

Waiver of Informed consent statement

Project Title: Clinical Characteristics of Lean Non Alcoholic Fatty liver disease in a cross sectional study from western region of Saudi Arabia.

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Study site:

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IRB Approval:

2019-11-115,

By Research Centre, International Medical Centre, Jeddah,

On November 20 2019.

Director: Professor Ezzeldin M Ibrahim.MD

Dear Professor Ezzeldin,

I hereby, attest that the study conducted above is according to the regulations of the research Centre at International Medical Centre, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and adhere to the study protocol submitted upon evaluation to Institutional review Board .My intention of request to waive informed consent based on the following considerations:

There is no more than minimal risk to subjects as the review of subjects' medical records is for limited information. The information is not sensitive in nature, and the data are derived from clinically indicated investigations which are Fibroscan, Body mass index Measurements and the blood investigations values.



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- There is an extremely low probability of harm to subjects' status, employment, or insurability. The precaution taken to limit the record review to specify data and double coding of the data further minimize the major risk, which is breach of confidentiality.
- This waiver will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects, in which tests performed which are Fibroscan, Body mass index measurements and the blood investigations values were already completed, regardless of the research. None of the results of the research would affect the clinical decisions about the individual's care. Subjects are not deprived of clinical care to which they would normally be entitled.

Sincerely

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