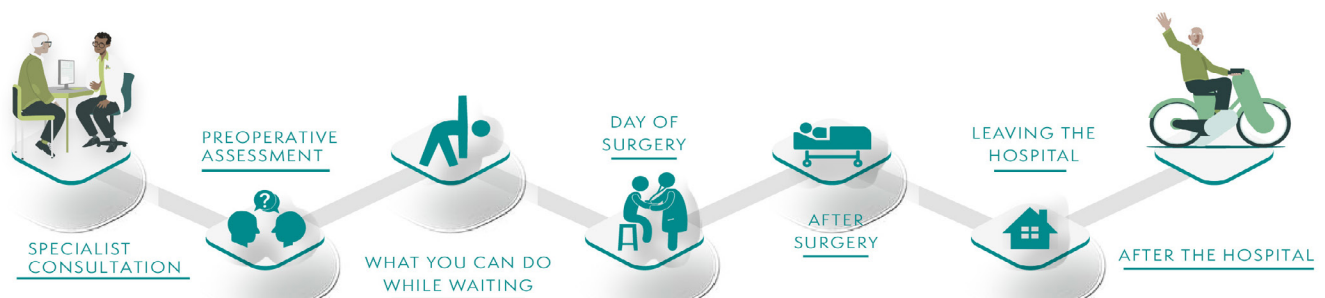


The patient voice needs to be at the centre of surgical care Join the CPOC Board as Patient Representative and help us transform the patient journey

What is CPOC?

The Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC) is a cross-specialty initiative made up of [ten Royal Colleges/health organisations](#) and a [multispecialty stakeholder group](#) dedicated to the promotion, advancement and development of perioperative care. CPOC is hosted by the [Royal College of Anaesthetists](#).

Perioperative care means the whole patient journey starting at the GP surgery when you are thinking about treatment options, to the time you return home after your surgery.



Our Vision

CPOC's vision is to improve the health of people of all ages, at all stages of their surgical journey, by promoting the highest standards of perioperative care.

Improving perioperative care will make a difference to a lot of things important to patients. These include : supporting patients to get fitter before surgery, better pain management (getting mobile quicker), recovery times (getting you out of hospital faster), reducing any anxiety felt and putting the patient at the centre of all decisions about treatment.

To learn more information more about CPOC and what type of projects the centre leads, please view our [guidelines page](#) and [current workstreams page](#).

The role

We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to represent the patient voice on the CPOC Board alongside our current patient representative.

CPOC is committed to ensuring the patient voice is at the centre of everything the organisation does, therefore we are seeking a second representative to strengthen the patient voice.

This is an unpaid, voluntary role although reasonable expenses will be paid. Much of our work is now done remotely but some travel may be required to meetings in London.

About you

We welcome people from all backgrounds and areas of the UK.

A patient representative will be someone who is familiar with the wider healthcare landscape and can demonstrate collaborative engagement with colleagues or stakeholders at board level. You should be keen to help advance the cause of perioperative care in the UK.

You are interested in and have the following skills;

- An interest in the NHS and delivery of high standards of healthcare
- An interest in understanding the practice of perioperative medicine and the role of the College
- The objectivity to consider health issues from an unbiased patient's perspective
- The flexibility to arrive at shared judgments on a variety of issues and to support the majority decision
- The confidence to work with a wide range of clinical colleagues
- The ability to communicate your ideas to a wide range of stakeholders in a variety of ways e.g meetings, presentations, events

Experience of board work would be an advantage but is not essential to apply for this role. Having an interest in sharing your patient perspective on a range of challenging healthcare issues is most important.

Many CPOC meetings take place virtually to give our Board members flexibility around their working commitments, an ability to use standard windows software including Microsoft Teams, word and email therefore is essential alongside personal access to the internet. This will ensure you are able to undertake the requirements of the role and get involved in everything CPOC has to offer.

The patient representative will ideally be able to join the Board in April 2023 with participation in quarterly board meetings- two virtual and two in person at the RCoA in London- and ad hoc discrete projects as appropriate.

How to apply

In order to apply, please submit a short personal statement (maximum 450 words) explaining why appointment to the CPOC Board is of interest to you and what you specifically would bring to the role, together with your CV (no more than three pages) to CPOC@rcoa.ac.uk by **31 January 2023**.

Please ensure that you include the contact details of two referees, who we will not approach until the final stages and not without your prior permission.

For more information or to arrange an informal discussion please contact Sharon Drake, RCoA Director of Clinical Quality & Research.

Deadline: 31 January 2023

Interviews: TBC

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