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The Scottish Arthroplasty Project
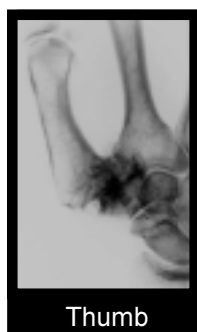## How We Use Information

About You and Your Treatment

Shoulder

Elbow

Thumb

Knee

Ankle

Hips

What is the Arthroplasty Project?

The Scottish Arthroplasty Project was set up to help make joint operations (Arthroplasty) better and safer.

The Project uses computer-held data to give information on the results of surgery to your medical staff. In the course of your treatment we record information about you and your treatment. We use this mainly to plan and manage your care. Some of it is also used to measure the quality of care we provide and to carry out audit aimed at improving care. Your surgeon receives annual results and national outcomes are compared with other healthcare systems. Presently Scotland compares favourably with North America.

The data are controlled by the hospital providing treatment and processed for the project by the Information and Statistics Division (ISD, a part of NHSScotland). All information is handled according to the requirements and principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

No identifiable information is passed to any individual or organisation out with the Health Service. You have the right to object to your data being used. However, the purpose of the project is to provide benefit to present and future patients, any lack of information may reduce our ability to monitor and improve the standards of care we provide.

It is important that you know that information about you is being used in this way.

Without your cooperation we would be unable to work out our success or complication rates.

If you want to know more about the Scottish Arthroplasty Project ask your consultant.

If you have concerns about the use or privacy of your data ask to speak to the hospital's

Data Protection Officer or Records Manager.