

Informed consent was obtained verbally over the phone from the husband as the patient passed away.

All medical procedures and every operative interventional procedure requires written sign informed consent both as good ethical and legal mandated practice. This patient was similarly consented, verification of such consent occurs prior to initiation of any surgical or interventional procedure. That document is part of private electronic medical records and cannot be released to a journal. Furthermore, one of our co-authors has served as an editor in chief of three indexed journals and edited over 18,000 manuscripts and has never requested this of authors. Neither has this been requested of them (as publishing authors) from journals ranging from NEJM, Circulation, JACC, Human Gene Therapy, Hepatology, JVIR, Radiology, etc, in 30 years of publishing their research. We would respectfully ask that the paper advance in absence of this unusual request.