

Dental Implant Patient Consent Form

Dental Implant Registry – What does it mean for you as a patient?



About the Dental Implant Registry (DIR)

Dental Implants have become common and highly successful operations that can improve the quality of patients lives. Despite this a number of people may at some time in the future need another operation for problems with the same dental implant. This may occur for a variety of reasons, most commonly because the dental implant has become loose. There are many different types of implants, many of which do not have data on their long-term effectiveness. To further improve the success of this surgery, the combined British society of Oral Implantology, Association of Dental Implantology and British Academy of Aesthetic dentistry monitor the performance of dental implants. The DIR is designed to record details of all dental implant operations in England and Wales. Both the NHS and the independent health care sector are included and to be successful the DIR needs to gather information on as many people having these operations as possible.

The benefits the DIR will bring to you;

The DIR data will be used to bring direct benefits to patients by:

- improving patient awareness of the outcomes of dental implant replacement of missing or loose teeth.
- finding out how long the different dental implants last.
- helping to identify individual patients who have received an implant and where there may be a need for urgent clinical review

The DIR data will also be used to bring additional long-term benefits by:

- providing feedback to dentists and oral surgeons and teams to help maintain high clinical standards
- promoting open publication about the performance of implants
- providing feedback on implant performance to regulatory authorities
- providing feedback to suppliers about the performance of their implants
- monitoring and comparing the performance of dental practices and implant centres

Whilst the data collected by the DIR may be used for medical research, any personal information will be anonymised so that you cannot be identified. Research projects are subject to ethical review and scrutiny; they will only be permitted if the outcomes are expected to provide significant benefits to the healthcare of patients.

How to find out more about the DIR

You can visit the DIR website at www.smileDIR.org.uk or contact the Helpline
Smile DIR Helpline Mon-Fri from 9am to 5pm (excluding public holidays)
Tel: 01234 567890 **Fax:** 01234 567890 **E-mail:** implant_health@SmileDIR.org.uk

Patients should ensure that they return their signed consent form to their dental practice and NOT the DIR Centre.

Personal information – what is required and why?

The information required for the DIR includes your personal details (shown below) and your operation details. It will link you to the implant(s) you receive as well as enabling the DIR to link your details to any future joint surgery you may undergo. This is essential if the DIR is to monitor implant performance. If the performance of any implant is identified as being a problem, having your personal details in the DIR will help us to make contact with you. We may also contact you in the future to ask you to complete a patient feedback questionnaire.

Data collection – its security and confidentiality

The DIR uses an electronic system for data collection. The data is sent securely to a protected database, avoiding the need to send paper records through the post, to ensure your data receives maximum protection. Your personal information is confidential and cannot be used outside of the DIR. Strict procedures are in place to protect your information and keep it confidential; it will only be available to you and your dentist. If you wish, you can obtain access to a copy of your own record in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Your participation is voluntary

This form asks for your consent for your personal information to be recorded by the DIR. Your participation in the DIR is entirely voluntary. If you agree and then change your mind, you may revoke this permission at any time by contacting the DIR Centre. If you do not agree, data about your operation will be entered but without any personal details attached. This will ensure that individual operation details are not traceable back to you. If you have any questions or concerns or need further information on the DIR or your rights under the Data Protection Act 1998, please contact the DIR Centre.

Patient Details (all mandatory)

Surname _____
Forename _____
Date of Birth _____
Home Address Postcode _____

To be completed by Dental Centre

Dental Centre _____
NHS Number _____

I CONSENT to my personal details being recorded within the DIR. I understand that the DIR will not release my personalised data unless required by law or where there is a clear overriding public interest in disclosure. However, where possible, I will be told if any disclosure is to take place.

Signature _____ Date _____

I DO NOT CONSENT to my personal details being recorded within the DIR.

Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed by Dental centre (person accepting patient consent)

Name _____
Signature _____
Position _____ Date _____

This form should be kept as part of the patient record.