Waiting for infected hip revision surgery; exploring patient and families’ experience of waiting (PREWs)

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As a tertiary center for complex orthopedic surgery, evaluating current practice is vital to enhance pathways of care. A vital element of this is to understand service users’ perspectives and experiences, yet little research to date has explored experiences of waiting in this cohort.

Objectives

To understand patients’ and families’ experiences of waiting for hip revision surgery and their perceptions of its impact on their quality of life.

Methods

A mixed method study collected data via a survey and individual interviews from people with an infected prosthetic joint who were or who had experienced waiting for surgery between 01.05.2018 and 30.04.2019. This poster reports the survey data.

Results

54 participants invited to participate.
• Results divided into 2 sub-groups, pre op patients (n=3) and post op patients (n=19).
22 questionnaires returned
• Respondents evenly split male / female
• 78% aged 60 or over.
• A spread of comorbidities.
• Patients had a median waiting time 80 days (range 5 - 441).

Conclusion

Despite satisfaction with support and information being rated highly, this small study demonstrates the significant impact that waiting for surgery has on patients and their families. Further understanding of this impact and how it can be mitigated is expected from the qualitative findings.

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