

Study update for patients

Thank you very much for supporting this national research study about treatments for wrist fractures. We really appreciate your time spent completing questionnaires and returning to hospital for your follow up appointments. It's important that you continue to do this, even if your injury has healed. This will provide us with the information we need to be confident about how to best treat patients in the future with this wrist injury.

Message from Professor Joe Dias, SWIFFT clinical lead

"It is tremendous that so many patients care enough to help us answer which treatment is best for this common fracture. Their contribution will benefit the many thousands of patients each year in the UK and will also help countless thousands of young people with a scaphoid fracture worldwide."



Website

Please visit our website - <http://www.swiff.co.uk/> - where you can find out more information about the study which we will be updating on a regular basis. This includes a short video about why we are conducting this research and the importance of your role as patients.

National progress

We now have people like you taking part from hospitals around the UK (as shown in the map here).

There are now 31 hospitals and 287 people taking part in this important national study.

The majority of people are currently completing questionnaires. The more we have returned, the more confident we can be in the results of our study.

Please continue to help us with the study as best as you possibly can.

The information this gives us will help doctors know the best way to treat future people with this wrist fracture.

Below are some **quotes from patients** that have been taking part in SWIFFT, explaining why they decided to help with the study:

"I think that if I can be involved in something that is beneficial to people in the same situation then I'm not sure many people will turn down that opportunity"

"the option to have... a CT and an X-ray at 12 months and 5 years... it's kind of a good opportunity for me to then see my joints and see how it has recovered... if I wasn't on the trial obviously that option wouldn't have been there."



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