

## ABSTRACT

**Back ground:** Informed consent is aimed at each playing a vital role. A doctor encouraging doctor patient relationship with gives relevant information and the patient taking the autonomous decision, this helps to build confidence by patients in the health workers. Thus both parties negative share the burden that would have led to legal implication. To minimize the implication awareness programs among patients about their rights should be encouraged

**Objective:** The aim of this study was to assess the awareness, attitude and perception of surgical patient towards the informed consent at Case Hospital Kampala.

**Method:** A descriptive cross-sectional study design was employed to assess awareness, attitude and perception of surgical patient towards the informed consent at case hospital.

A total of 100 surgical patients were included in the study using purposive sampling methods. Interviewer-administered semi-structured questionnaires were used to collect data. Data was later analyzed using SPSS.V.20

**Results:** From the assessment done 35 of the majority respondent were between the age of 36—45. majority respondents were women at 56%, majority respondent were married at 61%, 41% of the majority respondents had attained university education level. 61% of respondents were Christian. 55% of the majority respondents ever had of an informed consent, 27% of the majority respondent said informed consent helps patient decide treatment option, 69% of the majority respondent were aware doctor had an obligation to first seek permission so as to agree to a surgical procedure, 35% of the majority respondent were aware of their rights to change their minds after signing the informed consent, 87% of the majority respondent said that they should be given opportunity to decide on matters concerning their treatment

**Conclusion:** The study revealed that a significant number of respondents have ever had of informed consent and knew its function and many practiced it. The respondents perception and attitude were good hence providing adequate awareness on the importance of informed consent process will improve patient care