



International observational study To Understand the impact and **BEst practices of airway management in critically ill patients (INTUBE study)**

Dear Sir or Madam,

You/your relative are invited to participate to a research study called “INTUBE study”. Before deciding whether or not to take part in this study, we would ask you to carefully read the following information which explains the study objective and the implications of your possible participation.

Study description

INTUBE Study is an international study (different other centres worldwide are participating) aiming at collecting information on adverse events and current practice of endotracheal intubation. This intervention is routinely performed in critically ill patients in order to provide respiratory support (invasive mechanical ventilation) and/or to protect airways from aspiration of gastric contents or other secretions when the patient has a reduced level of consciousness. Since the study purpose is to collect data on what is routinely done in clinical practice, no additional or different interventions will be performed.

What are implications of your/your relative participation?

Whether you decide to participate or not will not affect the medical care you/your relative are going to receive. If you decide not to take part in this study, it will not alter your/your relative’s treatment. The treating doctors will not modify their decisions, neither during your hospital stay nor after your discharge, because you have participated or not.

Withdrawal from the study

Even though you have agreed to participate you may leave the study whenever you wish and, moreover, without having to offer any kind of explanation. You will not have to justify your decision.

Privacy and use of clinical information

In order to carry out the study it will be necessary to consult and make use of some of the information that appears in your medical record. Your acceptance will authorize us to consult and process the information in the following manner:

- Information will be stored in a computerized database for all participants

- All information will be stored anonymized.
- All clinical information that is obtained for the study will be identified by a number. No data concerning personal identification will be stored in the database.

Results of the research study

The results obtained in the present study will be published in an international major medical journal. In the article, all participating centre will be listed.

Any further request of information concerning the study should be addressed to:

Hospital researcher:

_____ Telephone: _____