

APPENDIX 3

Dear Oral Hygienist

My name is Urvashnee Govender an oral hygienist employed at the University of the Witwatersrand. I am currently working on my research for a Master's in Public Health. As an oral hygienist I have decided to focus my research on oral hygienists that are employed in the public health sector.

One of the South African National Oral Health Bill's tenets is that every province's oral health strategy must include a preventative component. This is an important development as it means that oral hygienists have an important role to play in the public sector. I would therefore like to assess and determine the current roles of the oral hygienist in the public health sector so that our roles in oral health prevention can be optimised.

I would appreciate it if you would assist me by completing the attached questionnaire as accurately as possible. It will take you about 15 minutes of your time to complete this questionnaire. Once completed please return questionnaire in the self addressed sealed envelope provided. Please note that you do not have to pay for postage as a prepaid envelope has been provided.

There is no need to disclose your identity on the questionnaire. Confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained as no names will be recorded.

If you do not wish to participate in the study please return the blank questionnaire in the envelope provided.

If you have any queries please contact me at telephone no: 011- 488 4892 or 082 693 7405

Many thanks for your time and effort in assisting in this study.

Yours sincerely

Urvashnee Govender