

Acute Sigmoid Volvulus Study

This hospital is taking part in a piece of work to help to see where future care can be improved for patients who have acute sigmoid volvulus.

The organisation collecting the data is called **NCEPOD**.

NCEPOD is a national organisation that uses data to help **improve the quality of care for future patients** in the UK. We do this by collecting data on patients from hospitals and other places where they may be cared for.

For over 35 years **NCEPOD** has run studies across the UK and these have led to lots of changes in how healthcare is provided.

THE DATA WE ARE COLLECTING WILL INVOLVE THE USE OF PERSONAL, IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

We will be collecting data from clinicians who treated patients with acute sigmoid volvulus and collecting copies of the case notes of patients who had acute sigmoid volvulus. We are collecting data on **adults aged 18 or over**.

To see what could have been done better, we are looking at the healthcare provided to people who were admitted to hospital with acute sigmoid volvulus between **1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025**.

To do this, we will look at past healthcare records of included patients. This means that we will have access to confidential, personal information of included patients until the study is finished in 2027.

ALL the data will be handled with care, kept very secure, have names and other identifiable information removed and everything will be securely destroyed at the end of the study.



Please contact us if you would like more information on how we handle personal data.

If you would like to take part in an **anonymous survey** to share your experiences, please email asv@ncepod.org.uk or call 0207 251 9060.

HOW YOUR DATA MIGHT BE USED, AND HOW YOU CAN SAY NO!

If you are aged **18 years old or over**, and **have been admitted to hospital for acute sigmoid volvulus**, your healthcare data might be included in our work. We will keep your data very safe until the end of the work, when it will all be safely deleted.

If you do not want your data used please tell:

Marisa Mason, Chief Executive, by post, phone or email mmason@ncepod.org.uk

In order to carry out this work in England and Wales, we have been given 'section 251' support to collect and use this information under very strict conditions of confidentiality and data security by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on advice from the [Confidentiality Advisory Group \(CAG\) at the Health Research Authority](#).

In addition, in England, the [National Data Opt-Out \(NDOO\)](#) is a process that allows individuals to opt-out of their confidential patient information being used for purposes other than medical care. To ensure that NCEPOD recommendations are not affected by [reported variations in who is opting-out](#), we will not be excluding the data of individuals who have opted out via the NDOO. We have been granted this exemption by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on advice from the [Confidentiality Advisory Group \(CAG\)](#). However, individuals still have the right to [contact NCEPOD and ask for their data to be removed and permanently erased](#).

Our Privacy Notice can be accessed [here](#)

NCEPOD is a Registered Charity in England and Wales: 1075588

and a company limited by guarantee: 301938

Ground Floor, Abbey House

74-76 St John Street, London, EC1M 4DZ

TELEPHONE: 0207 2519060

www.ncepod.org.uk