

AAOMS OMS Anesthesia and Third Molar Extraction Outcomes Study FAQ

1. Why is AAOMS conducting this study?

AAOMS is committed to documenting the high quality of care provided by our members through the use of scientifically valid data collection efforts and the tabulation of reliable and valid benchmark statistics. This study will allow us to derive benchmark statistics on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) Team anesthesia model and third molar extractions. All private practice OMS will be able to compare their own practice information with these benchmark statistics.

2. Why is it important that I participate in this study?

You are one of 300 randomly selected private practice OMS. The random sampling framework ensures that the data we collect from this study will be scientifically valid and representative of all private practice OMS.

3. Will I receive any compensation for my participation in the study?

You will not receive monetary compensation. However, you will receive a report comparing your data to that of all other participants after the conclusion of the study. In addition you will be able to download the data you enter in the database for your own use at anytime. You will also receive 15 CME credits at the conclusion of your one month participation period.

4. What if I am no longer in active practice or am in an academic setting?

Please let us know so that we can modify our membership rolls. You will be replaced in the study by another randomly selected oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

5. Is this study HIPPA Compliant?

All data will be collected on a secure HIPPA compliant, online system maintained by Outcome.

6. What are the requirements of my participation in this study?

You will enter data for all eligible patients you treat over a one month period.

6a. How is “eligible” patient defined?

Eligible patients include all patients having procedures involving anesthesia (local and/or sedation through general anesthesia) in an office-based setting.

7. Do I need to get my approval from my patients to participate in this study?

The data that are collected are de-identified and only aggregate data will be published, therefore you do not have to get permission from your patients.

8. Is my participation a serious time commitment?

As you enter more data and get more experienced with the data collection forms, it should take between 5 minutes and 15 minutes (For patients having third molars removed, some additional information will be collected.) to enter data for each patient. The data being collected, however, should be information

routinely recorded in patient charts and the on-line system is developed for maximum convenience to the user.

9. Does the participating OMS have to enter the data into your system?

While we would like the OMS involved in supervising data entry, data may be entered by people other than the clinician, for example an office manager.

10. Will there be data entry training?

Yes, you will be contacted by our data collection firm Outcome, and they will schedule a short training session for you and your staff. Outcome will maintain a 24 hour help desk and provide an online instruction manual for data entry.

11. Why am I being asked to enter data for just one month?

Although this is a 12-month study, AAOMS wanted to limit the time involved in the study for the convenience of the participating OMS. Participants will be allowed to enter data beyond the month that they are assigned if they wish to continue to document their own practice. However, data entered outside of the assigned month will not be used in any published benchmark statistics derived from the study.

12. Do I need to enter data for the entire assigned month?

Yes, all eligible patients that you treat during your assigned month should be entered into the database.

13. Do I need to enter a patient's data on the same day as the patient is treated?

While it is preferred that you enter data as soon as possible after you treat the patient, you can compile the data over time and enter the data at your own convenience. Some of the information we request will be obtained at follow-up visits with your patient. The system is designed so that you can revise your data entry for each patient to reflect any information collected from a follow-up visit or communication.

14. I practice at multiple locations. Do I need to enter data from all eligible patients from each location?

No, you should enter data from all eligible patients from the location you consider your primary practice location.

15. Does it matter if I am only practicing part-time?

No, our study sample frame was designed so that we would get a representative sample of private practice OMS including part-time and full-time practitioners.

16. Will I have to collect information in addition to what is currently in my patient records?

We have developed the on-line data collection form based on information that is typically found in the patient records of an OMS. However, you should review the entire set of forms to make sure you are collecting the requested information. You will be asked to enter data relating to the patients health status, their pre and post level of anxiety related to receiving anesthesia, the procedure performed, anesthetics and other drugs administered including dosages, number and types of personnel involved in the procedure, and outcomes related to the anesthesia. If the procedure is a third molar extraction you will be asked to complete an additional form relating to the procedure outcomes.

We request that, as part of the study, you ask your patients to complete a brief anesthesia satisfaction form (see below). You will need to enter their responses into the on-line database along with the medical information requested. You should put the patient ID numbers on the survey so that survey responses can be linked to medical record data. You should try to give the survey to your patients on the day of surgery or at a follow-up visit. You can request that the patient complete the brief five question survey in your office (during recovery) or they can take it home and return it to you. If the patient fails to send the survey back to you, you should consider calling them and requesting that they complete the survey over the telephone.

AAOMS ANESTHESIA STUDY
PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Patient ID: _____

Your surgeon has enrolled in a national project to measure treatment outcomes and effectiveness of the anesthesia provided to you. Your cooperation in completing this confidential survey will help your doctor and others to continually improve procedure techniques. This survey is completely voluntary. Answering or not answering will not affect your care. If you choose to participate, your answers will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Your answers will be entered anonymously into a database and combined to create averages. Please answer all questions as best as you can and let your doctor know if there is anything you do not understand or feel that you cannot answer. Thank you.

1) Date Form Completed: __ __/__ __/__ __ __ __

2) Which of the following do you remember about your anesthetic experience? (Check all that apply)

- Pain during procedure (after anesthetic was given)
- Discharge instructions
- None of the above

3) If you received deep or general anesthesia, was put to sleep, or received other medications to relax them during the procedure, which of the following did you remember about your anesthetic experience?

- Being awake and **ABLE** to communicate during procedure
- Being awake but **UNABLE** to communicate during procedure
- I do not remember anything about the procedure
- N/A; Local anesthetic alone or minimum sedation used

4) How satisfied were you with your anesthetic experience (Choose one):

- Extremely satisfied
- Moderately satisfied
- Moderately dissatisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

5) Would you recommend the same kind of anesthetic to a loved one?

No Yes

6) How anxious would you be about having the same kind of anesthesia in the future?
(Choose one)

- Not anxious
- Somewhat anxious
- Moderately anxious
- Extremely anxious
- Panic stricken