

# **Egyptian Patients’/guardians’ experiences and perception about clinical informed consent and its purpose**

Participants in this study should be adult patients or parents of ill children and adolescents who had undergone medical or surgical procedures requiring a specific written informed consent over the previous three months or were scheduled to undergo one within the following three months, who are able to understand study objectives and tool, and agree to participate.

## **Section I:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ National ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Job: \_\_\_\_\_ Social status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of family members: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly household income: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the monthly income sufficient for family needs?  
Type of procedure: Elective / Emergency  
Location of procedure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of procedure: \_\_\_\_\_  
Was an informed consent given before the procedure? Yes No  
If Yes: The information received was: Enough Little No information  
Type of informed consent: Written Verbal

## **Section II:**

Each of the following ten sentences describes a potential aim of informed written consent prior to medical interventions. Please rank the sentences from 1 to 10 to describe the extent to which they reflect the current situation in specialized hospitals. The sentence that is most representative of the current situation in the hospital where the procedure was performed should be given number "1". The sentence that least reflects the current situation should be given number "10". Each number should be used only once. These sentences are arranged randomly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Legal protection of the hospital and its staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prevent the patient from claiming compensation in case any of the complications listed in the consent happens.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Help the patient make an informed decision regarding his or her health.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Document the decision made by the patient.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pointless, routine paperwork.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helps the patient and his doctor reach a shared decision.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inform the patient about what will happen or may happen during and after the procedure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Find out what the patient prefers and appreciates.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that the patient is aware of and fully understands what will happen or may happen during and after the procedure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gesture of courtesy or good treatment.

**Section III:**

Each of the following 10 sentences describes a potential aim of informed written consent prior to medical interventions. Please rank the sentences from 1 to 10 according to what you think should take place in hospitals. The sentence that reflects the most what should be taking place in hospitals should be given number "1". The sentence that reflects the least what should be taking place in hospitals should be given number "10". The numbers 1 to 10 should be used only once. These sentences are arranged randomly.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that the patient is aware of and fully understand what will happen or may happen during and after the procedure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gesture of courtesy or good treatment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pointless, routine paperwork.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help the patient make an informed decision regarding his or her health.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Document the decision made by the patient.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inform the patient about what will happen or may happen during and after the procedure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Find out what the patient prefers and appreciates.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legal protection of the hospital and its staff.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prevent the patient from claiming compensation in case any of the complications listed in the consent takes place.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helps the patient and his doctor reach a shared decision.

**Thank You for your participation**

