

**A joint statement from the NJR Implant Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Council of the British Elbow and Shoulder Society (BESS) on the definition of revision joint replacement.**

*The NJR have recently updated the MDS forms for primary and revision shoulder and elbow replacements. This was after input and collaboration with BESS Council and the BESS Arthroplasty Working Groups.*

*During that process it became clear that revision surgery means any further operation on a patients joint replacement to remove, change or reduce any of the components. It has been suggested by some stakeholders that some shoulder arthroplasty procedures should be considered a 'conversion' rather than a 'revision'.*

*The failure of a replaced shoulder or elbow joint is usually multifactorial and can be a complex interaction of patient, implant and surgical factors. Conversion implies that the implant construct is blameless in any failure mechanism and this can be misleading. Therefore in relation to shoulder and elbow replacement surgery, BESS and the NJR Implant Scrutiny Group will continue to consider a revision as any further operation to remove, change, add or reduce any of the components, and such procedures will be recorded thus on the new MDS forms.*

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