

Scottish Audit of Intracranial Vascular Malformations (SAIVMs)

This department is participating in the nationwide audit of adults with vascular malformations of the brain, called 'SAIVMs'. The audit may include you if you have been diagnosed with one of the following vascular malformations of the brain: arteriovenous malformation, cavernous malformation, dural arteriovenous fistula, or carotid-cavernous fistula.



Why is the information collected, and what is it used for?

The purpose of SAIVMs is to monitor the quality of care, treatment, and outcomes for adults with vascular malformations of the brain, in order to improve the care

and services we provide. SAIVMs does this by collecting relevant information from medical records and brain imaging.

SAIVMs is part of NHS Scotland's National Audit Programme, and has been approved by a variety of organisations: The Chief Medical Officer of NHS Scotland, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland, Scottish Association of Neurological Sciences, Stroke Association, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, AVM Support UK, and Angioma Alliance UK.

How is the information processed?

The audit is run by a team in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences in Edinburgh, and is overseen by a Steering Committee of consultants, who are representative of the relevant specialties at the four Scottish Neuroscience centres in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

The information is being gathered and processed by the SAIVMs team, on behalf of NHS National Services Scotland. Information about adults included in this audit is held securely in an electronic database. All names, addresses and other identifying information are removed before the data are analysed.



Who else can see my information?

Any identifiable information about you is processed by the National Coordinating Office, which includes medical staff, as well as administrative and computing staff with NHS contracts and a duty of confidentiality. No information will be published that identifies any individual.



Where can I get more information?

If you would like more information about this audit, please refer to the SAIVMs leaflets

which accompany this poster. If you would like more information about your condition, SAIVMs, or the data that may be held about you, please speak to:

- Your consultant
- The audit team (details below)

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