356 patients with OA of the hip were invited to participate		
		 106 refused to participate
250 patients v responded at	with OA of the hip baseline	
		1 selected a hospital outside the area 3 were not scheduled for surgery
246 had hip s hospitals	urgery in study	
203 patients after surgery	responded 1 year	<ul> <li>43 patients were excluded:</li> <li>2 died after surgery</li> <li>2 had another dominating illness</li> <li>2 had major complication after</li> <li>surgery</li> <li>4 had new joint replacement surgery</li> <li>33 dropped out without any reason</li> </ul>