

CONSENT LETTER FOR PARTICIPANTS
University of South Africa
Faculty of Human and Social Sciences
Department of Health Studies

Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH STUDY

I am an MA (Public Health) student at the University of South Africa, presently engaged in a research project entitled "THE EXPERIENCE OF INDIGENOUS CIRCUMCISION BY NEWLY INITIATED XHOSA MEN IN EAST LONDON IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE", under the supervision of Professor TR Mavundla of the Department of Health Studies.

The objective of this study is to explore and describe the experience of newly initiated Xhosa men undergoing circumcision rites in East London in the Eastern Cape Province and to formulate and describe guidelines for public health professionals to support newly initiated Xhosa men undergoing circumcision rites at East London in the Eastern Cape Province.

In order to complete this study I need to conduct interviews of approximately 45 to 60 minutes' duration, which will be audiotaped for verification of findings by an independent expert in qualitative research. In this study I undertake to safeguard your identity by omitting the use of names and places. Confidentiality will be assured by erasure of taped material on completion of transcriptions of these tapes. Only an independent expert on qualitative research and I will share the transcribed material. You are giving informed consent to these proceedings and reserve the right to withdraw from the study at any stage. It is understood that you are under no obligation to participate in this study.

The direct benefit to you for participating in this study is that you will have the opportunity to verbalise your experiences of undergoing circumcision rites in East London in the Eastern Cape Province.

A summary of the research findings will be made available to you on request. Should you wish to contact the researcher, you may do so at the following address:

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Thank you

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