# The PPF Study FAQs

**Who can be involved?**
Any registrar or core trainee across the UK can be named as a collaborator if registered to this study.

**Why should I get involved?**
Your name will be included in any pubmed publication that arises from this project if you collect data on 10 or more patients. In addition, participating in a large multicentre trainee led collaborative project will allow you to tick off an ARCP requirement.

**How can I sign up to be a collaborator at my trust?**
By visiting the registration survey link https://REDCap.link/ppf, you can sign up to be a collaborator at your hospital. You will find the necessary documents on that link. A supervising consultant along with up to two registrars or core trainees can make up the local study team.
This study should also be registered at the local site clinical governance department as a service evaluation before starting your data collection. You will receive a service evaluation registration template as a guide to help you register this project locally. However, we do understand that each site has its own protocol and documents that need to be submitted for registration.
Once your local site has approved this study and you have registered through the survey link, the PPF study management group will email you all the necessary information along with access to REDCap to start your data collection.

**When is data collection starting?**
The data collection period will run from April 15, 2021 till August 15, 2021.

**When is the deadline for data submission?**
The deadline for submitting data will be August 15, 2021. If you have specific concerns or require more time for data collection due to special circumstances, please email us to discuss.

**What if my trust has more than one site?**
Complete the data collection for each hospital site separately.

**Which patients are included?**
All adult patients (≥16 years) who sustained a periprosthetic fracture around the femur including fractures to any orthopaedic device (including, but not limited to, plates, screws, nails and arthroplasty). This includes periprosthetic fractures to the knee and any conservatively or surgically managed cases.

**Which patients are excluded?**
Patients ≥ 16 years old, intraoperative periprosthetic fractures, isolated acetabular fractures, and cancer suspected cases.

**What information is being collected?**
Information will be collected retrospectively and only routinely collected data will be used. Data collected will include patient factors such as age and comorbidities, fracture characteristics such as site and type of fracture, details about the management of the fracture such as type of fixation, and outcomes such as return to theatre or complications. No patient identifiable information will leave the participating centres, and all data received on the study database in REDCap will be anonymised.

**How do I collect and store data on patients?**
Data collection and storage will be through the REDCap web application hosted at the University of Birmingham (https://bistc.redcap.bham.ac.uk). Once your team is registered, and you have confirmed that you have approvals in place, the study management group will email you details on how to access and store data on REDCap. All variables and information to be collected on patients will be specified on REDCap. In addition you can refer to the study protocol for all the specific data that should be collected. If you have further questions or concerns when using the REDCap, please email the study office at BhamRed@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

**How long will it take to collect the data?**
The data collection period will run for a total of 4 months from April 15, 2021 to August 15, 2021. If you require more time to collect data for specific reasons, please contact the study office at BhamRed@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

**What if a specific piece of information about the patient is missing? How can I record that?**
We strongly urge all collaborators to try their best to identify and record the necessary information as this will help in analysing the data correctly once completed. If a specific variable is unknown about a specific patient you will be

able to indicate this in the study database (details will be outlined in the REDCap guide on how to complete the CRFs).

**What if my patient ended up being treated conservatively, can I still include them in the patient population?**
Yes. This project includes all periprosthetic fractures that have been managed surgically as well as conservatively. It is important to identify these patients to highlight any variation in management with regards to conservative versus surgical treatment.

**What if my patient presented to my local hospital, and ended up being referred and transferred to another hospital/tertiary centre for treatment of the periprosthetic fracture?**
Please do not include this patient in your data collection. The patient data will be collected at the centre that is receiving the patient and deciding on the definite plan of management.

**What happens if I sign up but don't submit data on time?**
You will not be recognised as an author in the publication that arises from this project. If you believe that you will require more time for data collection, please contact us early on and we will help you.

**I am having difficulty registering this project at my trust. What can I do?**
Please email the study office at BhamRed@contacts.bham.ac.uk to let us know and we will help you.

**Where can I find more information about this project?**
You can visit the registration survey link at https://REDCap.link/ppf.
Visit our website: https://www.bon.ac.uk/the-ppf-study/
Follow us on our instagram page: @ppf_study
Follow us on our twitter page: @PpfStudy

**Who can I email if I have further questions about the study?**
Please get in touch with the PPF study team at BhamRed@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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