

## **Informed Consent Statement**

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**Journal:** World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology

**Manuscript Type:** Retrospective Study

**Title:** Increasing Thirty-Day Readmission Rates of Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis: A United States Nationwide Analysis from 2010 to 2018.

The data for this study was collected from the National Readmission Database (NRD). As the NRD database lacks patient-specific and hospital specific identifiers, this study did not require informed consent. The NRD database available at: <https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov>.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asim Kichloo". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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