



Three and twelve months after your surgery, you will be sent a text message and/or e-mail with a link to your follow-up survey.

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**HAKIR**  
HANDKIRURGISKT  
KVALITETSREGISTER



**INFORMATION BROCHURE**  
National Quality Register for Hand Surgery

### **What is a quality register?**

Quality registers are common in Swedish healthcare. The aim is to use individual-based monitoring of factors such as care efforts and treatment results to enable improvement work and research that will progressively improve the state of care provided to patients. HAKIR was established in 2008 by the Swedish Society for Surgery of the Hand. Today, it is a web-based national quality register covering the majority of the hand surgery performed in Sweden. HAKIR is connected to RC South (Registercentrum Syd).

### **About HAKIR**

Information is collected from your medical records by you and by the health-care professionals responsible for your care. Your personal data, diagnosis, type of surgery and postoperative complications are registered. Before and after surgery, you are also asked to fill in a survey regarding your symptoms, the function of your hand/arm and your experience of the outcome of surgery and the treatment you received. After some operations, there is extended follow-up of hand function and mobility and this sometimes includes an X-ray exam. Such follow-up can often be handled in conjunction with visits that are already part of your treatment plan.

### **Confidentiality and security**

All personal data is subject to the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (SFS 2009:400) and is handled the same way as medical records. There are specific requirements related to how data collected in the quality register may be handled and disclosed. This means, among other things, that data you enter yourself is encrypted and that only authorised personnel, registrars and Registercentrum Syd have direct access to the register. These must also log in using personal e-identification cards. The data may only be used to develop and ensure the quality of care, compile statistics and conduct healthcare-related research and is thus only used by or disclosed to those using the data for any of these three purposes. All reporting is done with anonymised data. The county council archive of the Stockholm County Council has advised that, in accordance with chap. 7 § 10 of the Patient Data Act, personal data in HAKIR may be retained for two years, after which the register can submit a request for extension, if necessary.

Registration in the quality register is voluntary and you can have your data deleted from the register or cancel an ongoing registration at any time (Patient Data Act, SFS 2008:355).

You have the right to obtain information on what access has been made to your personal data, receive damages if your data has not been handled in compliance with the Patient Data Act or Personal Data Act, and request correction of any erroneous information. Once per year at no cost to you, you have the right to obtain a register excerpt indicating what personal data has been registered about you. Such a request must be made in writing and signed by you. All necessary contact details can be found on the back of the brochure.

### **Why is HAKIR so important?**

We are eager to give you the best possible care and therefore want to know your opinion of your treatment. We would like to be able to compare different surgical methods to progressively improve the results and minimize postoperative complications. We also want to be able to provide accurate information before surgery about what results can be expected after a particular procedure and any associated risk of complications.

Please visit our website to learn more about how we use HAKIR. Your responses will help us provide an even better quality of care to future patients.

### **The General Data Protection Regulation**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union. It also addresses the export of personal data outside the EU. The GDPR aims primarily to give control to citizens and residents over their personal data and to simplify the regulatory environment for international business by unifying the regulation within the EU. It becomes enforceable on 25 May 2018. For more information please visit

<https://www.datainspektionen.se/in-english/>