



## **British Spine Registry – Patient Information**

*Helping to improve patient care through knowledge*

### **What is the British Spine Registry (BSR)?**

It aims to collect information about spinal surgery across the UK. This will help us to find out which spinal operations are the most effective and in which patients they work best. This should improve patient care in the future.

The Registry will allow patient outcomes to be assessed using questionnaires. These will allow surgeons to see how much improvement there has been from treatment.

This has worked for hip and knee joint replacements through the National Joint Registry. We need your help to improve spinal surgery in the UK.

### **What data is collected?**

Your personal details allow the BSR to link you to the surgery you have had. Personal details needed by the BSR are: Name, Gender, Date of birth, Address, Email, NHS number. Your personal details are treated as confidential at all times and will be kept secure. Your personal data is very important as this will allow us to link details of your diagnosis and surgery with any problems or complications after surgery.

You will be asked to complete questionnaires (PROMS) before and after surgery to work out how successful the surgery has been. These will only be possible if we can connect you to the questionnaires through your personal details.

### **Do I have to participate?**

No, your participation in the BSR is voluntary and whether you consent or not, your medical care will be the same. Your personal details cannot be kept without your consent. This will be obtained either by getting you to physically sign a consent form or electronically sign one through an email link to a questionnaire.

### **Research**

Your consent will allow the BSR to examine details of your diagnosis, surgical procedure, any complications, and your outcome after surgery and your questionnaires. Operation and patient information including questionnaires in the BSR may be used for medical research.

The BSR website [www.britishspineregistry.co.uk](http://www.britishspineregistry.co.uk) contains more information including details of any studies and any information obtained through the Registry data.