

Appendix 3: Characteristics of patients treated in the pre-randomisation study phase by surgeons who were later randomised

| Characteristic | Total (n=732) | Control group (n=332) | Intervention group (n=400) |
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| Age, mean (SD) | 65.9 (11.4) | 66.3 (10.8) | 65.5 (11.8) |
| Men, n (%) | 382 (52) | 169 (51) | 213 (53) |
| Health status, n (%) | | | |
| Excellent | 84 (12) | 27 (8) | 57 (15) |
| V. Good | 249 (35) | 120 (37) | 129 (33) |
| Good | 281 (39) | 136 (42) | 145 (37) |
| Fair | 88 (12) | 34 (11) | 54 (14) |
| Poor | 11 (2) | 5 (2) | 6 (2) |
| Duration of symptoms, n (%) | | | |
| <1 year | 135 (18) | 58 (18%) | 77 (19%) |
| 1-5 years | 479 (66) | 229 (69%) | 250 (63%) |
| 6-10 years | 68 (9) | 26 (8%) | 42 (10%) |
| >10 years | 49 (7) | 19 (6%) | 30 (7%) |
| OHS pre-op, mean (SD) | 19.3 (9) | 19.5 (8.8) | 19.1 (9.2) |
| OHS post-op, mean (SD) | 40.8 (7.4) | 40.8 (7.2) | 40.8 (7.5) |
| HOOS pre-op, mean (SD) | 17.1 (8.5) | 17.4 (8.4) | 16.8 (8.6) |
| HOOS post-op, mean (SD) | 35.9 (7.8) | 35.8 (7.8) | 36.1 (7.8) |