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Narratives around sexual behaviour and decisions regarding treatment-seeking of adolescent females who contracted a sexually transmitted infection: Birth to Twenty cohort

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INFORMED CONSENT

I agree to myself being a participant in the Birth to Twenty study.
The goals and methods of Birth to Twenty are clear to me.
I understand that the study will involve interviews. All the details and purposes of this study have been explained to me. I understand that I have the right to refuse to participate in the study.

I agree to participation in the study on the condition that:

1. I can withdraw from the study at any time voluntarily and that no adverse consequences will follow on withdrawal from the study.

2. I have the right not to answer any or all questions posed in the interviews and not to participate in any or all of the procedures / assessments.

3. The University of the Witwatersrand Human Ethics committee has approved the study protocol and procedures.

4. All results will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

5. Only group results, and not my individual results, will be published in scientific journals and in the media.

6. The Bt20 scientific team are committed to treating participants with respect and privacy through interviews conducted in private and follow-up counselling available on request.

7. I will receive a referral note to a health service if any result is out of the normal range or a problem is detected in the course of the study.

PARTICIPANT (Young Adult)

Printed Name	**Signature / Mark or Thumbprint**	**Date and Time**

RESEARCH ASSISTANT:

Printed Name	**Signature**	**Date and Time**

Vanessa Quan (8601802J)

Bt20 "Clinical follow up study" information sheet and consent forms

Participant Information sheet

Study title: Narratives around sexual behaviour and decisions regarding treatment-seeking of adolescent females who contracted a sexually transmitted infection: Birth to Twenty cohort.

Hello, my name is (interviewer's name) and I work with the Birth to Twenty Study. I am helping a researcher with the interviews. She is doing a project for her Masters in Public Health and she wants to find out about sexual and treatment-seeking behaviours of some of the girls from the Bt20 groups who have had a sexually transmitted infection. I am asking you to participate in this study and be interviewed.

Participating in this study will help us understand more about sexual behaviour in young girls as well as treatment-seeking behaviour and this may help to improve communications and information to the youth.

I would like to interview you and ask you some questions about what you think about HIV and STIs, your sexual history as well as what happened when you were told that you had a STI. These will be extra questions to your usual visit for the Bt20 and could take about an hour to two hours of your time. You do not have to participate in this study if you do not want to and you may stop the interview at any time. If you do wish to take part, you will be helping us to understand more about teenagers' perceptions understanding around STI. No-one will know anything about your details, it will all be confidential.

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to sign this document to say that you understand and agree to take part and you will be given a copy to keep. I would also like to ask you if you will agree to be audio taped so that everything we have discussed can be recorded so that the information can be analysed. If you agree to this you will be asked to sign another consent form. The audio tapes will be destroyed after six years (as per the Health Professions Council guidelines).

If you have any questions I will be happy to answer them now. If you have any questions at a later stage, please feel free to call me on the number below.

Thank you,

Dr Vanessa Quan: 011 386 6012

Vanessa Quan (8601802J)

Bt20 "Clinical follow up study" information sheet and consent forms

Consent form for interview

Study title: Narratives around sexual behaviour and decisions regarding treatment-seeking of adolescent females who contracted a sexually transmitted infection: Birth to Twenty cohort.

I hereby confirm that I have been informed by the study interviewer (interviewer's name) about the study. I have read and understand the written participant information sheet. I am aware that the information I will provide will be used anonymously. I am also aware that I can withdraw from the study at any time. I agree to participate in the study.

Participant

Printed name	Signature	Date

I (interviewer's name), herewith confirm that the above study participant has been fully informed about the nature and conduct of the above study.

Study interviewer

Printed name	Signature	Date

Dr Vanessa Quan: 011 386 6012

If you have any questions that you would like to ask the ethics department, please call Professor Cleaton-Jones or Ms Anisa Keshav at Wits ethics department: 011 717 1234

Appendix 3: Consent form for audio/video tape

Study title: Narratives around sexual behaviour and decisions around treatment seeking of adolescent females who contracted a sexually transmitted infection: Birth to Twenty cohort

I hereby confirm that I have been informed by the study interviewer (interviewer's name) about the need to record my interview. I understand that the audio tapes will be deleted once the information has been taken off. I have read and understand the written participant information sheet. I agree to being recorded.

Participant

_____	_____	_____
Printed name	Signature	Date

I (interviewer's name), herewith confirm that the above study participant has been fully informed about the nature and conduct of the above study.

Study interviewer

_____	_____	_____
Printed name	Signature	Date

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