

## Information about The Norwegian Registry of Persons Assessed for Cognitive Symptoms (NorCog) and KVALAP

### **WHAT KIND OF DATA IS COLLECTED ABOUT YOU?**

The purpose of NorCog and KVALAP is to improve the quality of diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders and cognitive symptoms in the elderly in specialized health services in Norway. NorCog and KVALAP collect data on, among other things, the development of cognitive symptoms, results from cognitive tests, social conditions, physical health, and your experience of well-being (sensitive personal data). To be able to monitor the progression of your illness and ensure the quality of the information recorded in NorCog, NorCog may retrieve and record relevant health information and relevant examination results from your patient record or other hospital systems.

### **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE COLLECTED INFORMATION?**

The information recorded about you will only be used for quality improvement and research.

You have the right to access the information registered about you and how your personal data is processed.

You have the right to have the information corrected or deleted. Data that has already been included in analyses or used in scientific publications cannot be deleted. Data from NorCog and KVALAP can be combined with data from other health registries. Read more about this on our website. It will not be possible to identify you in the results of published research projects. Research projects using data from the registries will be approved by the Regional Ethical Committee (REK) or the Data Protection Officer (PVO).

### **RESERVATION**

Registration in NorCog and KVALAP is opt-out based. This means that you can opt out of having your information collected in the registries at any time, without providing any reason. It will not affect your treatment if you choose to opt out of registration in NorCog and KVALAP. You can opt out by:

- Contacting the registry management (see contact information below)
- Asking your healthcare provider for help to opt out

The registry management is then responsible for ensuring that your information is deleted from the registries.

### **WHAT ARE NorCog and KVALAP?**

NorCog and KVALAP are medical quality registries for individuals being evaluated for cognitive symptoms and mental disorders in the elderly in specialist healthcare services in Norway. The main purpose of medical quality registries is to contribute to better quality of patient treatment and reduce unjustified variation in healthcare services across the country. Oslo University Hospital HF (OUS) owns the registries. The National Center for Aging and Health is responsible for daily operations. The registries have a legal basis in the regulation on medical quality registries § 3-2 (right to opt out). The quality registries have a legal basis for processing under the General Data Protection Regulation article 6(1)(e) and article 9(2)(j).

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more detailed information, go to the websites:

NorCog: [NorCog - Nasjonalt senter for aldring og helse](#)

KVALAP: <http://www.aldringoghelse.no/forskning/kvalap/>

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