

# Proactive care of Older People undergoing Surgery: Geriatric-Surgical Support Team

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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G021011

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Proactive care of Older People undergoing Surgery: Geriatric-Surgical Support Team - a randomised controlled trial

## Acronym

POPS

## Study objectives

Functional status, pain control, and quality of life is commonly improved in older people following elective orthopaedic surgery. However, older people with comorbidities are more likely to have prolonged hospital stay and readmissions relating to post-operative problems such as delirium, prolonged immobility, and complex discharges.

1. Proactive multidisciplinary geriatric intervention (as compared with usual care) will reduce:
  - a. Post-operative length of stay
  - b. Hospital readmission within 28 days
  - c. Post-operative delirium in at risk older people undergoing elective surgery
2. Proactive multidisciplinary geriatric intervention will cost-effectively improve post-operative clinical (illness events), functional (dependency) and psychological (anxiety and depression) outcomes in at risk older patients undergoing elective surgery

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Other

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Orthopaedic surgery

## **Interventions**

We are evaluating a multidisciplinary Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA) team (geriatrician, specialist nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist [OT], social worker) whose aim is to reduce post-operative problems in at risk older surgical patients through proactive assessment and treatment. The aim of this randomised controlled trial (RCT) is to evaluate the clinical impact and cost-effectiveness of this approach.

Control: Usual care

## **Intervention Type**

Procedure/Surgery

## **Phase**

Not Specified

## **Primary outcome measure**

Primary outcome at 1 month post-operatively will be hospital length of stay.

## **Secondary outcome measures**

Secondary outcomes include post-operative medical complications, mobility, mood, quality of life, and resource use.

## **Overall study start date**

01/01/2004

## **Completion date**

31/01/2006

# **Eligibility**

## **Key inclusion criteria**

Patients aged 65+ on the elective orthopaedic waiting list will be screened by postal questionnaire for medical, functional, psychosocial risk factors, and those at risk who consent to participate will be randomised 3 months prior to surgery to receive either the intervention or 'usual care'.

## **Participant type(s)**

Patient

## **Age group**

Senior

## **Sex**

Both

## **Target number of participants**

126

## **Key exclusion criteria**

1. Patients aged 65 years and over awaiting elective surgery without evidence-based risk factors from screening (postal questionnaire)
2. People who refuse consent

**Date of first enrolment**

01/01/2004

**Date of final enrolment**

31/01/2006

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

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**Sponsor type**

Charity

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02p7svq74>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Charity

## Funder Name

Guy's and St Thomas' Charitable Foundation. Registered Charity number 251983 (UK)

# Results and Publications

## Publication and dissemination plan

Not provided at time of registration

## Intention to publish date

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

## IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

## Study outputs

| Output type                     | Details                | Date created | Date added | Peer reviewed? | Patient-facing? |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Results article</a> | result of cohort study | 01/03/2007   |            | Yes            | No              |