

NASS Spine Registry



Benefits/Uses

For Providers

Any spine care provider can use the NASS Spine Registry	Any physician or allied health care provider who treats the spine can use the registry. It is not necessary to be a NASS member. There are no restrictions on provider type, specialty, or medical/surgical orientation.
Broad tracking of patient treatments	Tracks patient diagnosis and treatment (both medical and surgical) across the spectrum of patient care and does not focus on a single procedure or treatment type.
Affordable	Affordable for all practice types and sizes—from the largest health systems to solo practitioners.
Confidential, de-identified data	Data is de-identified at the point of entry. Only you see your site's personal health information (PHI). PHI never reaches NASS or the platform vendor. NASS sees the de-identified, aggregate data pool.
No need to purchase software	Web-based—You just need access to the internet.
No dedicated coordinator required	Does not require a dedicated coordinator. If you choose to collect data where you would like to have a coordinator, that's up to you. However, a coordinator is not required or necessary to participate in the registry.
Own your own data	You own your data; NASS owns the de-identified aggregate data.
Confidential feedback on your care and outcomes with benchmarking against peers	Pull real-time reports at your convenience to see your results with benchmarking against other registry participants (aggregate, de-identified data)
Central IRB	A central IRB exemption determination eliminates the need for IRB approval (unless your local institution requires it)
Minimized burden	Designed to keep administrative burden at a minimum through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -use of the central IRB -patient assistance through in-office and remote data entry -optimized measure set -ability to allow staff to assist in data entry
Provide patients with information about their care and provide patient education	After entering their data, patients have access to their up-to-date ODI score and a link to the NASS patient education website, KnowYourBack.org. Use ODI scores to discuss progress with patients
Enhance your reputation as a leader and concerned practitioner in spine	
Contribute to evidence-development for spine care	

Quality improvement	Use personal and comparison data to review care Inspire quality improvement projects driven by registry data Identify variations in care Identify high and low risk patients to help predict outcomes
Leverage your data to demonstrate the value of your care in a value-conscious system	Share results with payers, accreditors and others to demonstrate the quality of your care and negotiate incentives
Promote your participation in the registry	Demonstrate your commitment to quality of care and market your practice
Use registry participation/data to support maintenance of certification, accreditation or licensing	
Identify knowledge gaps	Use data to pinpoint knowledge gaps and select appropriate education opportunities
Expand your network by connecting with other registry participants	

For NASS

Evaluate comparative effectiveness of various treatments
Monitor for safety issues
Longitudinal analysis of care
Quality improvement projects and identification of best practices
Help to close the gaps in the medical evidence for spine
Measure development
Investigate ability to act as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry for the Medicare Quality Payment Program
Use of the de-identified, aggregate data pool for possible future research (data access services or NASS use for specific questions).
Policy or reimbursement advocacy

