PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Part A.

STUDY NUMBER:

STUDY TITLE: ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY OF STI SERVICES IN JOHANNESBURG METRO

INVESTIGATOR: MOTLATSI PELESA

INSTITUTION: University of the Witwatersrand, School of Public Health

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Part B.

1. Introduction

Good day,

My name is Motlatsi Pelesa, MPH student from the University of the Witwatersrand medical school (school of public health). I am conducting a study to evaluate the quality of STI services in the Gauteng province. One of factors that need to be assessed is the extent of resources available for services delivery. Studies show that lack of resources in sexually transmitted infections (STI) services is associated with provision of low quality management of STIs. This study is part of a bigger study that will be assessing the quality of STI services in the Johannesburg metro district.

I would like to invite you to participate in this research study. Your participation will involve the following (1) participating in a short interview (20 minutes of your time) about STI services, (2) Accompanying me on a walk through to quantify resources available, (3) permitting me to review current patient's records. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Before agreeing to participate, it is important that you read and understood the explanation of the purpose of the study and study procedures. This

information sheet is to help you decide if you would like to participate. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me. You are free to participate or not in the 3 mentioned above. If you do agree to participate in the interview, you are still free to withdraw from the study at any stage and this will not be held against you. If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to sign this document to confirm that you understand the study and agree to take part. You will be given a copy to keep.

Purpose of the study

The focus of this proposed study is on input and process (service provision only) indicators of quality. A facility checklist of resources will be made in 22 clinics participating in the study in the Johannesburg metro.

There will also be a key informant interview about service delivery in the same clinics. The interview will take about 20 minutes of your time.

Risks and Benefits

There are no risks involved in participating in this study. The benefit of the study is that we intend to identify the problems impeding on STI services and then make recommendations to the Johannesburg metro for action.

Confidentiality

All information obtained during the course of the study, including clinic records, will be kept strictly confidential. Data that may be reported in the research report and scientific journals will not include any information that identifies you or names of patients (from the records) as participants in this study. There are no names on questionnaire, clinics will be coded and only the researcher will have access to clinic codes and questionnaire.

Part C

Informed consent

I hereby confirm that I have been informed by study investigator Mr. Motlatsi Pelesa about the nature, conduct, benefits and risks of the study. I have also received, read and understood the above written participant information sheet regarding the study.
I am aware that results of the study will be anonymously processed in to a study report and may, at any stage without prejudice withdraw my consent and participation in the study. I have had sufficient opportunity to ask questions and (of my on free will) declare my self prepared to participate in the study.

PARTICIPANT (Facility Manager):

_____ _____
Signature **Date**

I, Motlatsi Pelesa, herewith confirm that the above participant has been fully informed about the nature and conduct of the above study

STUDY INVESTIGATOR

MOTLATSI PELESA _____ _____
Printed name **Signature** **Date**