

# HIP REPLACEMENT: You've had a hip replacement? Great news...but do you ever need an 'MOT'?

## Why do we need to research this subject?

Traditional orthopaedic care would have provided many of the patients with a hip replacement the opportunity for some follow up beyond six months after their operation.

The current economic challenge within healthcare, together with the number of hip replacements in situ, means that this service is no longer sustainable.

But for some patients, a well-timed follow up appointment may mean the difference between planned revision surgery with minimal disruption and extensive reconstruction surgery with a slower recovery.

*"I would welcome such a review. Also, as the ...likelihood of failure increases over time, I would wish the review process to continue until the prosthesis ultimately needs replacement. I assume that research into the life expectancy of these prostheses will already have been done so that an appropriate interval between reviews could be determined"*  
PEP-R group 2012

## How are going to gather the information?

A review of the medical literature to establish what we already know on this subject

Focus group discussions with patients to find out about their experiences of follow-up and their views on this type of service

A survey of health professionals to find out their views on the follow-up of patients with hip replacements

A pilot study of patients who need a revision hip replacement to find out if follow-up makes any difference to the costs involved

## What do we aim to do in this research?

We aim to explore some of the patient-related clinical and cost implications of the follow up of a patient with a hip replacement.



*"A patient might experience apprehension if there are no physical symptoms as they will not be anticipating further treatment. Apprehension is alleviated by repeated attendance to understand the purpose of the appointments and by getting to know the health professional so that you build a working relationship and develop trust in them"*

Patient research collaborator, January 2015

What problems or barriers do you think that there might be to attending hip arthroplasty surveillance?

Weston Area Health   
NHS Trust

North Bristol   
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## Who will be involved and where will it take place?

This will involve some patients who have had a hip replacement, some who need a revision hip replacement, some members of the public, some health professionals and a number of organisations.

  
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