

Population sample aged 35 and above, N=28 080



Screening Questionnaire 1993-95
N = 26 046



Responded
N = 22 978 (88%)



Hip and/or knee pain,
N=6 416 (28%)

Knee pain
n = 4 799 (21%)

Hip pain
n = 3 169 (14%)



Invited to examination at baseline,
N=4 304



Examined at baseline, N=2 703

Deceased, n=439
Emigrated, n=1
Advised by GP no contact, n=29
Not willing to participate in further examinations, n=30



Contacted 2002/2003, N=2 204

Deceased, n=58
Not willing or ill health, n=437
Emigrated, n=2
Non-respondents, n=348



Respondents follow-up, N= 1359



Completed pain questionnaires,
N=1323

No current pain in hip or knee, n=139



Completed health care utilization
questionnaires, N=1119
Current study population