

**General Practitioners' Letter**

Date:

Dear Doctor,

**Re:**

*Patient Name*

*Address*

*DOB*

*NHS*

**Frailty in Chronic Limb Threatening Ischaemia (FrailTI): A multicentre prospective observational study to investigate the prevalence and short-term impact of frailty in chronic limb threatening ischaemia (CLTI)**

I am writing to inform you that your patient has agreed to participate in the above clinical study at the Freeman Hospital.

This prospective project forms part of a wider research theme investigating frailty, sarcopenia and anaemia on outcomes following vascular and endovascular surgery. It aims to assess the prevalence and short-term impact of frailty on patients admitted with chronic limb threatening ischaemia (CLTI), in order to expand on our understanding of the scale of the problem as well as any clinical consequence for CLTI revascularisation.

This a purely observational study capturing grip strength, clinical metrics and quality of life assessments. If the patients undergoes a CT scan as part of routine care, muscle mass measurements will be recorded in these instances. It is anticipated that FrailTI data will be used in the development of large-scale prospective research aimed at benefiting the care of UK and worldwide vascular patients with CLTI.

We do not anticipate that your patient's participation in this study will alter the long-term management of their medical problems from your current practice. If you have any queries or require further information, please contact the Northern Vascular Centre's research office on 0191 24 48457.

**In the event of an emergency please call:**

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm Northern Vascular Centre's research office at the Freeman Hospital on 0191 24 48457

Out of hours 0191 21 37008

Yours Sincerely,

The FrailTI investigators

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