

It has been a while since the last edition of Crucial News but much has been going on and your steering group continues to push improvements with this system.

Read on for news on our new manager, important updates, impending conferences and the ACL Snapp Trial.

New NLR Manager – Tammy Ward

Tammy was appointed to be the NLR part time manager in June 2017 and shares her time with the ICRS Registry. Many of you will have had emails from her as she works to improve the functionality of the system solving duplicate entries and erroneous dates of birth etc. Thank you for working with her.

We have waited quite a while to appoint an NLR manager and it is great to see the impact Tammy is making.



Tammy will be at the NLR stand number 1 (yes, we are actually stand number 1!) and will be joined on Wednesday 20th September by members of the NLR Committee. Please stop by for your update on what the NLR can now do or take the opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback on the Registry. There just maybe a little gift for everyone visiting the stand!

Tim Spalding has a six-minute presentation in the Wednesday morning session on Registries. The session goes into detail on where data collection and analysis is going. The full program is:

Session title "Data and registries: what do they mean for my practice"
Session timing: Wednesday 20 September 8.30-10.00am, main auditorium

Chair: Ian Winson, BOA President

- BOA view on challenges and opportunities of more data: The 'just culture' (Ian Winson) – 15 mins
- Using NJR data for reflection and appraisal (Martyn Porter, NJR Medical Director) - 7 mins
- Using our NHFD data to assess and improve our service: view from a trauma lead (Dominic Inman, Orthopaedic trauma lead, Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust) - 7 mins
- Using emerging registries for reviewing practice and outcomes (Tim Spalding, Chair, National Ligament Registry) - 7 mins
- Data, appraisal and revalidation – what is your appraiser/Responsible Officer looking for? (Lee Breakwell, Spinal surgeon & Responsible Officer at Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust) - 7 mins
- Do you know what is published about you and your hospital's T&O service? (Julia Trusler, Programme Director for Quality Outcomes, BOA) - 7 mins
- PHIN and publication of health data from private healthcare (Matt James, CEO Private Healthcare Information Network) - 7 mins
- Panel Discussion – 30 mins



We continue to want to hear what you think about the NLR and your work arounds and shortcuts. Please do email us tammy.ward@uknlr.com. We would like to establish a resource of how surgeons are using the NLR in their own environment so please do email tammy with your process. The aim here is to spread the work as to how the NLR can be used and thereby help newcomers who may be put off by the fear the system is too complex.

Consent

The patient consent form has been updated to better cover what the data is used for. We are currently going through a process of checking where we have patient demographic details without their preop scores and therefore without acknowledged consent.

Patients who have been in the system for more than a certain period of time, e.g. 12 months, without consent, are going to have to be removed or anonymised. We are working on this and will keep you informed.

New top advances and tips:

1. Remember to check the date when you enter the operation data. Set this as the date of surgery as this sets the time for all follow up
2. We have found there are many duplicates in the system and individual surgeons have been contacted. It is now no longer possible to enter two lefts or two right pathways. We hope this will stop the problem
3. NHS numbers are essential to searching patients for follow up and email addresses for contacting patients for data follow-up. These fields are going to become mandatory.
4. A data set for non-operative patients is on its way.
5. A Revision Pathway is coming soon!

Future Meetings

Tammy will be hosting a stand or attending at the following meetings:

27-28 September	FISIC 2017, London
3 October	London Knee Meeting, London
10 October	(TBC) Unicompartamental arthritis meeting, Oxford
3 November	Orthopaedic Knee Conference, Leeds
20-21 November	Sports Knee Meeting, Burton on Trent

All provide opportunities for new surgeons to learn the system, to refresh yourself with top tips on using the platform or to provide the NLR with feedback or your ideas.

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ACL SNAPP

ACL SNAPP needs YOU! This is an important trial of ACL surgeons studying the patient more than two months after ACL injury - randomising to surgery or conservative treatment with the option for surgery.

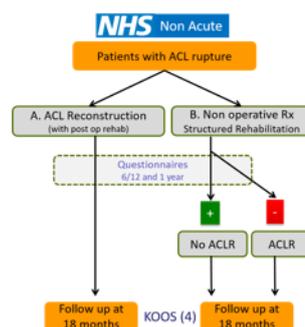
In the wake of literature arguing that ACL reconstruction is not required, it is essential we study this in a rigorous way. Thanks to the trials unit at Oxford you can be part of this study. The diagram on the right gives an overview of the study and contact information.

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SURGERY NECESSITY IN
NON-ACUTE PATIENTS

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National Institute for
Health Research

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SURGICAL INTERVENTION TRIALS UNIT

Q: In patients with non-acute ACL deficiency, is non-surgical management [Rehabilitation] (with option for later ACL reconstruction) more clinically and cost effective than a strategy of surgical management [Reconstruction]



- 30 sites (12 already open)
- 320 patients required
- 1 participant per month per site
- N=25 patients to date

Still need new sites !

- CRN adopted – supported
- Remote PROM based follow up
- Surgeon “friendly” study