

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STUDIES

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The Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH STUDY

I am currently an MA student majoring in Public Health at the University of South Africa. I am engaged in a research project entitled "The experience of African women diagnosed with both HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer", under the supervision of Professor TR Mavundla of the Department of Health Studies at the University.

The main purpose of this study is to explore and describe African women's experience of both the diagnoses of HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer, and to develop guidelines for the support of these women during their presence in hospital and in the community.

To complete this study, I need to conduct interviews of approximately 45 to 60 minutes duration with the women who are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer. These interviews will be audio-taped for verification of findings. Only the researcher and an independent expert in qualitative research who will assist with the analysis of data will share the tape-recorded interviews.

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 for the management and support of women suffering from HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer in the entire hospital.

I hope this request will receive your favourable consideration.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly

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