- 1. What are the short term and long term outcomes of surgery compared to non-surgical care in the treatment of Perthes disease?
- 2. What are the best ways to measure outcome following lower limb orthopaedic surgery in children?
- 3. Which operation leads to best results in the treatment of Perthes disease?
- 4. Does vitamin D supplementation or other diet supplements increase recovery rates following lower limb bone surgery, such as osteotomy or leg lengthening?
- 5. Can surveillance and non-surgical treatment (physiotherapy, botulinum toxin injections, functional electrical stimulation, orthotics, casting) prevent the development of deformity requiring surgery in children with Cerebral Palsy?
- 6. What is the outcome of hip replacement in a child compared to hip reconstruction. (eg. functionality, how long it lasts, how it is affected by age and underlying diagnosis) ?
- 7. What are the best strategies to optimise communication of information between patients/carers and clinicians in order to enable shared decision making ?
- 8. What is the short-term and long-term clinical and cost effectiveness of orthopaedic lower limb surgery for children with Cerebral Palsy who can walk (including best timing and technique)?
- 9. What are the long-term outcomes of treatment in Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH) presenting late?
- 10. What is the optimal management for severe stable Slipped Upper Femoral Epiphysis (SUFE)?
- 11. What is the short-term and long-term clinical and cost effectiveness of Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) in children with Cerebral Palsy who can walk?
- 12. What is the best management for hip displacement in children with Cerebral Palsy?
- 13. What is the best method of screening for Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH) in terms of clinical and cost effectiveness?
- 14. What is the optimal surgical treatment and timing of surgery for unstable Slipped Upper Femoral Epiphysis (SUFE)?

- 15. What should children's rehabilitation following orthopaedic surgery to the lower limbs include, how long is it expected to last and how does it affect the result of treatment?
- 16. What are the most effective interventions (including type and timing of the procedure) for Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH) presenting late?
- 17. What is the role of pre-operative rehabilitation in children presenting with lower limb orthopaedic conditions?
- 18. What are the indications for surgical treatment of flatfeet (including implants) and what are the long-term results of surgery?
- 19. Does gait analysis alter surgical decision making in ambulant children with Cerebral Palsy?
- 20. Why is there geographical variation in the management of lower limb orthopaedic conditions in children?
- 21. What is the effect of surgeon and centre experience on the outcome of orthopaedic lower limb surgery in Cerebral Palsy children?
- 22. What are the indications for metalwork removal in children who have previously undergone lower limb orthopaedic surgery?
- 23. What is the efficacy of treatment for patello-femoral instability (an unstable knee-cap) in children?
- 24. What degree of lower limb anatomical variation (eg. knock knees, bow legs, in-toeing) justifies treatment to prevent long-term problems ?
- 25. What are the indications and most effective treatment for relapsed clubfoot?
- 26. What is the best way to treat idiopathic (unexplained ) tip toe walking?