

**AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEMORRHOID
DISEASE AND THE USE OF SMARTPHONES IN THE LAVATORY**

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INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Dear Study Participant,

This study was planned by the Department of General Surgery at Gaziosmanpaşa Hospital (Istanbul Yeni Yüzyıl University) to investigate the effects of smartphone use on the epidemiology of hemorrhoidal diseases. Participation in the study is entirely on a voluntary basis. The questions in the questionnaire distributed within the scope of this study have neither correct nor incorrect answers. Your honest and sincere answers are important for obtaining valid and reliable results.

No information that could be used to reveal your identity is required in this study. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential and will only be evaluated within the scope of the study; only information obtained in the study will be used in scientific publications. You are not obligated to answer questions if you feel uncomfortable due to the nature of the questions or for any other reason. At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you have any questions concerning this study. For more information regarding this study, please contact Op. Dr. Elbrus Zarbaliyev (elbrus.zarbaliyev@gophastanesi.com.tr). Thank you in advance for your interest and assistance.

My participation in this study is voluntary and I understand that I can opt out of the study at any time. I hereby grant approval for the information I provide to be used in scientific publications.

Name

Researcher's Name

Date