



Dear potential participant,

You are being asked to consider taking part in a study investigating orthopaedic surgeons' approaches to managing periprosthetic distal femur fractures.

Description of the Research:

The purpose of this study is to compare surgeons' preferences in the management of periprosthetic distal femur fractures. Specifically, we will ask about surgeons' attitudes towards internal fixation using a locked plating and retrograde nailing.

By taking 10 minutes to complete the survey, you will assist in providing the above information.

We would appreciate your responses to all questions, none of the individual questions are mandatory. A participant ID number will be assigned to track completion of the surveys. A master list linking the ID # will be maintained during the data collection phase. Once all the surveys have been received the list will be destroyed and your responses will be deemed anonymized (e.g. the link will be broken and there is no way to link your name to the responses).

Participation and Withdrawal: *Your consent to participate in this study is demonstrated by your voluntary completion and submission of the survey*

If you decide to participate in this study you can change your mind without giving a reason, and you may withdraw from the study at any time without any penalty. Completed surveys will be reviewed by the study investigators for data entry and analysis. The results of this study may be presented at conferences, seminars or other public forums, and published in journals, but no information will be used in these presentations that would disclose your identity as a study participant. No information from this study will be released or printed that would disclose your personal identity without your permission.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you may contact Dr. Bob Hyland, Chair, St. Michael's Hospital, Research Ethics Board at 416-864-6060 ext. 2557 during business hours.

Please keep a copy of this document for your records.

To access the questionnaire please click on the link below:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHpFdU52V2xhQjAxbHhPZzRncFV3Wnc6MA>

Sincerely,

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