

Statement of Purpose:

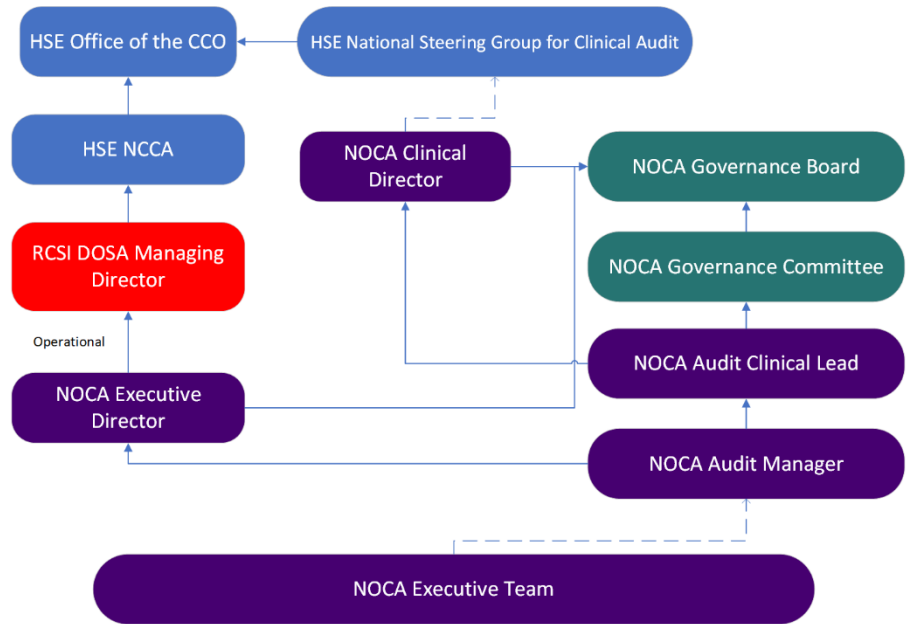
Irish National Orthopaedic Register



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Title	Irish National Orthopaedic Register (INOR)
Year established	Established in NOCA, 2012, pilot data capture commencement on 1 st of December 2014 with electronic data capture commencing May 2016.
Web address	https://www.noca.ie
Managing Organisation	National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA)
Aim	The aim of INOR is to monitor the quality and safety of arthroplasty surgery, identify areas for improvement and support hospitals should an implant recall occur.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide timely and high-quality data to the hospitals • To describe the epidemiology of arthroplasty patients • To provide information on patient outcomes including PROMs • To identify potential issues with implant or surgical performance • To support hospitals to identify areas for quality improvement • To support surgeons for training and education • To provide data for hospital, national and international research
Overall function & Purpose	The Irish National Orthopaedic Register (INOR) will monitor the quality of care for patients with arthroplasty surgery and provide clinical audit data to the hospitals and the health system (public and private hospitals). INOR will also function as an arthroplasty register to monitor implant performance and facilitate a recall should the need arise.
Target population	All patients undergoing elective hip and knee arthroplasty surgery, both primary and revision are included in the register as part of phase I of development. Patients from both Public and Private hospitals are included.
Data providers	<p>Current Live Hospitals (as of October 2024)</p> <p>South Infirmary University Victoria Hospital (SIVUH) Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore (MRHT) Croom Orthopaedic Hospital (COH) Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital (KROH) Our Lady's Hospital Navan (OLHN) Merlin Park University Hospital (MPUH) National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) University Hospital Kerry (UHK) Blackrock Clinic (BRC) Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) Bon Secours Hospital Tralee (BSHT) Bon Secours Hospital Galway (BSHG) Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH) Bon Secours Hospital Dublin (BSHD) Bon Secours Hospital Cork (BSHC) Bon Secours Hospital Limerick (BSHL)</p>

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<p>Governance and Managing Structure</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sligo University Hospital (SUH)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS FOR NOCA AUDITS</p>  <p>Key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">RCSI reporting <li style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">External reporting <li style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NOCA Management Structure <li style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">NOCA Governance Structure
<p>Legal basis</p>	<p>Service arrangements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 39 Health Act 2004 between Health Service Executive and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI): This sets out the administrative and operational management of NOCA including costs and deliverables per audit. 2. Section 38 Health Act 2004, (Schedule 2 – Quality and Safety), HSE Contract with Hospitals: NOCA is identified in HSE contracts as an entity with which hospitals should work.
<p>National Legislation & Standards</p>	<p>The National Clinical Audit complies with the following national legislation and standards;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection Act (2018) • HIQA Guidance on a data quality framework for health and social care (2018) • HIQA National Standards for Information Management in Health and Social Care (2024) • HSE National Consent Policy (2024) • Patient Safety Act (2023)
<p>International Legislation & Standards</p>	<p>INOR complies with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union General Data Protection Regulation ‘GDPR’ (2018) • NICE (2022) Joint replacement (primary): hip, knee and shoulder (QS206)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme, in association with the British Orthopaedic Association and BestMSK Health Collaborative (2022) ⁽¹⁾ Total & Uni Primary Knee Replacement • GIRFT programme, in association with the British Orthopaedic Association and BestMSK Health Collaborative (2022) ⁽²⁾ Total Primary Hip Replacement • The Swedish Arthroplasty Register Annual Report 2023; presenting primary hip replacements, primary knee replacements and hip and knee revision surgeries
Source of funding	<p>NOCA is funded by HSE through the Office of the Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) and the National Centre for Clinical Audit (NCCA).</p> <p>Private hospitals support INOR through an annual fee; based on the number of procedures, including revisions, carried out from 1st January to the 31st of December each year.</p>
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