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A description of the clinical profile and case management of paediatric patients admitted with measles to the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital

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RESEARCH PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM

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SECTION A

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Research Topic	**A description of the clinical profile and case management of paediatric patients admitted with measles to Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital**
Date Received by the PPR Directorate	11 March 2011
Date Received Reviewer	11 March 2011
Final Review Date	15 March 2011
Date Submitted to PPR Director	15 March 2011
Research Site(s)	Charlotte Maxeke Academic Hospital
Type of research	Quantitative, Descriptive Study
Supervisor	Dr. S Varugheese and Prof. H Saloojee

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SECTION B: PROPOSAL REVIEW

	YES	NO	Comments
1. Is this research project within the scope of the Department of Health key policy priorities/directives?	√		
2. Content of Research:			
• Original work	√		
• Patients New facts, ideas	√		
• Confirmation of uncertain data	√		
• Repetition of known data and consequently of limited importance		√	
• Insufficient research information	√		
• Confusion of topics/questions		√	
3. Is the title of the research project suitable?	√		Yes
4. Are the objectives of the research project adequate?	√		**Secondary objective:** To describe the patient profile namely patient demographics, predisposing factors, clinical presentation, management and outcomes of children admitted with measles. **Secondary objective:** To describe the public health aspects of case management of patients, including notification and contact tracing.
5. Could the objectives be limited to better focus on the project's main objective?		√	

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	YES	NO	Comments
6. Writing style			
• The text of the proposal is clear	√		Written well, meets academic standards for a master's degree qualification.
• The nomenclature used is correct	√		
• The references used are relevant, comprehensive and accurate (corrected)		√	
• The spelling and grammar are correct	√		
• The language needs improvement		√	
• The research proposal needs restyling and rewriting		√	
7. Are the research methods appropriate to the study	√		**Yes**
8. Does the study have ethical approval? If yes, name the ethics committee	√		**Yes** University of Witwatersrand (Human Research Ethics Committee) on 25/02/2011. Ethics Approval Number: **M110224**
9. Is data collection method in line with study design?	√		Yes
10. Is time frame of the proposal adequate to meet the objectives?	√		Yes
11. Is it stated in the proposal the method of dissemination of the results of the research project?		√	
12. Is the possible conflict of interests clarified?	√		
13. Are financial implications and financial support transparent?	√		There is no financial implication for GDHSD

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SECTION C - SUMMARY OF THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

A registrar and masters in medicine student, TM Pamacheche who will be supervised by Dr. S Varugheese and Prof. H Saloojee of the Paediatric and Child Health Department submited a proposal for aproval. The study is entitled "**A description of the clinical profile and case management of paediatric patients admitted with measles to Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital**", it is a quantitative, descriptive study. The study's objectives are:

Main Objective:

- To describe the patient profile namely patient demographics, predisposing factors, clinical presentation, management and outcomes of children admitted with measles.

Secondary objective:

- To describe the public health aspects of case management of patients, including notification and contact tracing.

The study will include review of case records and measles case investigation forms of paediatric patients admitted with suspected measles between June 2009 and May 2010. The sample size will be a 100.

Ethics approval for the study was obtained from the University of Witwatersrand (Human Research Ethics Committee). The researcher will observe all the Helsinki Declaration principles in conducting this study and will adhere to all terms stated in the accompanying letter of agreement between researcher and GDHSD. Furthermore, before commencing with recruitment of participants and data collection at the identified site, permission will be requested from the CEO's of the selected hospital. Lastly, the researchers and supervisor shall ensure that at all time during the project, data collection does not interfere with service delivery.

The study has no financial implication for the department.

The study is recommended for approval.

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SECTION D – RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL

Reviewed and recommended or not recommended for approval by:

Siviwe Mkoka

Deputy Director: Policy, Planning and Research

Date: 15/03/2011

Approved by:

Sue le Roux

Director, Policy, Planning and Research

Date: 16/03/2011

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