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Content	<p>Background: Patients' autonomy and participation in treatment decision making are among the ethical issues that have been encouraged over time. Patients' involvement has a significant impact on their satisfaction and compliance with treatment. Many patients in sub-Saharan Africa, Uganda, in particular, are not involved in decision making yet WHO recommends that all patients should be involved in decision making regarding their care. The objectives were; To estimate the proportion of patients given information about their conditions and to estimate the number of patients making decisions about their treatment. Method: A cross-sectional study was carried out among the outpatients at Kisenyi Health Center IV in Kampala Uganda. Randomly selected participants filled interviewer-administered questionnaires following the signing of written informed consent. This was after their consultation with the doctor. Data was entered using epicollect5 software and analyzed using STATA. Results: 326 participants at the OPD were involved in the study. 73.93% were female while 26.07% male. 93.25% of the participants didn't know the name of their doctors. 91.41% of the patients received at least some information about their condition and the majority, 58.28% of the patients never made any decision about their treatment. Decision making was not found to be associated with social-demographic characteristics. However, patients who received information were 5.12 times more likely to participate in decision making about their treatment. Conclusion: The level of patient involvement in decision making was very low at Kisenyi Health Center IV and should be improved to increase patients' satisfaction and compliance.</p>