

### What happens now?

A nurse will talk to you about the bone donation before your operation. You are under no obligation or pressure to donate your bone. The nurse will answer any questions you may have. Then if you wish to donate bone the following will happen:

- ❑ You will be asked (in confidence) about your general health
- ❑ A small sample of blood will be taken
- ❑ You will be asked to sign a consent form to allow your bone to be kept and eventually used
- ❑ Six months after your operation you will be asked to give another sample of blood

**The blood tests include those for the AIDS Virus antibody, Human T cell Leukaemia Virus (HTLV), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Syphilis.**

**If you do not wish to have your blood tested, please do not offer to donate your bone**

If you would like any further information please contact  
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If you need this information in another language or media (audio, large print, etc.) Please ask a member of staff and they will try to arrange this for you.

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# Patient Information

## Did you know you could become a Bone Donor?

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## **What is Bone Donation?**

Here in Swindon people having 'Hip Replacement Surgery' are at present our only 'Bone Donors'. For the new hip to be fitted we must remove the old bone; at the top of the thigh, this is called the femoral head. This piece of bone is usually discarded.

However, here in Swindon we are able to store this bone to be used for other patients. This probably sounds quite surprising that your worn out piece of bone may be used to help others.

## **Who needs a Bone Donation?**

Bone can be used for patients undergoing operations to repair or replace diseased or damaged bones. Such operations can help restore the use of a limb.

## **Who can be a Bone Donor?**

If you are having hip replacement surgery and live in the Wiltshire area, we would like you to consider donating the bone that is normally discarded. The donation of bone does not affect the surgery in any way; no extra bone is taken and no extra surgery is required. We do however need to ensure that no infection or disease is passed on to others.

## **You cannot donate bone if you have had any of the following...**

A Blood Transfusion since 1980  
Hepatitis (Jaundice)  
Tuberculosis (TB)  
Cancer  
Syphilis  
Rheumatoid arthritis  
Leukaemia  
Haemophilia  
Multiple Sclerosis  
HIV / AIDS (or your Partner)

Similarly if you are in a high-risk group for HIV / AIDS or Hepatitis B or C you would not be able to donate your bone.

This would include...

- Homosexuals
- Those who have injected drugs
- Prostitutes
- Haemophiliacs who receive factor concentrates
- Those who have been sexually active in Africa in the past year
- Sexual partners of any of the above

**If any of these risk groups apply to you please DO NOT offer to donate bone**