

**PERCEPTION OF HIV/AIDS BY CLIENTS ATTENDING A COMMUNITY  
CLINIC IN MUTALE AREA IN LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

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## ABSTRACT

The study sought to analyse the perception of HIV/AIDS by clients attending a community clinic in Mutale area in Limpopo province by interviewing them as they are attending the clinic. The study sought to determine ideas, beliefs or images clients have as a result of how they see or understand HIV/AIDS.

The major inferences drawn from this study are that clients still need information on the rights of HIV/AIDS client and the immune system. Feedback from the study is indicative of culture and beliefs playing a major role in diseases epidemic.

### **Key words:**

Clients, culture and beliefs, community clinic, HIV/AIDS, ideas, images, information, immune system, Mutale area, perception.

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