

Informed consent statement

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Informed consent statement: This study complied with the standards of the Declaration of Helsinki and the current ethical guidelines, and was approved by the Jikei University School of Medicine Institutional Review Board. Written, informed consent for participation in this study was not obtained from the patients, because this study did not report on a clinical trial and the data were retrospective in nature and analyzed anonymously.

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