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The National Foot and Ankle Registry (NFAR), is a clinical registry designed by foot and ankle surgeons to support research and education, including clinical benchmarking, to improve patient outcomes. NFAR data offers a comprehensive and unparalleled nationwide view specific to foot and ankle surgery.

Participant Benefits

- Monitor your patient outcomes such as complications or length of stay with your personalized dashboard.
- Benchmark against overall registry data.
- Integrate data collection into your existing workflows using data export from your EHR and import into NFAR.
- Create custom visualizations with report builder.
- Identify techniques and care approaches that enhance patient outcomes and improve team performance.
- Optimize operations, decrease readmissions and improve reimbursements through data-driven decisions.
- Capture standardized electronic patient-reported outcome data (ePROs) reported directly by patients before and after treatment.
- Contribute to the future advancement of the profession by contributing data that can be used for research specific to foot and ankle surgery.

Data Collected

NFAR uses modules to streamline data entry and collect information on variables necessary for addressing concerns of foot and ankle surgeons. Current modules included:

- Ankle Arthritis
- Ankle Fracture
- Hammer Toe
- Hallux Valgus
- Diabetic Foot Infection (coming soon)

Participation

Only United States participating sites, participating physicians, and cases are eligible. To use NFAR, physician participants must be a member of ACFAS in good standing in one of the following membership categories:

1. **Fellow Member** - Board Certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS)
2. **Associate Member** - Board Qualified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS). Not currently enrolled in a surgical fellowship program.
3. **Post Graduate Fellow Member** - ABFAS Board Qualified.

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Sites

NFAR sites are defined as an entity, such as a large group practice, private practice, community hospital, academic medical centers, etc., using one medical record system, with cases entered for surgeons within the entity.

- **Participating Site** - Entity (Hospital, Practice, etc.). All entity locations with the same EHR configuration. If different locations use different EHR configurations, a site is required for each group of locations with EHR configuration.
- **Participating Physician** - A physician (NPI) whose cases are submitted into NFAR.
- **Participant Data** - Data submitted to NFAR by the participant.

Fees

We are pleased to inform you that there is no fee required for eligible participants to join the NFAR registry. Participation is completely free of charge.

Security

- NFAR is a HIPAA compliant, secure and confidential national database of foot and ankle surgery procedures. Data available from NFAR is a Limited Data Set, as defined under the HIPAA Privacy Rule.
- The NFAR platform vendor participates in SSAE 18, SOC1, Type 2 or SOC2, and Type 2 audits of the data center where NFAR is hosted.

Registration

Thank you for your interest in the ACFAS National Foot and Ankle Registry (NFAR).

To participate in NFAR, please complete the [online application form](#). Please ensure all requested fields are completed to avoid delays in processing and approval. You will be contacted by a member of our staff within two business days.

WCG Institutional Review Board has determined that NFAR meets the requirements for a waiver of consent. However, if your local IRB requires you submit for further review, please contact us to obtain the necessary documents that are required for your submission.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at Registry@acfas.org.