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POSITION STATEMENT

Dear Colleagues

You will be glad to read that UK & European surgeons are working with industry & the UK NJR in a positive & collegiate relationship to provide global quality improvement in implants used for Shoulder arthroplasty.

Since 2016 we have carried out rigorous testing to arrive at a process which has been able to provide ratings for reverse shoulder arthroplasty (as an entire construct) and glenoid implants as a separate entity.

By Winter 2018 we will be providing ratings for humeral prostheses as well as testing for fracture specific humeral components.

The rating system provides guidance on the number of years and the quality of the evidence provided by companies submitting. Please refer to <http://www.odep.org.uk/ODEPExplained> for a detailed guide to the rating system.

As shoulder implants have only been monitored in the UK NJR since 2012, combined with the explosion of new designs of shoulder implants available, there is a large variety of ratings at present. We expect the number of implants with the highest ratings to increase in the next 5 years.

It is imperative to understand that implants with different ratings at this stage, are expected and should be understood by surgeons, hospitals and commissioners alike. Please read the guidance letter on the following link: http://www.odep.org.uk/Portals/ratings_and_Procurement

At this evolutionary stage please see the ratings as evidence that industry is supplying information as and when it becomes available and is not an indication of inferiority.

IMPORTANT - At present, there are no specific guidelines or recommendations in terms of shoulders that only implants that have achieved a certain benchmark should be used routinely in clinic practice.

If you are keen, interested and wish to join us in this global benchmarking initiative, please contact Annette.jackson@supplychain.nhs.uk for further details.

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