



RAFT3: Drug Allergy Label in the Elective Surgical population

DALES is the 2018 RAFT national project and has NIHR portfolio status. Trainee research networks (TRNs) across the UK are participating. Data collection takes place on 3 locally agreed days between 21st May and 27th July 2018.

'Drug allergy label' is any patient-reported reaction or the information documented on patient wristbands. The prevalence is unknown in the UK elective surgical population, the accuracy of information is uncertain and the consequences can be harmful.

DALES comprises:

- **The patient study**
A consenting patient survey completed online via secure link to REDCap / Anaesthesia.Audit. The prevalence and nature of drug allergy label is explored. Patients are consented and information is gathered on the morning of elective surgery. All patients are consented, i.e. not only those with allergy labels.
- **The anaesthetist study**
Anaesthetist attitudes and practice regarding allergy label and peri-operative prescribing is determined via a paper-based survey. No link is made to the care of individual patients.
- **Follow-up**
There is no extended follow up period. Targeted follow up will be carried out on same day post-operatively for those with beta-lactam and opioid allergy labels.

We anticipate up to 12,000 consented patients and 5,000 surveyed anaesthetists from over 150 sites with up to 2,000 patients followed up.

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