

## SURGICAL OUTCOMES SYSTEM INFORMATION SHEET

In order to evaluate patient outcomes over time and enable remote monitoring of health outcomes, we are asking you to participate in a web-based outcome collection tool, the Surgical Outcome System (SOS).

SOS automatically emails you pre and post-treatment surveys that ask questions such as your level of pain, how you feel, and your ability to perform certain activities in your daily life. Survey time points are before treatment, multiple times after treatment during the first 6 months, 6 months, and 1 and 2 years after treatment. Depending upon your type of surgery or treatment, you may be asked to complete these same surveys up to 15 years. You may be asked to fill out electronic surveys during your office visit on a computer or tablet and/or from your home computer or smart phone.

Before and after your treatment or surgery, we will enter your medical information (for example, your medical record number, age, date of birth, medical history, diagnosis and procedures, financial charges) and email address into SOS. Your email address and medical record number will be the only information that directly identifies you and these are encrypted. The information about you will be combined with the health information of several thousand patients submitting survey information to SOS in conjunction with their physicians. However, the only persons who may view your identifiable health information in SOS are me as your physician, my office and others with whom I have entered into a data sharing agreement.

SOS is provided by Arthrex Inc., which is a medical device manufacturer and software provider. SOS uses the information submitted to generate reports that allow us to review your treatment progress on an ongoing basis. Additionally, they allow us to compare your results to patients with the same or different treatment options within a global de-identified dataset. "Global" means that the system includes data from all physicians who use the system, not just from us. "De-identified" means that the reports are anonymous; they do not identify you personally. These global de-identified reports are also provided to other physicians who use SOS as an international patient registry in order to improve their operations, quality of care and for research purposes. The reports provided to other authorized users of SOS do not identify you personally and any medical publications or presentations that result from the research will not identify you. Finally, the de-identified outcome reports are shared with Arthrex, who may use its SOS system only for those purposes that are permitted by medical privacy and other laws.

Together with Arthrex, we have taken reasonable precautions to protect the data collected. On our part, these precautions include using confidential unique user ids and passwords to access the system. Similarly, Arthrex has special security controls for your email address in the database, and has implemented an electronic data storage system that is designed to ensure the security of patient health information according to federal health privacy (HIPAA) regulations.

Feel free to ask us or our office staff if you have any questions.

Thank you for your participation,

Benjamin M Petre, MD

Primary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

MRN: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my data will be used for both my own care and also as deidentified information for research purposes. I consent to being included in the Surgical Outcomes System and I will attempt to fill out my surveys in a timely manner.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_