## **Institutional Review Board Approval Form**

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To Whomsoever It May Concern,

The National Inpatient Sample (NIS) lacks specific patient and hospital identifiers. Hence, our analysis did not require Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval as per guidelines put forth by our institutional IRB for the analysis of national databases.

Please feel free to reach out to me at with any questions.

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