

Informed Consent Form

Title:

Health-seeking behaviour of patients and use of antifungals in the treatment of dermatophytosis in Bangladesh.

This consent form aims to provide enough information which can be helpful to take decision whether you wish to join the study or not.

Aim/procedure:

This study will be conducted to evaluate the health-seeking behavior and the pattern of using antifungal medicines among patients with superficial fungal disease/tinea. This study will be carried out in the Department of Dermatology and Venereology at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (Bangladesh Medical University). If you agree to participate in the study, our team member will ask you some questions regarding your illness, perform some necessary physical examinations, and collect a skin scraping sample/scales for laboratory examination.

Potential risks of the study:

There will be no short- or long-term risk from the study except slight discomfort or mild pain during the collection of the sample.

Benefit of joining the study:

By joining the study, you may directly benefit by having required treatment and pathological tests without cost. The information acquired in this study may be used for the welfare of you and other patients suffering from the same illness in future.

Cost and compensation:

You will not incur any cost for joining the study, and you will not be provided any financial compensation.

Confidentiality:

All collected information and your identity will be remain confidential strictly during and after the study.

Voluntary participation:

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can refuse to join the study or can withdraw from the study at any time without showing any cause. Whatever your decision is, it will not affect the quality of your treatment. Signing this form will not affect any of your legal rights.

Questions and contact information

Please ask freely if you have any questions regarding the study. We will try our best to answer your questions.

For any additional queries in future, you can contact:
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Statement of consent:

I am expressing my satisfaction after the discussion with the researcher (who has examined and given me treatment) about the study. I have understood that the research is voluntary and I can withdraw at any time without any obligation or penalty. I have read/have been read the consent form in front of me, and I am providing my consent to participate in the study voluntarily.

Name, Signature & Date		
Participant	Investigator	Witness