

Informed consent statement

This is a retrospective study using routinely collected data, results did not have any impact on participants. Patients were not required to give informed consent for the study because the analysis used anonymous clinical data that were obtained after each patient agreed to treatment by written consent. The study protocol was approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Informed consent was waived by the IRB due to the retrospective nature of the analysis using information contained in medical charts and records, which were anonymized. Patients can read the information regarding this study has been posted on the website of the Aso iizuka hospital at (http://aih-net.com/shared/oshirase/rinri_201604-008.html).

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