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Informed consent statement

Dear Editor,

This is a retrospective study restricted to data collection of deidentified information. Informed consent was not required by our IRB for this type of study. In fact, due to its retrospective nature, obtaining informed consent from subjects whose data were used for this study is not only impractical, but also impossible.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at alex.rotta@uhhospitals.org or (216) 844-3310.

Sincerely,



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