



Laparoscopic Versus Abdominal hysterectomy (LAVA) trial

Dear Dr

Date:

Patient's Name:	DOB:
Address:	
Hospital/NHS No:	

I wish to inform you that your patient (named above) has agreed to take part in the LAVA trial investigating the complications experienced by women who have undergone a hysterectomy by either an abdominal (open) or laparoscopic (keyhole) route.

The LAVA trial is sponsored by the University of Birmingham and co-ordinated by Birmingham Clinical Trials Unit (BCTU).

After review, a gynaecologist at the above hospital has agreed that your patient is suitable to have their hysterectomy by either an open or keyhole route, and your patient has agreed to be randomised to one of these surgical pathways.

Your patient has been provided with a Research Ethics Committee approved Patient Information Sheet for the trial (copy enclosed) which sets out what participation in the trial will involve, alongside the risks and benefits of taking part.

You can find out more information on LAVA from the trial website (www.trials.bham.ac.uk/lava). If you have any specific queries about your patient's participant in LAVA please do not hesitate to contact the LAVA study office or your patient's research team on the contact details below.

Yours sincerely

Signed: Role:

Print name:

Your patient's research team:

Specialist:		Contact Number:	
Research Nurse:		Contact Number:	