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Dear Sir/Madam

**REQUEST: PERMISSION FOR A STUDY IN THE MATERNITY WARD**

I am a master's degree student in health studies at the University of South Africa. It is required of me to conduct a research study as partial requirement for obtaining the MA (Cur) degree. It is for this reason that I request your permission to undertake a research study in the maternity ward. The title is "Factors contributing to adolescent mother' non-utilisation of contraceptives in the Piet Retief area".

The aim is to identify the reasons which causes non-utilisation of contraceptive services amongst adolescents in the Piet Retief area. Participants are adolescent mothers aged 11 to 19 years old. Ethical principles will be adhered to at all times. Anonymity and confidentiality will be ensured. Informed consent forms will be signed by all respondents and will be kept separate from questionnaires.

Yours truly

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