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Informed Consent Statement: Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study because the analysis used anonymous data, that was obtained after each patient had agreed to the hospital evaluation and treatment via written consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danial H Shaikh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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