What is the ScotCap Project?

ScotCap is a two-part project being conducted by NHS Scotland involving input from the following academic and commercial partners. NHS Highland, Western Isles and Grampian, University of Aberdeen, University of Strathclyde, Digital Health and Care Institute, Corporate Health International and Medtronic.

Part 1 is a service evaluation of the new clinical colon capsule endoscopy service.

Part 2 will complete the service evaluation by gathering patient experiences from people who opt for the colon capsule procedure. It will also gather the views and reasons of those who decide not to.

This part of the project is being conducted by the University of Strathclyde. If you decide to participate in part 2 of the project you will be contacted by a researcher from the University of Strathclyde who will give you more information.
about what it involves and the data that will be collected and stored. If you decide not to participate in part 2 you will not be contacted by the University of Strathclyde.

You can choose to participate in either part of the project or both. Before you make a decision, it is important to read through this information about the project and what taking part would involve for you.

**Why have you been invited?**

You have been invited to participate in ScotCap because you are either on a waiting list for a traditional colonoscopy or you have previously had a colonoscopy and receive surveillance colonoscopies to monitor any change. A clinician, from your NHS Health service has also decided that it is appropriate to offer you colon capsule endoscopy as an alternative to colonoscopy. (CCE)

**Why has the colon capsule endoscopy service been developed?**

Colon capsule endoscopy has been developed as an alternative technique to colonoscopy for investigating the colon. We wish to study the use of CCE within NHS Scotland to see if patients could be offered the test as an alternative to colonoscopy.

**Why is the Project being done?**

It is important that the NHS establishes whether any new clinical service that it introduces is beneficial to patients, is sustainable and achieves the aims set out. Results from the
ScotCap project will help to form the evidence for continued development of the new service.

**What do you need to consider?**

Participating in either part of ScotCap is optional. If you decide not to take part, you will remain on the existing care pathway for colonoscopy patients and it won’t affect your standard of care.

You will be asked to sign a consent form if you wish to participate in either part of the ScotCap evaluation. This is because the decision to participate is made by you.

You can withdraw your consent at any time throughout ScotCap by contacting us by letter or telephone:

NHS Highland RD & I Department, Centre for Health Services, Old Perth Road, Inverness. 01463 255953

**What happens next?**

If you are interested in participating, you can express interest by contacting NHS Highland. You can do this by a few ways:

**By Telephone:**

Kerrie-Anne Urquhart – 0781 3341067

**By Email:**
You will also be contacted by a member of NHS Highland’s R, D&I staff to ask if you would like to take part.

If you would like to participate in Part 1 of the project your contact details will be passed on to the clinical team from Corporate Health International (CHI) who are delivering the colon capsule endoscopy procedure.

A member of staff from CHI will call you about the procedure and they will answer any questions that you have about the capsule colon endoscopy and procedure. They will also take consent from you for participation in Part 1 of the project if you wish to proceed.

There is detailed information about CCE in the procedure information sheet included with this pack. This also contains contact details for the CCE specialist nurse. It is important to read the information sheet to understand what the procedure involves and contact the CCE specialist nurse at CHI if you have any questions.

After you have received the CCE the results will be reviewed by a consultant surgeon or doctor from NHS Highland. Both you and your GP will be informed of the results and any further treatment or appointments required.

If you gave permission to be contacted by a University of Strathclyde researcher, they will contact you once Part 1 of
the project is complete. The reason for this contact is to ask if you want to participate in Part 2 of the project. This is the patient experience element of the service evaluation. The research staff will explain what this involves to you and how any data gathered from you will be collected and used.

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**What happens if I change mind?**

If you change your mind and wish to withdraw your consent, you can do so at any time by informing NHS Highland RD&I.

Data that was collected from you before the date you withdraw your consent will still be used but no further data will be collected or used.

**How will my personal data be protected?**

All data used in the ScotCap project results will be anonymised, so it will not be possible to identify who this data has come from.

Any member of the ScotCap project team who has access to your confidential information is bound by NHS Scotland confidentiality regulations and GDPR data protection legislation.

You can find more information on data protection and the way NHS Scotland handles and stores personal data here:

www.nhsinform.scot/data-protection

**How will the results of the ScotCap Project be used?**

The results will help to form the basis of future development of the capsule colon endoscopy service within NHS Scotland. Anonymised results from the ScotCap project will be published in scientific journals and presented at appropriate meetings. We will let you know the results of the project when it is finished unless you tell us that you do not wish to know.

**Further Information**

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet about the ScotCap project. We hope it has been useful in helping you to decide if you would like to take part.

The following contact details can be used if you have any questions or would like more information:

**For more information about the ScotCap project or to withdraw consent please contact:**

NHS Highland RD & I Department, Centre for Health Sciences, Inverness, 01463 255953
For more information on the Colon Capsule Endoscopy Service:

Colon Capsule Endoscopy Specialist Nurse - Lesley Patience - 07980956107

To let us know whether you would like to take part in ScotCap:

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Kerrie-Anne Urquhart – 0781 3341067

NHS Highland, Research, Development & Innovation Division.

By Email:

Kerrieann.urquhart@nhs.net, or alternatively Charlotte.barr@nhs.net

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