

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

GECKO



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What is GECKO?

There are variations of safe provision of laparoscopic surgery for gallbladder disease internationally. However, these variations have not been well studied. To bridge this knowledge gap, we are conducting the **Global Evaluation of Cholecystectomy Knowledge and Outcomes (GECKO)** study.

What would taking part involve?

- The course of your treatment in hospital will simply be monitored to collect data
- Data collection includes:
 - medical records - fully anonymised to protect your confidentiality
 - cholecystectomy history - diagnosis, surgery and post-operative recovery
- Your participation in this study will not require any extra tests or procedures, and will not change your care
- If you wish to participate, all you must do is sign a consent form

What are the risks and benefits of taking part?

- Taking part in this study will not influence clinical decisions or treatments in your care
- There is no additional risk to taking part
- The information collected from you will be very useful in standardizing cholecystectomy approaches and promote better patient outcomes

Further Information

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask your doctor about any aspect of this study.

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