

Surgery for Common Shoulder Problems

Do you have unanswered questions?

Every day patients, carers and clinicians have to make choices between different treatments or different methods of management for health problems. The choice can have an important impact on the life of the person involved. Up to date information based on research evidence can help patients, carers and clinicians to make the right decision about treatment.

Sometimes not enough up to date information exists, and as a result, patients, carers and clinicians are faced with uncertainty regarding the best choice to make. We want to identify problems and treatments where there is not enough information available to help people make a decision. The information that we collect can help to ensure that future research addresses these issues, and help people facing the same decisions in the future.

What can we do about this?

The James Lind Alliance in partnership with the British Elbow and Shoulder Society, the British Orthopaedic Association, the National Institute for Health Research and the Oxford Biomedical Research Unit and Biomedical Research Centre are undertaking a **priority setting partnership process**. The process will identify unanswered questions about the treatment of shoulder problems that are important to patients and clinicians. The aim is to ensure that those who fund health research are made aware of what matters to both patients and clinicians.

This James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership process brings patients, carers and clinicians together on an equal footing to:

- Identify unanswered questions about health problems that are important to them
- Work together as partners to prioritise research questions
- Produce a 'top ten' list of jointly agreed priorities for research to be presented to researchers and funders

How you can help

There is a lot that we still do not know about which patients with shoulder problems are best treated with surgery, at what stage surgery is advised, and how best to ensure a good recovery.

If you are a patient, carer or a clinician, you can help to ensure that research in this area of health care addresses important areas of uncertainty by using this questionnaire to tell us of any unanswered questions that have affected you.

Please complete the survey on the following pages

National Survey

Consent

By participating in this survey you are agreeing to allow us to anonymously publish the questions you identify in the UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments (UK DUETs – www.library.nhs.uk/duets)

Are you or someone you care for affected by shoulder problems?

If you (or someone you care for) are affected by shoulder problems and have had, or are considering surgery your help is needed for this survey.

If you have questions about surgical or hospital treatments for shoulder problems that you want to be answered by research, please complete the survey.

There are 3 SECTIONS to this survey

To help you complete section 1, here are two example questions taken from other national surveys:

“How effective are surgical operations to close pressure ulcers?”

“Can we develop a vaccine to prevent prostate cancer?”

SECTION 1

What questions about surgical or hospital treatments for shoulder problems would you like to see answered by research?

Please feel free to add as many questions as you like, but please start a new line for each new question and number each one. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

SECTION 2

To help us correctly interpret the questions and information collected, it is important for us to know some simple details about you. *Please select the appropriate options.*

<p>1. Do YOU have or have YOU had a shoulder problem?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2. If you DO NOT have a shoulder problem yourself, what is your relationship to the person/s with a shoulder problem?</p> <p>Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Carer <input type="checkbox"/> Partner/spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare professional <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify) <input style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/></p>
<p>3. If you are a healthcare professional please select the option that best describes you. <i>If you tick 'other' please state your job title.</i></p> <p>Surgeon <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatologist <input type="checkbox"/> Radiologist <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapist <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapist <input type="checkbox"/> GP <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Job Title</p>
<p>4. If you are a healthcare professional, please indicate if you are a hospital practitioner or a community practitioner and the first part of the postcode of your place of work (<i>for example: M1 or SK1 or SW1A</i>)</p> <p>Hospital Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Community Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Postcode <input style="width: 100px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/></p>
<p>5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself in relation to shoulder problems?</p>

SECTION 3 for PATIENTS (and carers completing on behalf of patients) ONLY

Please fill in this section so we can be sure that a full range of people have had the chance to express their views in this survey.

<p>1. What is your postcode? Please enter first part of the postcode (for example M1 or SK1 or SW1A)</p> <p>Postcode:</p>
<p>2. What is your gender? Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3. How old are you? years</p>
<p>4. In relation to your job, are you currently? (tick more than one box if needed)</p> <p>Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Carer <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please describe)</p>

5. Finally what is your ethnic group?

A. White

English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British Irish Gypsy or Irish Traveller
Any other White background, write in

B. Mixed / multiple ethnic groups

White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian
Any other Mixed / multiple ethnic background, write in

C. Asian / Asian British

Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Chinese
Any other Asian background, write in

D. Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

African Caribbean
Any other Black / African / Caribbean background, write in

E. Other ethnic group

Arab Any other ethnic group, write in

Next Steps

Would you like to be involved in future stages of this project?

Yes No

Contact details

If you would like to be involved in future stages of this project, please enter your contact details in the box below. Your contact details (name, email or postal address) will be kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Name

Email

Postal address

**Please return the completed survey to: James Lind Alliance PSP Coordinator,
Biomedical Research Centre, Churchill Hospital Oxford OX3 7LE**