

## **Informed Consent Statement**

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Title: **Device-Associated Infection Rates, Bacterial Resistance, Length of Stay, and Mortality in Intensive Care Units of Ecuador: International Nosocomial Infection Control Consortium (INICC) Findings**

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**Informed consent statement:** *All involved persons (subjects or legally authorized representative) gave their informed consent prior to study inclusion.*

### **Waiver of Documentation of Informed Consent**

#### **Ethical Procedures:**

- **This is an epidemiological observational study which did not interfere with standard medical practices; the patient received standard medical care as prescribed and administered by his or her physician throughout all phases of the study.**
- **This study did not involve any additional risks beyond the usual medical interventions performed in the participating intensive care unit within the hospitals.**

- This study does not involve any Investigational product.
- This study obeys the ethical precepts recommended by the World Medical Meeting. (Helsinki, 1964; Tokyo, 1975; Venice, 1983)

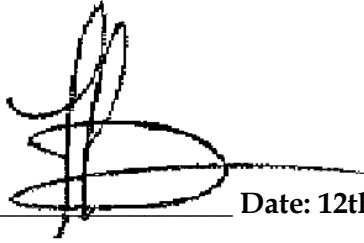
**Patient confidentiality:**

- The Principal and Secondary Investigators provided anonymous patient data only, and ensured that information was accessible only to those persons authorized to have access and that private patient information and any individual identification information was kept confidential according to Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.
- This study did not disclose the patient's confidentiality or privacy; only data normally collected in managing the patient's daily care was be used in the study, which did not affect his/her normal daily care.
- The Principal and Secondary Investigators ensure the rights and freedoms of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data, and in particular their right to privacy.

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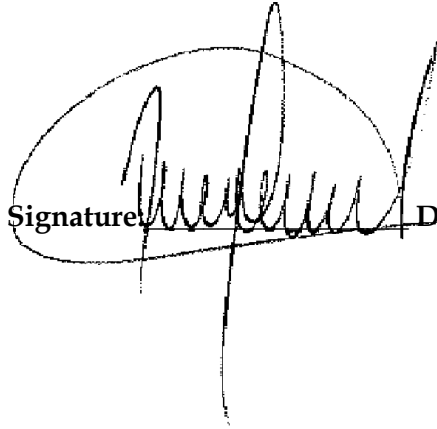
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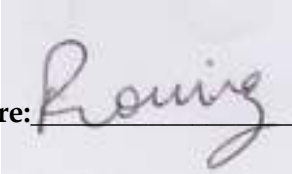
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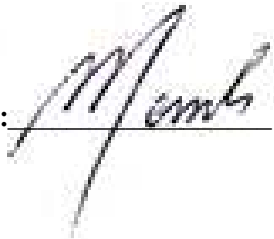
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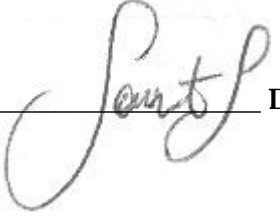
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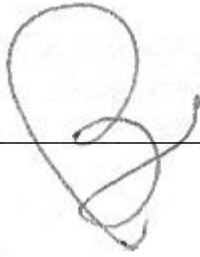
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