

Consent Form

This survey aims to identify potential risk factors related to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection among our staff.

In the last few months, many healthcare workers (HCW) have been infected with SARS-CoV-2. Working in close proximity to patients in the hospital setting increase the risk of cross-infection among HCWs.

However, the appropriate use of personal protective equipment and other infection control precautions can considerably reduce this risk. The study will be conducted in NMC Specialty Hospital, Dubai and NMC Royal Hospital, DIP, Dubai under the Principal investigator (PI), Dr Prashant Nasa (Head, ICU and PCI, NMC Specialty Hospital, Al Nahda), co-investigators Dr Surjya Upadhyay, Dr Payal Modi.

The purpose of the study is to understand the clinical and exposure characteristics of healthcare workers (HCWs) who were tested positive for RT-PCR and to use this data for future planning in reducing the risk of exposure. We plan to include all HCWs tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR from the inception of the pandemic until 30 August 2021.

Participation in the study is completely voluntary, and there is no benefit (compensation) or risk for you in this study. The information collected through this survey will be treated anonymously and with complete confidentiality. The survey data will be used exclusively for the study and will not share or used for any other purpose.

There are four sections of the survey, 1. Basic demographics 2. The course of illness (during COVID-19) and COVID-19 transmission 4. Perception related to COVID-19 The survey will take approximately 7-10 minutes to complete. In case of any concerns or complaints regarding this survey, please contact Dr Prashant Nasa (042122255 or prashant.nasa@nmc.ae)

By inserting your E-mail address, you give consent to participate in this study!