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THE OXFORD VASCULAR STUDY REC: 05/Q1604/70

PRIVACY NOTICE

The Oxford Vascular Study (OxVasc) is a population-based study looking at frequency and outcome following a stroke or TIA including acute coronary syndromes and peripheral vascular events.

Clinical data from the John Radcliffe Hospital is provided for information surrounding these events and identification of eligible participants only. Follow-up is undertaken for up to 10-years following enrolment, by the study team based at the Wolfson Centre for Prevention of Stroke and Dementia. The 'data controller' is the University of Oxford and as such is responsible for processing and looking after all study data. Only named members of the OxVasc study team will have access to the data collected as part of the study. The study data is not shared with any other organisation.

An important part of the follow-up will be linking the information provided by participants at study visits with NHS Digital and civil registration data to report the survival rates and cause of death for all participants in the study. This work will determine how long people live for following a diagnosis of vascular disease and whether they die from problems relating to this or something else, the aim being to help doctors and patients understand more about the condition.

A minimum amount of identifiable data (first and last name, date of birth, NHS number) from study participants will be shared with NHS Digital by the University of Oxford (data controller) to carry out the linkage between the study data and civil registration data. The common law duty of confidentiality is met by participants giving consent to participate in OxVasc. Mortality data (date and cause of death), from the Personal Demographics Service dataset, held by NHS Digital, will then be provided directly back to the study team. The mortality data are provided by NHS Digital on behalf of ONS and is sourced from civil registration data. As soon as the date and cause of death have been linked with the participants study information, any data that could be used to directly identify individuals (name, date of birth, NHS number) will be removed and data will be stored for the duration of the study.

The current end date for recruitment to OxVasc is March 31st 2022 but the study may extend beyond this date if further funding is secured.

More information about OxVasc, the research team and how we use your data can be found at www.ndcn.ox.ac.uk/research/oxvasc

If you are an OxVasc participant, you are free to withdraw your consent for data linkage with NHS Digital at any time by contacting the study team: Email orh-tr.oxvasc@nhs.net or telephone 01865 231601 or write to us at the address above.

Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data or if you are dissatisfied with the way we are using your personal information, you have a right to raise any issues or lodge a complaint with the University of Oxford's compliance team at <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights>

or directly with a supervisory authority (the Information Commissioner's Office) at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-to-be-informed/>