Informed consent statement

All study participants, or their legal guardian, provided informed written consent prior to study enrollment

Ashok Kumar Tripathi

Signature:  **Date:** 09/07/2016

ANNEXURE-I$_A$

University College of Medical Sciences & Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital Delhi

Informed Consent Form for Patients

Title of study: "To study the role of genetic polymorphisms and epigenetic modifications of renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system on the renoprotective efficacy of angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor in patients with diabetic nephropathy"

Name of student: Ms. Neerja Aggarwal

Name of Institute: University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS) & Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital (GTBH), Delhi

1. We are doing a study for my thesis, "To study the role of genetic polymorphisms and epigenetic modifications of renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system on the renoprotective efficacy of angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor in patients with diabetic nephropathy". We are going to give you information and invite you to be part of this study.
2. Diabetic nephropathy (DN) or diabetes mellitus with chronic kidney disease is the major micro-vascular complication of diabetes mellitus (DM) which may result in kidney failure.
3. We will select patients with Type 2 diabetes with kidney disease who are not on ACEI therapy.
4. In this study after your enrollment, you will be requested to visit the hospital at a regular interval of 3 months or earlier if required, for two years.
5. You will not be paid any money for your participation in the study.
6. The information that we collect from this study will be kept confidential. Information about you that will be collected during the research will be put away and no-one but the researchers will be able to see it. Any information about you will have a number on it instead of your name. Only the researchers will know what your number is and we will lock that information up with a lock and key.

7. The data collected during the study shall be pooled in the total data collected from the other patients and the results and observations shall be published in a scientific journal for enhancement of knowledge which will facilitate better treatment of patients with diabetes mellitus.
8. You do not have to take part in this study if you do not wish to do so and refusing to participate will not affect your treatment at this clinic in any way. You will still have all the benefits that you would otherwise have at this hospital. You may stop participating in the study at any time that you wish without losing any of your rights as a patient here. Your treatment at this hospital will not be affected in any way.
9. If you have any questions you may ask them now or later, even after the study has started. If you wish to ask questions later, you may contact any of the following:

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