


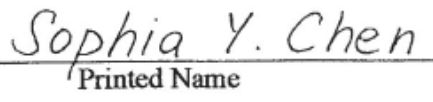
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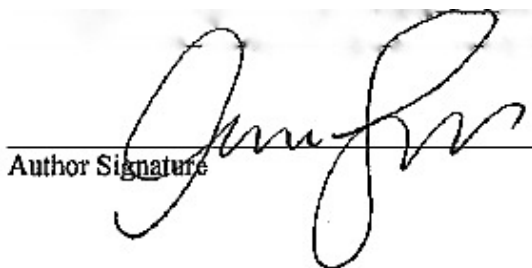
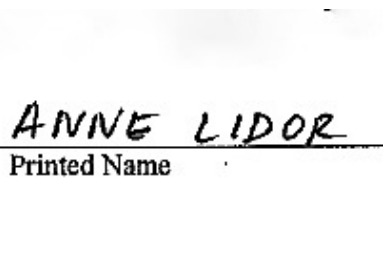
Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study because the analysis used the 2005-2013 ACS-NSQIP database, a nationally-validated, risk-adjusted, and outcomes-based program that collects anonymous clinical data on patients undergoing surgery from over 650 participating hospitals of varying size and academic affiliation.

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