

Patient Feedback on the PriMUS Study

Patients views on Study Information

Patient comments about the study information (both written materials and verbal explanation from healthcare professionals) were very positive: patients felt that it was easy to understand and that they had been fully prepared for the study. Some specifically mentioned that they had valued the lack of pressure to take part, together with checks by healthcare staff that they were still happy to be involved at every stage.

Study Assessments

The majority of patients reported no issues in completing the bladder diary, and said that it was clear what they had to do.

Patients reported that the flowtaker was easy to use

Urodynamics

Patients reported experiencing mild discomfort when having the urodynamic test, but said that the procedure was 'fine'. The majority felt well-prepared and said that the test was explained fully, reporting that it was no better or worse than they had expected. Two felt it was better than they had expected, and none reported any problems. Patients reported that the nurses who conducted the test were very professional, put them at ease and explained what was happening throughout the procedure.

Study Procedures

No patients reported problems travelling to appointments.

Conclusion

Overall patients reported that they were happy with their involvement in the study, and felt that it was explained well. They valued being able to have a comprehensive check-up with minimal waiting time and were pleased that other patients may benefit from their involvement in the future.

I find performing urodynamic has been a massive learning curve, which started in October with a trip to Newcastle to complete the course, at that point I had no experience of urodynamic and I didn't feel I would ever be competent in the procedure" - Aneurin Bevan Nurses

"I feel exceptionally lucky to be delivering this intervention in the context of research as we are able to really take our time. This is particularly beneficial when it comes to explaining the procedure to patients and many have commented that they are grateful for the detailed information before we conduct the procedure." - Bristol Nurses

"The more procedures we do the more our confidence grows

Never a dull moment in the world of Urodynamic and the Primus study, each new clinic brings a new challenge" - Aneurin Bevan Nurses

"After the procedure we ensure the participant is happy with how everything went and provide post-procedure advice. The majority of participants leave saying that the test 'wasn't nearly as bad as they had imagined' and thank us for talking through each of the stages and putting them at ease." - Cardiff and Vale Nurses

"The urodynamic equipment is portable, and I load my car and transport to the local hubs. Unloading it, setting it up and calibrating it can take about an hour and so I arrive early. I take the opportunity to meet staff working at the hub already and explain the purpose of the Primus Study" - Cwm Taf Nurses