

Consent Form

I have read this form and/or have had it explained to me by my orthopedic surgeon or his or her delegate. I understand the reasons for the Canadian Joint Replacement Registry (CJRR) and what it hopes to achieve in terms of quality improvement and research into hip and knee replacement surgery. I hereby give permission to my surgeon to send the required information about me to CJRR to be used in the ways described in the information sheet.

I understand that I may withdraw this permission at any time.

Name

Signature

Date

If you have any questions about CJRR, please call the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) at 416-481-2002 or visit our website at www.cihi.ca/cjrr.

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What Is the Canadian Joint Replacement Registry?

You can help your orthopedic surgeon improve the quality of hip and knee replacement surgery in Canada. The orthopedic surgeons of Canada, the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and Health Canada have launched the national Canadian Joint Replacement Registry (CJRR) to capture information on hip and knee replacement surgery. The main purpose of the registry is to help orthopedic surgeons in Canada gather information about these procedures so they can improve patient outcomes. Specifically, the registry will provide information on the effectiveness of particular implants, the most appropriate surgical methods for these procedures, long-term outcomes and how adverse events might be minimized. The information gathered will help orthopedic surgeons decide which implants are most effective, how best to avoid infection and other complications, and which patients can most benefit from hip and/or knee replacement.

We hope you agree to participate in CJRR by signing the attached patient consent form, thereby allowing your surgeon to add information about your surgery and subsequent follow-up to the registry. Information such as the type of prosthesis used, the hospital in which the surgery was done, complications that may have occurred and, possibly, information about your long-term follow-up with regard to your surgery will be collected and sent to CJRR. Your name, date of birth, sex, provincial health care number, patient hospital number and admission date will also be sent to the registry. This information is important in case your surgeon needs to contact you in the future as a result of the knowledge gained through the registry and so we can link your surgery data with data on your hospital stay.

Quality Improvement and Research

For quality improvement, research and statistical purposes, the information collected through the registry may be linked to other data sources at CIHI, Statistics Canada and Health Canada. In addition to providing quality reports on joint replacement surgical procedures, the data might be used in articles in peer-reviewed journals or other studies to support the improvement of patient outcomes. Names or other identifiers will not be revealed in publications or presentations, and patient confidentiality will be protected. All information in CJRR will be maintained in a secure setting and can be accessed only by authorized members of CIHI and its CJRR team. You may keep this information sheet for your records.

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