

FIGURE: SUMMARY OF PATIENT PROGRESS IN THE STUDY

| Stages in the study | Actions required by: | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Surgeon | Study Nurse |
| Patient deemed eligible | Eligibility determined by surgeon | |
| Patient sent information | | Study nurse and Trial office liaise information to patient |
| Patient agrees to take part, completes initial questionnaire | | Nurse consents patient, collects information |
| Randomisation | | Nurse phones Trial Office |
| Operation and postoperative hospital stay | Minimal operative details collected by surgeon. | Postoperative information collected by nurse |
| Follow-up at 3 months | | |
| Follow-up at 1 year | | |
| Follow-up annually | | |