

### Who can see my records?

Your consultant, the clinical nurse specialist team and the administrators who support them.

### Can I access my information at CHI at Crumlin?

**Yes.** You can ask CHI for a copy of this information. You can find further information on our website or by contacting any of the following: Healthcare Records Manager / Data Protection Office/ Freedom of Information Office

### Patient Advocacy

Should you wish to give any compliments, suggestions or complaints about your experience of the service, please contact the Patient Advocacy Department on 01 409 6715 for assistance or email [pacs@olchc.ie](mailto:pacs@olchc.ie)

### Contact Us

Department of Orthopaedic Administration Team

### Phone

01 409 6874 or 01 409 6967  
Monday - Friday 09:00-1200.

Alternatively, you can email:

[Spine.register@olchc.ie](mailto:Spine.register@olchc.ie)

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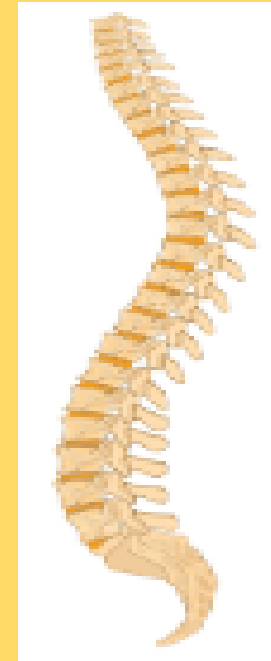
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Children's Health Ireland  
at Crumlin

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / CARERS ON SPINE REGISTER



**Children's Health Ireland at  
Crumlin  
Phone: 01 409 6100**

### **What is the Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin Spine Register?**

The register is a patient safety measure which aims to help orthopaedic surgeons in CHI at Crumlin improve the quality of services and care provided to patients who are having spinal surgery.

### **What are the benefits of the register?**

The collective information from numerous patients will help your surgeon to decide which spinal surgeries are performing well and therefore improve patient safety and care.

We, the Orthopaedic department in CHI at Crumlin, will produce reports on factors that impact on the success of spinal surgery.

### **What information will be collected?**

Your personal information and details about your surgery and any implants will be collected and stored. Personal information includes your:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Gender

You will also be asked to complete a questionnaire about your well-being. This helps us measure and improve the quality of care for spinal surgery for patients.

### **Do I have to consent?**

**NO.** It is your decision to allow your personal information to be put on the register. We need your consent to record these details.

### **What happens if I do not consent?**

If you do not give your consent, it will not affect your surgery or treatment or post-operative care. However, details about your surgery such as surgical technique, medication used, surgical approach, the date of your surgery, name of hospital and the implant will be recorded in an anonymised/unidentifiable format on the register.

Without your consent we cannot send you post-operative assessments through the register.

### **Will you tell me if my information is used for this Register?**

**Yes,** we will tell you when we seek your permission (consent) to use your personal information. You will be asked to consent before your operation.

### **What will happen to my information?**

With your informed consent, CHI at Crumlin keeps your personal and orthopaedic information to monitor the results of your surgery and recovery so as to improve the care delivered in the hospital. You will be provided with a unique access to your information when you register.

Healthcare research can also improve care. In the future, CHI may grant health care access to your data. This will only happen when researchers submit a proposal to research ethics

committee for review. This ensures that healthcare research using information from the register is of high standard and may contribute to improve care for patients.

Your personal information- this is information which may identify you such as your name, address, date of birth will NOT be given to any researcher. Therefore we will not contact you to use the information for this purpose.

### **Is information collected post-operatively (after the operation)?**

**Yes,** if your details are on the register, this means that a schedule of post-operative assessments will be carried out at 6 months after your surgery and at 1 and 2 years after surgery.

At present, your surgeon will organise follow up assessment after surgery. At each assessment you can ask any questions you might have about your surgery.

### **How does CHI at Crumlin keep my information confidential?**

It is our duty to keep your information confidential in accordance with CHI Data Protection Policy. We will do this by ensuring that:

- Our staff know their responsibilities and are trained in handling information
- Information is kept on secure computer systems
- We comply with all regulations relating to confidentiality and protection of data.
- It is only seen by authorised people
- Your information is not changed in any way.