

**Telephone informed consent for participants in the study:**  
**Hepatitis E in Israel - A nation-wide retrospective study**

Hello, May I speak with \_\_\_\_\_?

If not convenient now, when can I speak with him/her?

Greetings to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant)

My name is Ortal Erez-Granat. I'm calling you on the behalf of The Center for Geographic Medicine and Tropical Diseases (tropical clinic) in Sheba medical center.

We are conducting an epidemiological study on the morbidity of hepatitis E in Israel.

We received your name and telephone number from the laboratory of the Liver Unit at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Following the letter sent to you a few days ago by mail, I'm asking your consent to answer a telephone questionnaire lasting no more than 5 minutes. In addition, I'm asking your permission to use clinical data from your medical records-anonymously.

All information is confidential and will be used only for research purposes. Your participation is voluntary and you may refuse to answer specific questions or stop the interview at any time.

I received informed consent from \_\_\_\_\_, ID number: \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the study.

Name of interviewer: Ortal Erez-Granat

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_