

Orthotics for Knee InStability

Orthotics for Knee Instability (OKIS): Seeking healthcare professional experiences

OKIS is a research project about orthotics for knee instability in patients with neuromuscular disease or central nervous system (CNS) disorders. A survey of orthotists, physiotherapists and rehabilitation medicine clinicians is currently being undertaken to establish what types of devices are being fitted for these patients within the NHS and the resources required for this. The survey has been distributed to the members of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists Interested in Neurology (ACPIN), the British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists (BAPO), and the British Society for Rehabilitation Medicine (BSRM).

You are invited to complete this survey if you are a member of one of these professions and fit orthotic devices for, or are involved in the care of people with neuromuscular disease or CNS condition that have knee instabilities. **If you have not received an invitation to complete this survey and would like to, please contact *researcher contact details***

The study has been commissioned by the National Institute of Health Research and the findings will inform what further research is needed in this area. The University of York's Department of Health Science Research Governance Committee has granted ethics approval for the survey to proceed.

The survey will take 20-30 minutes to complete which is longer than we would like, but we know that many health professionals working in this area are as keen as we are to address this knowledge gap.

We hope you will participate and contribute to this under researched but important area. Your participation would be greatly appreciated as it is important that we have the views of as many health care professionals as possible.

For more information on our study and to keep informed on our progress, please visit our blog at: <http://kneearthotics.blogspot.co.uk/>