

NATIONAL HIATUS SURGERY REGISTRY

You will have come to hear about this registry from your surgeon because you have a condition that with your consent details about your surgery will be entered and stored and you will be monitored after surgery for a period of 5 years. Our contact with you will be kept to a minimum and very limited, about once a year. Your healthcare problem might be acid reflux, a hiatus hernia or a condition called achalasia.

The National Hiatal Surgical Registry exists to define, improve and maintain the quality of care when receiving surgical treatment for your condition in the NHS and the independent healthcare sector. Hiatal surgical procedures are commonly performed and are highly successful operations that bring many patients great relief from their symptoms. The registry helps ensure this is the case for all patients currently and the future.

How does the NHSR benefit you the patient?

The NHSR helps:

- Surgeons define exactly what they are trying to achieve for you
- It will help highlight to you as the patient what outcome you will expect from your surgery
- Improve patient safety by recording problems that might occur
- Give hospitals and surgeons feedback about their performance to help them improve patient care
- Help surgeons decide if the treatment they are providing you is as good as other hospitals and take steps to correct that if required

About the information and how it is used

In order for the NHSR to be effective in its role, it requires both the details of the operation you have had and very limited personal details about you. It means that the NHSR is able to link you to the surgical procedure you had as well as linking you to any future surgery or treatment you might need. It also allows you to be contacted for follow up. The information stored about you is not directly identifiable to you, it will **only ever be used for the purpose of this registry and never be shared with any other organisation* or used for any form of marketing or otherwise**. With your consent, we will record your NHS number, your e mail address and your telephone number.

Giving your consent is voluntary and you should be asked by your surgeon if you would like to give your consent. At the same time, you will be shown an NSHR patient consent form. **Declining your consent will not affect the care you receive in anyway** and you can withdraw your consent to have your personal details held on the NHSR at any time by contacting us, contact@nhsr.org.

Your feedback will give surgeons in the UK valuable information to improve the quality of care they provide.