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%)

Invited to examination at baseline,
N=4 304

Examined at baseline, N=2 703

Contacted 2002/2003, N=2 204

Respondents follow-up, N= 1359

Completed pain questionnaires,
N=1323

Completed health care utilization
questionnaires, N=1119

**Current study population**

Knee pain
n = 4 799 (21%)

Hip pain
n = 3 169 (14%)

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

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

No current pain in hip or knee, n=139