

Welcome to the Survey!

This survey is open to anyone with an interest in improving Anaesthesia or Perioperative Care - whether you're a healthcare professional, patient, carer or just an 'interested other', we want to hear your views!

The [Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care PSP website](#) explains the purpose of this survey. Please see our [website](#) before completing the survey to ensure you understand what we are asking.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and contains three simple sections:

First, we ask your ideas for future research to improve the well-being of patients in hospital having an operation requiring any type of anaesthetic.

Second, we ask a few things about you (e.g. age, how you heard about the survey, etc.).

Third, we ask for your consent to use the information provided.

So if you're ready, please click "Next" below.

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It's time to add your voice!

Here is the part of the survey where you get to tell us your questions and suggestions. First, we just want to make sure you understand what we mean by "anaesthesia and perioperative care".

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What is “anaesthesia and perioperative care”?

Anaesthesia concerns the use of drugs (including anaesthetic gas) given to a patient before, during or after an operation. This may be a general anaesthetic (to make the patient unconscious), or regional anaesthesia (to remove sensation and pain in one area, such as a limb), or general pain control.

Perioperative care comprises every aspect of patient care before, during and after surgery.

A whole team of professionals - not just the surgeon - is involved in looking after the patient around the time of their operation.

So together, '**anaesthesia and perioperative care**' covers just about every aspect of looking after the patient, apart from the surgery itself.

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The kind of input we want:

We are gathering ideas and suggestions for future research areas within Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care. The underlying goal is to maximize patient well-being, from the initial planning of an operation, to waking up after surgery, to discharge from hospital and recovery at home.

Previous 'Priority Setting Partnerships' have found that the most useful format for such a survey is for respondents to write short, simple questions outlining what they think should be investigated. There have been similar surveys on other medical conditions or settings. Here are some example questions from similar surveys used in other medical conditions:

Are breathing exercises helpful in controlling asthma?

What is the evidence for gargling with aspirin to relieve a sore throat?

How safe is it for my breast-fed baby if I take antidepressants?

However, if you find it hard to summarise your experience or idea into a short question, we also give you some more space for further explanation.

Ready to write your questions? Then please click “Next”

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TELL US YOUR QUESTIONS

Please give a short sentence for each question about anaesthesia and perioperative care (you may provide up to three questions).

Please suggest at least one question. If you feel the need to explain more about any of the questions/suggestions, please expand on your ideas at the bottom of the page.

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Many thanks for sharing your suggestions!

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ABOUT YOU

We want to make sure we are getting a broad representation of people contributing ideas. Please tell us a little about your experience, background, and how you came across the survey.

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Are you:

- Male
- Female

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What is your ethnic group?

Please choose one option from the five categories below that best describes your ethnic group or background.

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1. White

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background (please describe)

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2. Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background (please describe)

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3. Asian

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background (please describe)

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4. Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please describe)

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5. Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Prefer not to say
- Any other ethnic group (please describe)

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Which of these best describes you? (please tick all that apply)

- I know someone who has had surgery and/or anaesthesia
- I am a patient with experience of surgery and/or anaesthesia
- I am a person with experience of caring for someone who has undergone surgery and/or anaesthesia
- I am a clinical professional

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If you are a clinical professional, please tick the box below that is closest to your professional category, or write in “other” if we have omitted your role:

- Anaesthetist Operating theatre staff* Ward/ICU nurse
 Surgeon Recovery nurse General practitioner
 Other (please specify)

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** ODPs, physician's assistants, theatre nurses etc. If unsure, please specify in “other”*

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WHERE YOU FOUND US

We have partnered with many patient organisations and clinical, academic and perioperative professional bodies to launch this survey. You may have come across this survey through one, many, or none of them. Please let us know who has made you aware of this survey.

This also really helps us because these organisations want to know that their members have been contributing ideas!

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Please tick all that apply:

- Age UK
- Anaesthesia (the official journal of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland)
- Anaesthetic Research Society
- Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services
- Association for Perioperative Practice
- Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland
- Association of Cardiothoracic Anaesthetists
- Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland
- Association of Physicians Assistants (Anaesthesia)
- British Anaesthetic & Recovery Nurses Association
- British Journal of Anaesthesia
- British Society of Orthopaedic Anaesthetists
- Cochrane Anaesthesia Review Group
- Difficult Airway Society
- Ehlers-Danlos Support UK
- Faculty of Pain Medicine, RCoA
- Headway
- Healthwatch Camden
- IA (the Ileostomy and Internal Pouch Support Group)
- Independent Cancer Patients Voices
- Kangaroo Club
- National Cancer Research Institute Consumer Liaison Group
- National Childbirth Trust
- Neuroanaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland
- Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association
- Oesophageal Patients Association
- Patient Liaison Group of the Royal College of Anaesthetists
- Patient Liaison Group of the Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Patients Association
- Pelvic Pain Support Network

- Polycystic Kidney Disease Charity
- Prostate Cancer Support Federation
- Regional Anaesthesia UK - The UK Division of ESRA
- Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust
- Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Patients' Group
- South West Anaesthesia Research Matrix (SWARM)
- The Colostomy Association
- The Royal College of Anaesthetists
- The Royal College of Surgeons of England
- The Society for Education in Anesthesia (SEA UK)
- The Society for Obesity and Bariatric Anaesthesia (SOBA)
- The Swallows
- The Urostomy Association
- Vascular Anaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland
- Welsh Anaesthesia Audit, Research and Engagement Network (WAAREN)
- Wessex - South Coast Perioperative Audit and Research Collaboration (SPARC)
- Other (please specify) e.g. friend, colleague, other organisation etc

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CONSENT

By participating in this survey you are agreeing to allow us to publish your suggestions anonymously, in an online tool for researchers called UK DUETs ([UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments](#)). UK DUETs also publishes research recommendations. This enables researchers to explore the current unanswered questions in their areas of research.

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Please tick one option below:

- I have read the consent section and I am happy to take part
- I do not want my suggestions to be included in UK DUETs

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If you do provide your personal contact details, we will not share them with anyone. We will keep them confidentially and securely, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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Please click 'submit' below to complete the survey, you will then be redirected to our website. Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have any questions.