Invitation to participate in European Surgical Outcomes Study (EuSOS)

Dear Colleague,

You may by now be aware of a large epidemiological study of non-cardiac surgery which will take place during the first week of April 2011 – the European Surgical Outcomes Study. EuSOS is jointly funded by the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine and the European Society of Anaesthesiology. The aim of the study is to provide robust data describing peri-operative care and clinical outcomes following non-cardiac surgery. By helping us to understand how differences in treatment relate to better outcomes, we hope to make significant progress towards improving survival for this often neglected patient group.

EuSOS has already recruited over 150 hospitals in 28 countries but we still need more hospitals to ensure our findings are accurate. We cannot provide any financial resources but the contribution of every investigator will be publicly acknowledged. In addition each hospital will receive a benchmarking report comparing their results to other hospitals in their nation and those across Europe. The study involves collection of a simple dataset on adult patients who undergo non-cardiac surgery during the week of 4\textsuperscript{th} to 11\textsuperscript{th} April 2011.

I hope you will be able to join the EuSOS study group and contribute to this important project. For more information including the study protocol please visit our website \url{http://eusos.esicm.org} where you can also register to take part. We can then put you in touch with your national co-ordinator.

Many thanks

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