

APPENDIX A

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Dear Doctor

I am presently doing a research project on Syndromic Surveillance of sexually transmitted diseases in private general practice as part of the requirement for my masters degree in Family Medicine (M Fam Med) with the University of the Witwatersrand.

I would be most grateful if you could participate in this study by completing the following.

1. The demographic questionnaire, which will be collected from your rooms.
2. The Syndromic surveillance tally sheet for sexually transmitted diseases as per the guidelines sheet for all patients seen over a two month period. For patients without STD it will only require a stroke of a pen on the tally sheet.

Participation will be entirely voluntary. Your data will be reported anonymously and your practice profile will remain confidential.

I am fully aware of your busy schedule and I am therefore, very grateful for your kind cooperation.

If you have any enquiries regarding the questionnaire or research project please do not hesitate to contact me at the above numbers.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Yours faithfully:

Abdul Samad Soni

I would appreciate your support for this very important research project. It has immense value to our future care of STD and HIV patients.

Prof. Bruce Sparks
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