

Frequently Asked Questions - Survey NetwOArk

Has this study received ethical approval?

- This study is reviewed by the Medical Ethical Committee of the Erasmus MC University Medical Center in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

On the 5 June 2023 the institutional research review board of the Erasmus MC University Medical Center in Rotterdam, the Netherlands reviewed the protocol and the questionnaire. The Institutional research review board Erasmus MC (hereafter the Committee) of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, has reviewed the abovementioned research proposal. As a result of this review, the Committee confirms that the rules laid down in the Medical Research Involving Human Subjects Act (also known by its Dutch abbreviation WMO), do not apply to this research proposal.

Who will have access to my data?

- At this moment only 1 researcher has access to the data. For analysis, other researchers will have access to the data. The data is stored in the Erasmus MC, according to the Erasmus MC rules for data storage and the laws for data protection. The data is anonymous and cannot be led back to the person who filled in the questionnaire.

How will my data be managed?

- The data will be managed anonymously

Does this study follow GDPR rules?

- This study does follow the GDPR rules. It is an anonymous survey. The data will be stored according to the laws and rules of the GDPR in a safe environment. The data is under the responsibility of the Principal Investigator. Access to the data is only possible after approval of the workgroup lead Dr. D. Schiphof. Concerning the right to erase: the GDPR states that data should be deleted when a person asks for it. However, an exception has been made for data processing in research and archiving (GDPR/AVG Article 89(1)). Therefore, in case of withdrawal of consent, the data that have been collected up to the moment that the participant stops participating can be used for research. In this particular case, we could not withdraw specific data of one person, because the survey is anonymous.

Who is conducting this research?

- All OA researchers of the Working group 1 of the netwOArk have developed the questionnaire, helped.

Why is this research being done?

- Our objective is to get insight in the understanding of the knowledge of people living in European countries and their beliefs about osteoarthritis, what they can do themselves about it and what they can expect from a healthcare professional

How long will this survey take?

- This survey exists of 47 questions. This might take 10-15 minutes to fill in.

Is there a way for me to keep up to date with the results?

- In the end of the survey you have the possibility to leave your e-mail address to keep you updated with the results. Moreover, results will be available through the website of netwOArk: www.netwOArk.eu