**Survey of patient views & experience of surgery**

**May 2015**

**Background**

We want your views on surgery and lung cancer to help with future services. There is a plan by the Department of Health to publish outcomes of surgery. The purpose is to identify where care is not as good as it should be, to keep patients safe and improve standards. This is known as the Consultant Outcomes Publication. At present most surgeons do 30 – 40 lung cancer operations every year.

The bodies involved in this project for lung cancer surgery are: the National Lung Cancer Audit and Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery. We are keen to understand what is most important for patients and families faced with decisions about lung cancer and surgery as a treatment. Surgery involves work from a multi-disciplinary team, a group of clinicians working together to give you the best treatment.

The information we are asking about is in relation to risk and lung cancer surgery. Risk reflects the likelihood of something happening and the seriousness of its impact. It cannot be used to determine what will happen to an individual but indicates how likely in a group of people experiencing the same situation.

We appreciate this is sensitive information when you have had experience of lung cancer. If you are able to respond to the questions below, your feedback will help us.

**Surgical choices**

1. When you had your surgery did you discuss with your Consultant the choices you had around surgery?

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| * **Yes – discussed in detail** | * **A bit – had some discussion** | * **No – had no choice** |

1. How interested were you in knowing how many operations your surgeon/ hospital does per year? Please tick the box that you feel you most agree with.

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|  | **0**  **Would not want to know** | **1**  **vaguely useful**  **to know** | **2**  **mildly**  **interested** | **3**  **useful when making decision** | **4**  **really important** | **5**  **Essential to agreeing to operation** |
| **Your surgeon** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Your surgical team** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. What information was important to you when considering surgery? (tick all you think are important)

* Likelihood of complications
* Recovery timescales and risks
* Ability to return to normal life activities
* Likelihood of cancer being cured
* Likelihood of not needing further anti-cancer treatment
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Would it have been helpful to know the results of the different types of surgery available from your team? We know that not all units are able to perform all kinds of surgery. Some operations are more complex. Rates of success will also depend on the stage of your cancer and other health issues affecting your recovery.

Would you have liked to know the success rates?

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| **For the operation you were offered** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **For all the operations done by the surgical team** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Outcomes from surgery**

1. We know surgery sometimes has complications and sometimes there are side effects. How important to you are the following immediate issues relating to lung cancer surgery?

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| Risk of: | **0**  **Would not want to know** | **1**  **useful**  **to know** | **2**  **Important but would not affect decision** | **3**  **useful when making decision** | **4**  **really important** | **5**  **Essential before agreeing to operation** |
| Not recovering from operation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Excessive bleeding |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intensive care required |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prolonged stay in hospital |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wound infection |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Last year data was published on how many people survived 30 and 90 days after lung cancer surgery for each hospital. We are looking at what information might be useful in the future. What information on survival rates would you find useful?

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| **Likely to survive 30 days** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Likely to survive 90 days +** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Likely to survive 1 year** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Likely to survive 3 years** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. How important would you rate the following,1 most important – 5 least important

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| **Giving support to surgeons to improve their standards** | **Giving hospitals support to improve their standards** | **Giving patients a choice of surgeon if their local one has poor outcomes** | **Identifying hospitals with good outcomes** | **Identifying surgeons with good outcomes** |
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1. **What information about lung cancer surgery do you think it is most important to publish?**
2. **Is there anything else we should consider?**
3. **About you**

It would be useful to have the following information about you, but this will remain confidential.

When were you diagnosed with lung cancer?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When did you have your surgery?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which county/ treatment centre were you treated in?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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