

## A study of Kirschner wire fixation of hand fractures

Dear Colleague

We invite you to join the WIRE Service Evaluation. This is an international study of Kirschner wire fixation of metacarpal and phalangeal fractures.

Kirschner wires are the most common technique for surgical management of metacarpal and phalangeal fractures. There remains uncertainty around whether they should be buried or left exposed following fixation.

The WIRE service evaluation will document the current use of K wires, patient pathways and outcomes. It will help inform the development of a protocol for a future randomised controlled trial.

For more information, and to register, please go to the WIRE page on the RSTN website (<a href="mailto:rstn.uk">rstn.uk</a>) or email the WIRE team at <a href="mailto:wiretrial@gmail.com">wiretrial@gmail.com</a>.

Kind regards

The WIRE SE Steering Group