research. No patients or hospitals will be identifiable in this research and you will be anonymous in this research. The research will be published in scientific literature and

presented to other doctors and researchers. We will use this information to develop ways and new studies to help improve cancer surgery for everyone across the world.

More information

Further information can be obtained from the department who are conducting this study at your hospital:

Hospital/ Departmental researcher:	
Address:	
Contact phone number:	
Contact email:	