



# Joint Approach

The latest news on hip, knee, ankle, elbow and shoulder joint replacements from the National Joint Registry

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## Welcome from the National Joint Registry

Welcome to this edition. We are delighted to be able to share the news of our 10th Annual Report, launched in what is a very busy 10th anniversary year.



Our 2013 report contains the latest information about joint replacement surgery and analysis on the performance of different types of implants. The document grows in size every year so for patients, their friends, family and carers we also provide a Public and Patient Guide to the Annual Report – a taster is included in the inside pages of this edition. The full report is also available at [www.njrcentre.org.uk](http://www.njrcentre.org.uk).

We have also been out and about sharing these latest findings at a variety of events and you can get a feel for where we have been on the back page.

I'm also keen to take the opportunity to tell you about our 'Hippy Chick' steering committee patient representative Sue Musson who has just started a blog to share her experiences before and after hip replacement surgery this December.

Why not take a read and share with anyone you feel might benefit? Visit [www.njrhippychickblog.wordpress.com](http://www.njrhippychickblog.wordpress.com) also available from [www.njrcentre.org.uk](http://www.njrcentre.org.uk).

Comments and ideas are welcome at any time so remember to get in touch with us at [communications@hqip.org.uk](mailto:communications@hqip.org.uk) or call 020 7469 2546.

With best wishes,

*Elaine Young*

National Lead for the NJR

## NJR launches its 10th Annual Report and celebrates its 10th anniversary year 2003-2013



Guests including patients, surgeons and hospital staff joined NJR Steering Committee and team members at special event on Wednesday 25 September to launch the NJR's 10th Annual Report and celebrate its 10th anniversary year.

The reception featured morning presentations as well as a 'Question Time'-style panel debate chaired by Dame Jenni Murray, hip replacement patient and host of BBC Radio Four's Woman's Hour. Questions from the audience focused on the value and use of NJR information for and by the patient as well as topical issues in joint replacement surgery; monitoring new implant designs, using hospital and surgeon results to improve quality in surgery and ensuring that the whole picture of joint replacement surgery is captured and analysed.

This mirrored some of the key developments detailed in the 10th Annual Report, namely:

- **First analysis of English Patient Reported Outcomes Measures – looking at what patients said about their operations**
- **First nine months of elbow replacement and shoulder replacement information**
- **Second complete year of ankle replacement information**
- **In-depth study: Metal-on-metal resurfacing**
- **Hospital-level activity and outcomes information for hip and knee procedures**



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**Summary of key facts about joint replacement 2012**

Why not display this as a poster in a waiting area?



# News and events

## Out and about

The NJR has been out and about over the last two months, sharing our 10th Annual Report findings and speaking to lots of people who contribute to and can benefit from the information and analysis we provide. We let the pictures do the talking...

### NJR Regional Hospital Event

6 September 2013 – Brighton



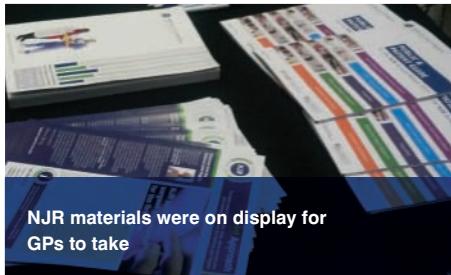
Staff involved in the NJR process networked before hearing latest registry developments



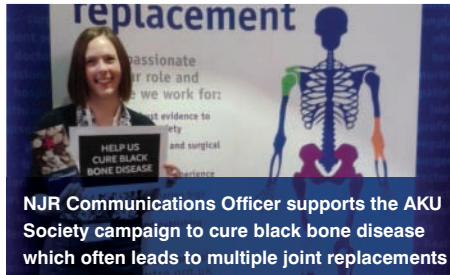
Small afternoon discussion sessions provided the opportunity to talk through NJR processes

### Royal College of GPs Musculoskeletal event

19 September 2013 – London



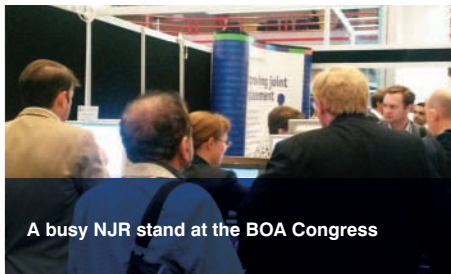
NJR materials were on display for GPs to take



NJR Communications Officer supports the AKU Society campaign to cure black bone disease which often leads to multiple joint replacements

### British Orthopaedic Association

1-4 October 2013 – Birmingham



A busy NJR stand at the BOA Congress



Demonstrations of NJR Clinician Feedback were provided and were in demand



Surgeons stopped to discuss NJR information over three days of the Congress – more than 1,500 surgeons attended



NJR Fellow Jeya Palan outlines his research plans in one of three NJR sessions on the programme

## About the NJR

The role of the National Joint Registry is to drive better care for joint replacement patients. Our registry helps to improve patient safety by monitoring the performance of artificial joints (implants) and the results of different types of surgery.

If you are a hip, knee, ankle, elbow or shoulder replacement patient you will be asked during your treatment for consent to store your personal details alongside those medical details of your operation. This combination of information means the NJR can:

- Help surgeons choose the best artificial joints (implants)
- Improve patient safety by checking how well artificial joints, surgeons and hospitals perform
- When implant problems are found, help surgeons decide quickly whether patients need to return to hospital
- Give hospitals and implant manufacturers feedback so they can improve their patient care

Patients' personal data is treated as confidential at all times and cannot be used outside of the NJR. This data is only available to the patient that it relates to and their surgeon.

Procedures are in place to secure the information and to keep it confidential. Data collected via the NJR may be used for medical research, but only if it has passed ethical review and if the outcomes are expected to provide significant benefits to the healthcare of patients. Any data provided is made anonymous so that it is not possible to identify individuals.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act (1998), patients can request a copy of the personal information that the NJR holds about them at any time. Please visit [www.njrcentre.org.uk](http://www.njrcentre.org.uk) for more information or call 0845 345 9991.



### NJR eBulletin

The NJR has established an email news bulletin to share its latest updates. If you would like to subscribe please sign up at the NJR homepage [www.njrcentre.org.uk](http://www.njrcentre.org.uk).



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