The Chief Medical Superintendent
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Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH STUDY

I am currently an M Cur (Health Management Sciences) student at the University of South Africa, presently engaged in a research project entitled “Professional nurses’ perception of the implementation of the quality circles programme in a public hospital in the Eastern Cape Province”, under the supervision of Professor TR Mavundla and Dr JH Roos both of the Department of Health studies at the above-mentioned university.

The main purpose of this study is to explore and describe professional nurses' perception of the implementation of a quality circles program in a nursing division of a public hospital in the Eastern Cape Province, and to develop and describe guidelines to facilitate the implementation of quality circles program in public hospitals.

To complete this study I need to conduct interviews of approximately 45 to 60 minutes duration with nurses that were involved during the implementation of this project. These interviews will be audio-taped for verification of findings by an independent expert in qualitative research.

The direct benefit of this study to the hospital is that a summary of the research findings will be made available to the hospital. The long-term benefits are that the research findings will be used to formulate guidelines to facilitate the implementation of quality circles programme in the entire hospital.
I trust this request will receive your favourable consideration.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours sincerely

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