

Dear Collaborator,

The aim of this simple service evaluation project is to assess our current management of base of thumb osteoarthritis (BTOA). The project should only take a very small amount of time for clinicians to take part and all collaborators will be recognised as co-authors on any future presentations/publications of this work.

You can take part if you are:

- Clinician who sees BTOA patients at interface/hub level as direct referrals from primary care
- Your centre is happy for you to take part, note service evaluation projects require no ethical approval as clearly stated on NRES website

The project consists of:

1. Service evaluation of 5 patients with diagnosis of BTOA to assess what treatment they have undergone prior to hub/interface review
2. Short telephone interview to explore your current approach to managing BTOA
3. If your unit has a BTOA pathway then it would be great if you could send me a copy

If you want to take part or have any questions then please email me at [bendean1979@gmail.com](mailto:bendean1979@gmail.com) – it would be very useful if you could state your name, job title, the centre at which you work, and the CCG under which this centre is contained,

Thanks a lot,

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