

## **About the Registry**

Collecting data on the outcomes of operations is important to ensure that the right operations are being offered to the right patients. We use Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs), as this allows the measuring and comparing of factors that patients find important. This keeps the journey patient centred.

This registry is available to all foot and ankle surgeons who are members of the British Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society. This demonstrates the quality of their treatment as well as following patient recovery far into the future, keeping the patient and their wellbeing, top priority.

All healthcare processes abide by the Data Protection Act and your Consultant is registered with the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) as a data controller. Your data is completely secure and will only be shared with Clinicians involved in your care.

## How it works

Following listing for surgery, you will be offered to partake in the registry data collection. If you do not want to take part your operation will go forward as planned. If you wish to take part you will be consented and an email address will be taken.

Before the operation you will fill in a simple preoperative questionnaire. At six months and a year post surgery, the same questionnaire will be e-mailed to you to complete.

At any point you can request to withdraw from the registry, which will in no way hinder your doctor patient relationship.

## Let's do this together

Your experience, as my patient, and the outcome of your treatment, is important to me. I want to do the best for you and all my other patients. To do this it is important that we surgeons practice evidence based medicine. Evidence based medicine however needs the collection of evidence. Large national based audits such as the British Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society registry, have already guided treatment for many millions of patients in the UK and have also prevented the continuation of unsuccessful or unsafe operations.

The BOFAS registry is a web-based database for the collection of information about foot and ankle surgery in the UK. I am using the BOFAS system to record and report on the progress of my patients and I would like to be able to add you to the Registry, so that I can monitor not just your progress but that of all my patients as a group.

Details of your foot and ankle diagnosis, operation and complications will be recorded. Your personal details such as your name, address, DOB, NHS number, phone number and email address are entered with your consent. Other surgeons involved in your care, will have access to this should it be required, for example if you move to a different part of the country. The information you provide about your condition and progress might be used for research as well as outcome analysis but your personal, identifying details will never be shared with any other third party.

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