



# Perioperative Quality Improvement Programme

## IMPROVING CARE FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING SURGERY IN THE NHS

### **What is PQIP?**

The Perioperative Quality Improvement Programme (PQIP) is an exciting and novel project being piloted in the NHS. Our aim is to improve the care and treatment of patients undergoing major surgery in the United Kingdom.

PQIP is a collaborative programme, being led by the National Institute for Academic Anaesthesia's Health Services Research Centre (NIAA-HSRC) on behalf of the Royal College of Anaesthetists. It has the support of a wide range of academic and professional organisations representing patients and the public, surgeons, anaesthetists and allied health professionals.



### **How does PQIP help patients?**

The information collected by PQIP is used by doctors, nurses and medical researchers to:

- Produce information on the quality of care received by patients undergoing major surgery in NHS hospitals
- Ensure that any changes or improvements to our services benefit patients
- Learn about the best ways in which doctors and nurses can use patient information to improve quality of care
- Better understand what happens to patients after they leave hospital after having a major operation, and whether the surgery has had a beneficial effect on their longer-term health



You may be asked for your consent as part of this study. If you are eligible to take part someone from the local team will speak to you and provide more information. Your participation is entirely voluntary.