

IRAS: 300414 SWiFT Study of Whole Blood in Frontline Trauma

Privacy notice for clinical trial website

Introduction

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is the Sponsor for this clinical trial which is based in England and has overall responsibility for this study and its management. NHSBT will be the data controller and processor. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly.

How we will use information about you?

We will be using information from you and your medical records in order to undertake this trial.

As a publicly-funded organisation, we have to ensure that it is in the public interest when we use personally-identifiable information from people who have agreed to take part in research.

Your information will only be used by researchers to conduct research in accordance with the [UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research](#).

To safeguard your rights, we will use the minimum amount of personally-identifiable information possible and with consent, we will keep identifiable information about you for the minimum amount of time necessary after the study has finished to allow us to complete analysis of the data that we have collected. After this time your identifiable information will be deleted.

What information will you use about me?

The personally-identifiable information we will collect are your date of birth, NHS number, sex and if it is appropriate, date of death. This data is shared with the Trauma Audit & Research Network (TARN) and the Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre (ICNARC) so that we can collect data about your injuries and care. We will also check on your survival status 90 days after your injury and if applicable, we will contact you to see how you are doing.

The Confidentiality Advisory Group have recommended that support under Regulation 5 of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 ('section 251 support') is given for the processing of confidential patient information, which means that NHSBT can collect personally identifiable data from those participants who take part in the study but have not signed a consent form (e.g. due to the nature of your injury, or who were discharged prior to consent being taken by the research team for any reason) and your doctor or relative has been unable to do this for you.

If you do not wish for your identifiable data to be used, you can contact us by telephone at 01223 588720, via email to swift@nhsbt.nhs.uk or by post addressed to: The SWiFT study, NHS Blood and Transplant Clinical Trials Unit, Long Road, Cambridge CB2 0AP.

NHSBT have contracts in place with TARN and ICNARC that will ensure the security and integrity of your data at all times. This data will only be shared for this purpose and deleted at the end of the study. It will not be shared with any other organisation or published.

After the trial has been completed, we will keep an anonymised data set produced by the research. This information will not identify you and cannot be combined with other information in a way that could identify you.

The lawfulness of using your data

In fulfilment of the Data Protection Act 2018, we are required to be clear with you about the legal basis upon which we process your personal information. In the context of this research, we will process your personal information in accordance with: • Article 6 1 (e) "processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller".

For your health information we rely on Article 9 1(j) "processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes, shall be subject to appropriate safeguards, in accordance with this Regulation, for the rights and freedoms of the data subject". This is for any special categories data used in research, e.g. for health data or ethnicity.

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Telling your GP

The hospital that is treating/has treated you will let your GP know that you are participating in the study. If we are concerned about your wellbeing during the study, we will write to your GP to let them know.

Opting-out

You have the right to opt-out (withdraw) from the trial at any time, without it affecting your standard of care. You can let us know by telephone at 01223 588720, via email to swift@nhsbt.nhs.uk or by post addressed to: The SWiFT study, NHS Blood and Transplant Clinical Trials Unit, Long Road, Cambridge CB2 0AP.

Rights about your data

You have the right to access, correct or complete the information that we have about you. However, due to the nature of research, this may not be possible in some cases. You also have the right to ask us not to use or delete all of your data if you decide to opt-out from the study.

Further information

You can find out more about how we use your information in research at <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/> or by contacting the Trial Manager by email at swift@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR, 2018) and Data Protection Act (2018), all NHS organisations are legally required to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO). The DPO for NHS Blood & Transplant is Katrina Smith, who is responsible for ensuring that all practices and processes within NHS Blood & Transplant are designed to support people's privacy and data rights. You can contact the DPO by email at informationgovernanceteam@nhsbt.nhs.uk

You can also look at the website of the Information Commissioner (<https://ico.org.uk/>) for more information on GDPR legislation and you have the right to speak to them if you are worried that your data is not being appropriately protected or processed.