



Quality of Anaesthetic Information given for Labour (QUAIL)

Information Leaflet for patients

Pan-London Perioperative Audit & Research Network (PLAN)

PLAN is a collaborative group of trainees throughout London who work together with the aim of producing high quality research and quality improvement projects within Perioperative medicine. The group has links with other regional research groups and can collaborate to produce nationwide results.

Further information is available on the website: www.uk-plan.net

Purpose of this study

During pregnancy women are given large amounts of information, from many different sources, about various aspects of their care. They are then expected to make decisions both before and during labour, based on the information they have received. One of the areas where women are expected to choose is regarding their pain relief options during labour and anaesthesia options should they require a Caesarean section.

We feel that if women receive good quality information, this allows them to prepare for their labour, knowing the options available to them and will ultimately give them a good birth experience.

We know that the amount and quality of information women receive is variable but we don't know specifically which areas are explained well and which areas not so well. The purpose of this study is to find out exactly what information women are given during pregnancy, whether it is as good as it should be, and whether it differs in different hospitals across London. From the results we hope to be able to see which areas we need to improve on with the aim of improving care for all pregnant women across London.

Your involvement

We are asking you to complete an online questionnaire for us, telling us about the information you have received about pain relief in labour and anaesthetic options for Caesarean section. It should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete.

The questionnaire will be provided to you on a tablet (eg iPad) or smartphone so you can complete it immediately.

The questionnaire is completely anonymous and asks no questions which we would be able to trace back to you.

You are under no obligation to complete this and your ongoing care will not be affected in any way whether you choose to complete it or not.

If you have any questions about this study please don't hesitate to contact Dr Rebecca Brinkler at rebeccabrinkler@gmail.com

Many thanks for your participation