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## **PROTECT Airways Study**

### **Easy Read Participant Information Leaflet**



**A research study to find out if an alternative airway system is better than standard care for patients connected to a breathing machine**

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You have been given this information sheet because we want to invite you to take part in a

	<p>research study called PROTECT Airways.</p>
	<p>You do not have to take part if you do not want to.</p>
	<p>This information sheet gives you some information about the study. There are some additional sheets that explain things in more detail. Please ask if you have any questions.</p>



You are currently in hospital needing a breathing machine, known as invasive mechanical ventilation, as you cannot breathe on your own.



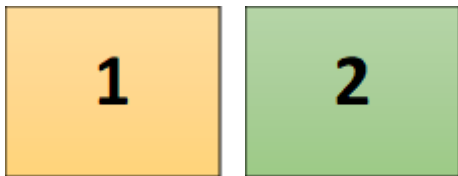
Invasive mechanical ventilation involves placing a tube into the windpipe which connects to a breathing machine know as a ventilator. This system 'takes over' breathing for the patient. This process has some unwanted effects like an infection called Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP).

## What are we doing?



We are conducting a study across UK hospitals to compare using an alternative airway system to connect the patient to the ventilator compared to the tube normally used as standard care. The study is looking to find out if the alternative airway system shortens the duration of intensive care unit care and is good value for money.

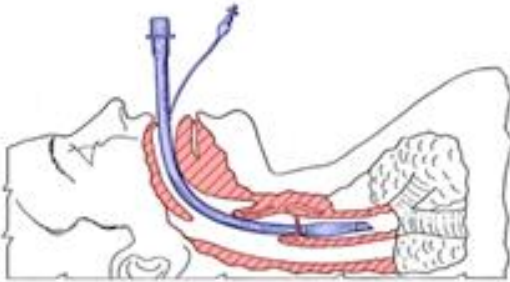
## What happens in the research study?



In the study, patients are put into one of two groups to decide if they will receive an alternative airway system



(shown in the picture) or the tube used as standard care. This is decided by chance by a computer. You and your doctors will not get to choose.





Everyone in the study will receive all other treatments that they need. The only difference is the type of tube used for mechanical ventilation.

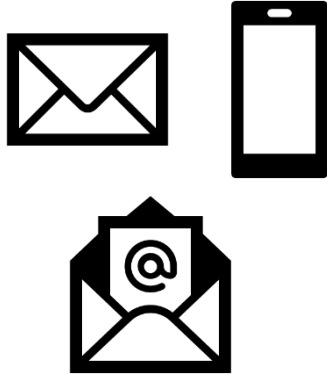
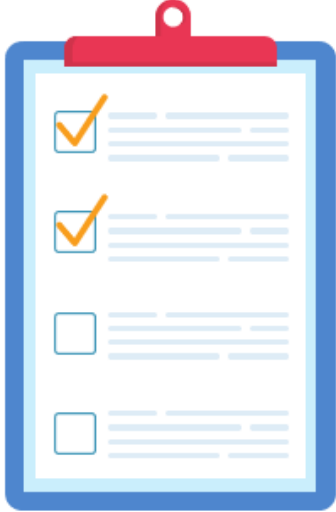
## Deciding to be in the study

Please ask the staff if you have any questions about the study. Please talk to your family or friends if you wish.

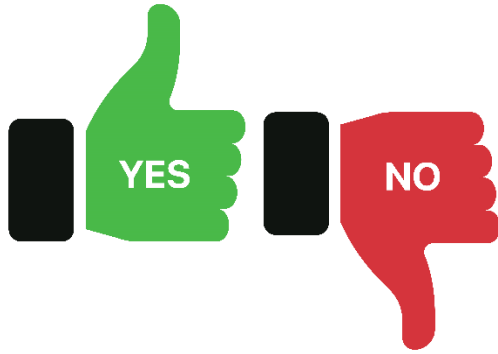
If you would like to take part, we will ask you to sign a consent form. We will give

	<p>you a copy of this information leaflet and the form to keep.</p> <p>If you decide not to be in the study, you will still receive the best care that the hospital can give.</p>
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<h2>Collecting information about you</h2>	
	<p>The research team will write down what happens and how well it works. This is so we can find out which tube works best.</p>
	<p>During the study, personal information about you will be recorded. This includes your name, address, email, phone number, date of birth,</p>

	<p>ethnicity, sex and information from your medical records.</p>
	<p>To see how well you are recovering, you will be sent questionnaires about your health at 2 months and 6 months from study entry. These will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. To thank you for your time, we will send you a gift voucher with each questionnaire.</p>

<h2 style="text-align: center;">What if I change my mind?</h2>	
	<p>You can change your mind at any time. You don't have to say why - just tell the</p>



healthcare team looking after you.

We will ask permission to collect further data about you if that's OK.

## How we look after your information



The University of Warwick is collecting all the information from the study. We will keep it safe and private.

When the study has finished, the university and the hospital that treated you will keep the information for 5 years then delete anything that links the information to you.

Only staff who are working on this study and who need to

see your information will be able to access your personal information.

## More information

This study has been reviewed and approved by Wales Research Ethics Committee 2.

You can find out more information by:

- Having a look at the more detailed information sheets, which tell you about the study and how your data will be used.
- Talk to the hospital staff. You can contact the hospital research team using {ADD CONTACT DETAILS}
- You may also wish to seek the advice of an independent contact who has knowledge of the study but is not directly involved with the study <<independent contact details>>

For information about how we (the University of Warwick) use/process your information, please see:

- [www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/) and [www.hra.nhs.uk/patientdataandresearch](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/patientdataandresearch)

- Our leaflet available from <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/legalandcomplianceservices/dataprotection/privacynotices/research/>

You can contact the PROTECT Airways study team at the University of Warwick by emailing [protectairways@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:protectairways@warwick.ac.uk)

An online version of the information is available on the study website [www.warwick.ac.uk/protectairways/public](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/protectairways/public) or accessed by scanning the QR code below



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