



THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF UROGYNAECOLOGY (BSUG) DATABASE – PATIENT INFORMATION

Dear Patient,

The British Society of Urogynaecology (“BSUG”) is a National group of gynaecologists with a special interest and expertise in the treatment of incontinence and prolapse.

BSUG has developed a Database of clinical and surgical information which we hope will make procedures as safe and effective as possible. Hospital Trusts and individual Consultants can use this information to look at their practice and make any necessary changes to improve patient care. In addition, the data may also be sent to NHS Digital where it can be linked to other patient events to support outcome assessment. Holding this data nationally will also allow researchers to have access following BSUG and NHS Digital approval. There is a National Opt Out available to allow patients to limit national use.

We would like your permission to record some important information about you and your operation on the BSUG Database to ensure that we continue to provide the best surgical procedures possible. We emphasise that all information drawn from this will be anonymous so that nobody apart from your Consultant team will have any identifying information about you. Your Consultant team will also hopefully collect information about the outcome of your operation so that it is possible to look at success rates and potential complications associated with individual procedures. National reports looking at operations performed across the UK will also be produced by BSUG but these will contain NO identifying features relating to you personally.

The patient information held in the BSUG database comprises: Name, Date of Birth and Hospital Number / NHS number (“Patient Identifiable Data”) together with health, clinical and surgical information. The “Patient Identifiable Data” is held securely on the NHS computer network (HSCN) and can only be accessed by your consultant. The information on the BSUG database is recorded in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2018).

Where your Patient Identifiable Data is used for auditing and direct care purposes, BSUG collects this on the basis of this being necessary to provide a public task. Where your health data is used for auditing and direct care purposes, BSUG collects this on the basis of being necessary for health and social care purposes. This data will be held for a 20-year period.

Where your Patient Identifiable Data and health data is used for research purposes, we would like to request your consent to be included in this national data set. This data will be held for a 20-year period.

Identifiable data will be held by BSUG for a period of 20 years to allow consultants to drive improvements in patient care and identify trends in outcomes. Beyond this point, data will be fully anonymised.

Anonymised information collected on all patients will be used for research and study into the treatment of incontinence and prolapse, and may be published in medical journals or presented at medical scientific meetings.

Identifiable and health data will never be used by BSUG to profile you or to make automated decisions about you or your healthcare.

BSUG uses the services of specialist information technology companies (Redcentric Plc and ICE Support Limited) to host the BSUG Database. They have agreed to adopt appropriate technical and organisation measures to protect the security of your “Patient Identifiable Data” and only to process it in accordance with BSUG’s instructions.

If you agree to let us enter information about your condition, procedure and outcome on the BSUG database, then you will be asked to sign a specific consent form to make sure you give your agreement. If you do not want your case to be recorded on the BSUG database your care will not be affected in any way.

Please note that you can request access to view your entry on the BSUG database from your consultant team and can request that this is deleted at any time by sending a written notice to your consultant OR to the following address:

Data Protection Officer c/o BSUG, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists 10-18, Union Street, London SE1 1SZ. If you think that there is a problem with the way in which we are handling your data please inform us or you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.

BSUG Database Committee