APPENDIX C

CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPANTS

You have been invited to take part in a research study to learn more about the Perceived Benefits and Burden encountered by relatives caring for persons on haemodialysis in South Africa. This study has been approved by the University of Witswatersrand Faculty of Health Sciences Ethics Committee and Fresenius Medical Care.

This research study will be conducted by Shingai Kuture, as part of her Masters degree in Nursing. Her faculty supervisors are Dr Gayle Langley a lecturer in the department of nursing and Hilary Thurling co-supervisor in the department of Nursing at the Faculty of Health Sciences School of Nursing.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire consisting of a demographic section which will require you to fill your age and years of care and the actual questionnaire. results from this study will be used to highlight on areas in caring for family caregivers, providing emphasis and bringing recognition into the identified gaps in education of family caregiver’s of patients on haemodialysis on what to expect and how to cope with caring for a relative on haemodialysis.

Confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained by keeping your identities a secret, offering you respect and protection to all participants through assurance of confidentiality of information shared and anonymity by not revealing the identity of the individuals and institutions involved. Anonymity will be provided through the use of a questionnaire which will have no positive identification, an envelope will be provided which can be sealed after answering the questionnaire for your privacy. Any questions you may have will be clarified during the questionnaire documentation or you contact me on the number or email provided below.

You are free to decline from the study without incurring any penalty. Your participation will be greatly appreciated for the completion of my Master’s Degree in Nursing.

Agreement to participate

The researcher has explained this study to me and answered my questions. My signature indicates that I have read and understood all of the above.

YES ........

NO ........

PARTICIPANTS SIGNATURE .................

RESEARCH SUPERVISOR .................