**Patient information leaflet – QOMS Covid-19 OMFS Trauma and Dental Infection audits**

**Background**

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness. It originated in Whuan, China at the end of 2019 and has since spread worldwide, causing a pandemic. In the UK, a lot of NHS resources have been diverted towards managing this crisis. There is an urgent need to understand how COVID-19 has affected the practice and care of NHS patients.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

Patients with facial wounds and oral infections still need to be treated during the COVID-19 crisis. Due to hospital emergency changes and the risk of infection risk, we do not know or understand how these patients are being treated. We are therefore conducting these two studies to gather accurate data across the UK about treatment and outcomes for these groups of patients.

**What would taking part Involve?**

These studies simply record how you were treated and whether you would have been treated differently before Covid-19. Your clinical care will not change whether you decided to take part or not. You will not have to undergo any extra tests or procedures. There is nothing else for you to do.

Data will be collected directly from your medical records regarding your care by your treating team. This data will be fully anonymised so that you cannot be identified from it.

**What are the risks and benefits of taking part?**

These studies present little to no risk for you I you agree to take part: (1) your treatment will not change and (2) no identifiable data will be collected.

The information collected from you will be essential to understand how quality of care was changed by the COVID-19 crisis.

**What information will be collected from me?**

We will collect your age and gender, why you came to hospital and how you were treated.

**Further information**

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask your doctor about any aspect of this study. You can also visit our website or contact the central research team.

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