

Comment on 'Continuing need for and provision of a service for non-standard implant removal'

We enjoyed reading the article by Pillai *et al.*¹ on the subject of non-standard implant removals. The comments made in response by Bacon and Mahfoud² regarding implants found in the 'wrong' arm led us to consider an audit we are currently undertaking.

We are considering the quality of a Nexplanon[®] service in a Stockport, Greater Manchester general practice by evaluating a number of procedural objectives, including whether the site of implant is recorded in a patient's notes. We were surprised to conclude that of the 26 procedures looked at, 10 did not state in which arm the implant was located. We believe a common reason for this is that a general practitioner may simply record 'reinserted in original insertion site' without ensuring left or right was ever recorded.

In light of the workload already managed by non-standard removal services, we believe small steps to ensure the basics are recorded could serve to reduce unnecessary referrals and improve the patient experience.

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