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## **Arterial Revascularisation Trial (ART)**

### **Privacy Notice**

The Arterial Revascularisation Trial (ART) is a study comparing coronary artery bypass grafting with a single internal mammary artery to surgery with bilateral internal mammary arteries.

As a participant in the ART study you have given permission for the study investigators at the University of Oxford to send your details (including unique Study ID number, NHS number, date of birth and address) to NHS Digital. NHS Digital are then able to track patients and advise the ART investigators of mortality data including date of and cause of death. The data sent to and received from NHS Digital is kept in a secure database which is completely separate from your clinical records relating to the study. The study clinical records are only identified by your unique study number.

Research is a task that we perform in the public interest. The University of Oxford, as sponsor, is the data controller. This means that we, as University of Oxford researchers, are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. We will use the minimum personally-identifiable information possible. The University of Oxford will keep identifiable information about you up to five years after the study follow-up has finished. After this time the records will be destroyed.

The legal basis for the processing and storage of personal data for the ART Study is that it is 'a task in the public interest' (article 6 (1)(e)) and, that sensitive personal data is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes (article 9 (2) (j), based on Article 89(1)).

The information received from NHS Digital is imported into a database held securely by the University of Oxford and used solely for academic research purposes. Before analysing this complete dataset (including information already provided by trial participants with information from NHS Digital) personal identifiers are removed. Importantly, whilst the information received is specific to each trial participant, no individual person will be identifiable in any publication arising from this work. Your personal data will not be shared with any 3<sup>rd</sup> parties and will not be used for any automated decision making or profiling. None of the study data, including any participant personal data, will be transferred or shared with any third countries or international organisations. No data will be used for automated decision making. If you would like to have this data withdrawn, please contact the study team using the details given below.



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low. We will continue to store the data we already hold about you in accordance with your consent to the ART Study.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the North East - York Research Ethics Committee (MREC/04/3/006), who can be contacted at [nrescommittee.north-east-york@nhs.net](mailto:nrescommittee.north-east-york@nhs.net)

### What to do next?

If you decide you do not want your study data to be linked in this way you can withdraw from this follow-up, without affecting your current medical care and without giving a reason, by contacting the study team ([belinda.lees@nds.ox.ac.uk](mailto:belinda.lees@nds.ox.ac.uk) or [carol.wallis@nds.ox.ac.uk](mailto:carol.wallis@nds.ox.ac.uk)) who would remove your personal data and inform NHS Digital that you no longer wish to be part of the cohort.

Data protection regulation provides you with control over your personal data and how it is used. When you agree to your information being used in research, however, some of those rights may be limited in order for the research to be reliable and accurate. Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data is available at <https://compliance.web.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights> or by contacting the study team using the details below.

If you have further questions, please contact the study team at the following email address:

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