

## Participant Consent Form

### Beyond the Prescription: Exploring the Gap in Patient Knowledge of Medication Guidance in Southwestern Uganda

**Introduction:** You are invited to participate in a research study that aims to assess how well patients understand the medication-related information provided by health workers. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may choose to withdraw at any time without affecting your healthcare services.

**Purpose of the Study:** The purpose of this study is to evaluate patients' knowledge of prescribed medication information, identify factors influencing this knowledge, and assess its relationship with treatment adherence.

**Procedures:** If you agree to participate, you will be asked to respond to a structured questionnaire. The questions will focus on your knowledge of the medications prescribed to you, how well you remember the instructions given by the health workers, and your adherence to treatment. The process will take approximately 5-10 minutes.

**Potential Risks and Benefits:** There are no direct risks associated with your participation in this study. However, if you feel uncomfortable answering any question, you are free to skip it or withdraw from the study. While there may be no immediate personal benefits, your participation will help improve medication counselling practices, ultimately benefiting future patients.

**Confidentiality:** All the information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. Your responses will be recorded anonymously, and no identifying information will be included in the final study report. Data will be securely stored and accessed only by the research team.

**Voluntary Participation:** Your participation is entirely voluntary. You are free to refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without any consequences on your treatment at the hospital.

#### Questions and Contact Information:

If you have any questions about this study, you may contact our supervisor at +256766647777.

#### Participant Consent:

I have read and understood the information provided in this consent form. I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

**Participant's** \_\_\_\_\_ **code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Questionnaire

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#### Section A: Socio-Demographic Information

1. **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Gender:**  Male  Female
3. **Education Level:**  No formal education  Primary  Secondary  Tertiary
4. **Occupation:**  Unemployed  Self-employed  Salaried employee  Student  Other:
5. **Marital Status:**  Single  Married  Divorced  widowed
6. **Chronic Illness Diagnosis?**  Yes  No  
If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section B: Prescription Information and Recall

7. **Number of prescribed medications** \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Did the healthcare provider explain how to take your medication?**  Yes  No
9. **Do you remember the name of the prescribed medication?**  Yes  No
10. **Do you recall the purpose of the medication?**  Yes  No
11. **Do you remember the dosage instructions for your medication?**  Yes  No
12. **Do you recall the duration of taking the medication?**  Yes  No
13. **Do you remember any special instructions?**  Yes  No
14. **Does the patient know any side effects of the medication?**  Yes  No
15. **Can you recall the frequency at which you are supposed to take the medication?**   
Yes  No
16. **Does the patient know how to store medicines?**  Yes  No

#### Section C: Factors Influencing Knowledge

17. **How was the medication information provided?** (Select all that apply)  
 Verbally  Written prescription  Leaflet/Pamphlet  Demonstration
18. **Satisfaction with the healthcare provider's explanation:**  
 Very satisfied  Satisfied  Neutral  Dissatisfied  Very dissatisfied
19. **Did the healthcare provider use a language was easy you to understand?**  Yes  No
20. **Did you feel rushed during the consultation?**  Yes  No
21. **Were you allowed to ask questions?**  Yes  No
22. **Patient dispensing time** .....