

Information for patients and carers

**Electronic Patient Assessment
Questionnaire for Preoperative
Assessment**

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Electronic Patient Assessment Questionnaire for Preoperative Assessment – ePAQ-PO

To prepare for surgery, our pre-operative assessment involves completion of an on-line form the ePAQ-PO questionnaire. This form provides details about your current health so our team can then provide the appropriate advice and guidance to help you get ready for your procedure.

If required a carer, friend or family member can help you to complete the form.

What happens next?

The ePAQ-PO can be completed on a pc, laptop or smart phone. You will be texted a code that links to your questionnaire, which should take around 20 minutes to complete. Please try to do so within **48 hours** of receiving the code. You can save and return to the form if you need to.

Once you have completed and sent it, it will no longer be possible for you to edit it. We will review your answers and then arrange an appointment with you to see or speak to a member of the preoperative assessment team.

If you haven't received the questionnaire within a week of your surgical outpatient appointment, you can contact us on **01772 522922**. Otherwise, a member of our team will be in touch if we have not received your completed questionnaire.

Unfortunately waiting times for operations vary widely and there may be some time between completion of the questionnaire and being given your operation date.

What do I need to complete the questionnaire?

We need your mobile telephone number to send you a text alert (if the number you have already provided changes, please notify us). If you don't have a mobile telephone we can send the link via email, so please ensure we have the correct email address on your hospital records.

You will need a pc, laptop, tablet or smart phone to access the questionnaire.

If you have not got access to a mobile phone or email, or for any other reasons you cannot or do not want to complete the on-line form, please contact us on the telephone number below to make alternative arrangements.

This will not delay or otherwise affect your pre-operative assessment.

You may need a friend or family member to help you to complete the questions. If you run into any problems or have questions about the questionnaire, please get in touch with us.

The questionnaire is in English – if English is not your first language and you are unable to complete the form, please contact us on the number below to make alternative arrangements.

Contact details

Our telephone number is **01772 522922**.

Thank you - The Anaesthetic Evaluation and Surgical Optimisation Team.

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

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Please ask a member of staff if you would like help in understanding this information.

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