

College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Department of Health Studies

CONSENT LETTER FOR PARTICIPANTS

Dear Research Participant

**REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY**

I am currently enrolled for MA studies 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", at the University. The objective of this study is to explore and describe African women's experience diagnosed with both HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer, and to develop guidelines for the management and support of these women in a public hospital and in the community.

To complete this study, I need to conduct interviews of approximately 45 to 60 minutes duration, which will be audio-taped for verification of findings by an independent expert who is a qualitative research expert. In this study, I undertake to safeguard your anonymity by omitting the use of names and places. Confidentiality will be assured by erasure of the taped material on completion of transcription of the tapes. Only an independent expert on qualitative research and I will share the transcribed tape material. You are giving informed consent to these proceedings. It is understood that you are under no obligation to participate in this study. You are free to terminate your participation even when the interview has begun.

The direct benefit to you of participating in this study is that you will have the opportunity to verbalize your experiences of living with HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer to the researcher. Another benefit is that your experiences will be used to develop guidelines for your support during hospital visits or in the community.

A summary of the research findings will be made available to you on request. Should you wish to contact the researcher for any enquiries, feel free to do so at the following postal address:

**Mr E Maboko**  
1694 A Tshiawelo  
PO Tshiawelo  
SOWETO  
1818  
Cell: 082 22 55 194  
Tel: 011-720-1175 or 1176 (work)  
E-mail: [manumaboko@yahoo.com](mailto:manumaboko@yahoo.com)

Thank you.

.....  
**Signature of participant**

.....  
**Date**

.....  
Mr E Maboko, **B-Tech (Radiation Therapy)**

.....  
**Date**

.....  
Professor TRMavundla, **Phd, RN**  
**Supervisor**

