

Exemption From Informed Consent Statement

This study is a retrospective study involving a majority of patients who have been lost to follow-up and whose informed consent could not be obtained. The risks of this study are no greater than minimal. The results of the study will be published as statistically analyzed data and will not contain any identifiable patient information. Exemption from informed consent will not adversely affect the rights or welfare of the study participants. For the above reasons, approval has been obtained from the Ethics Committee to waive informed consent for patients in this study.

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