The Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry
Information sheet for patients

What is the registry?

In order to monitor and improve patient safety, a Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry (BCIR) has been developed, recording the implants that have been used for patients and the organisations and surgeons that have carried out the procedures.

The main aim of the registry is to be able to trace patients in the event of a product recall or safety concern relating to a specific type of implant. The registry will also allow the identification of possible trends and complications relating to specific implants.

The registry has been set up in response to the Keogh Review of the Regulation of Cosmetic Interventions, which was an independent report setting out recommendations to protect people who have cosmetic surgery. This followed the recall of the Poly Implant Prothèse (PIP) breast implants in 2010.

Who runs the registry?

The Breast and Cosmetic Implant Registry is being managed by NHS Digital, the national information and technology partner to the health and social care system. NHS Digital is supported by the relevant cosmetic and surgical professional groups:

- British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS)
- British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (BAPRAS)
- Association of Breast Surgery (ABS)

Find out more about NHS Digital: www.digital.nhs.uk

What information is collected?

The information that your surgical team will submit to NHS Digital will include:
- Your NHS number
- Your family name
- Your first name
- Your current postcode
- Your date of birth
- Your surgeon
- Details of the surgical procedure
- Details of the implant used

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How is my information used?

Your personal information (NHS number, family name, first name, postcode and date of birth) will be retained to allow you to be contacted in the event of an implant recall. Your personal information will be held securely and will only be accessible to a limited number of staff at NHS Digital whose role it is to maintain the registry.

NHS Digital will publish reports on the use of various implants, procedures and outcomes. These reports will only contain anonymised, aggregated information (i.e. data that has been grouped or combined) so individual patients cannot be identified.

How is my information kept safe?

NHS Digital takes its responsibility for looking after care information very seriously, and follows the legal rules, guidance and practices known as Information Governance for both the collection of the registry data and the IT systems used. No aspects of the information will be sold or made available to commercial companies for other uses.

Does my hospital have to participate?

The Department of Health and Social Care have directed NHS Digital to collect this information in England, so it is a legal requirement. Your hospital has to send the information.

The national opt out does not apply because no information leaves NHS Digital that can identify you.

What happens in the event of a product recall?

If for patient safety reasons there is a need to contact you and recall you for assessment, your personal details will be used by NHS Digital to attempt to trace your current address, using records held on a central NHS database: http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/ddc/spine

The organisation that carried out your surgery will be provided with your current address, where available, so that they can contact you and arrange for the appropriate steps to be taken to ensure your safety. If the organisation that performed the surgery no longer exists, you will be contacted by NHS Digital.

This applies to patients residing in England. If you live elsewhere in the UK or are an overseas patient, an attempt will be made to contact you at the address you provided when you registered.

For queries about the registry, please ask your surgical team, or email enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk or ring 0300 303 5678.

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