

# Traceability of prostheses: LRO how to inform patients about their prosthesis using registry data

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# Background

- The Dutch Arthroplasty Register (LROI) aims to organize traceability of prostheses
- In the Netherlands, a new law is prepared to oblige hospitals to inform their patients which prosthesis is placed
- The aim was to support hospitals with informing their patients individually with minimal work for the orthopaedic surgeon

# Methods

- Annually, more than 60,000 procedures are registered in the LROI
- All prosthetic components are registered by their REF and LOT number and translated into a prosthetic component description using the implant library of the LROI
- The LROI developed a tool with prosthesis information for the individual patient

#### Results

The LROI developed a patient letter which is automatically filled with information available in the LROI.

The patient letter is filled with:

# General information about the patient:

- Hospital
- Hospital patient number
- Date of surgery
- Type of surgery (primary/revision)
- Side of surgery (left/right)
- Fixation

# Prosthesis component characteristics:

- REF number (article number)
- LOT number (batch number)
- Description
- Prosthesis name
- Brand

Orthopaedic surgeons can easily print the patient letter and provide individual information to their patients.



# Conclusion

With this new tool, hospitals can easily fulfill their obligation to inform their patients individually. Patients are better informed about their prosthesis. This tool should serve as a best practice for other national and international implant registries.