

**OUTCOMES-FOCUSED COMPARISON OF LAPAROSCOPIC AND OPEN
APPENDECTOMY IN NIGERIA: A MULTICENTER COHORT STUDY****SUBJECT INFORMATION SHEET**

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General things to know about the study: We are not very sure how much money our patients spend on the different kinds of operation that we perform. This makes it difficult for us to advice our government and policy makers on investment and spending for healthcare.

Purpose of the study: This study will help us to know the amount spent by our patients on two types of operation so we can help the planning for healthcare financing

Procedures: At different stages of your operation, our staff will ask you the amount you have spent on buying materials and paying for services. Please be truthful as they will write this down without writing your name.

Benefits: Our findings will be communicated to surgeons, hospitals, government and policy makers, not only in Nigeria but across the world. This will influence the policies on surgical operations in Nigeria and other countries

Costs of participation: Apart from your time to answer us, we will not require anything else from you.

Risks: Your participation in this study will be at no risk

Compensation: If at all we need you to come back to the hospital to answer any question, we will provide transportation fee and refreshment for you on the day

Confidentiality: The records we will keep will and share with other surgeons and researchers will not contain your name or any form of identity

Respondents' rights: If you decide not to participate in this study, no part of your treatment or operation will be affected negatively.

Conflict of interest: We have no conflicts of interest

For the records: We count on you for truthful and accurate account of your spendings