

**CovidSurg - GlobalSurg Week**

**Patient Information Sheet – for Parents / Guardians**

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

**Background**

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is caused by a virus that was first identified in Wuhan, China. COVID-19 has quickly spread across the world. During this global pandemic, there is an urgent need to understand the impact of COVID-19 on patients who undergo surgery.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

An earlier phase of our study found that patients who have COVID-19 around the time of surgery may be more likely to develop chest complications and have poor outcomes after surgery. However, little is known about the impact of COVID-19 on surgical patients after the initial COVID-19 infection has gone. It is important to find out whether patients remain at increased risk of complications after the initial COVID-19 symptoms have improved, so that we can help future patients plan their treatment.

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

This study will include all patients from all ages undergoing surgery whether or not they have been diagnosed with COVID-19. 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 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?**

If you agree that your child will take part in this study they 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 them to participate. The information collected from your child will be very useful to understand the impact of COVID-19 on surgical patients and this will help us to improve treatments for future patients.

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

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**

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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