

INFORMATION LEAFLET

Participant Information Leaflet

Title of Study:

The determinants and distribution of rural-urban migration of oral health professionals in South Africa.

Good day, my name is Dr Bulela Vava from the University of the Witwatersrand, Faculty of Health Sciences, in the Department of Community Dentistry. I would like to invite you to take part in this cross-sectional research study. In this study, we wish to assess your perceptions of the determinants and distribution of rural-urban migration amongst oral health professionals.

What are the side effects or risks of taking part?

There are no side effects, risks or dangers in participating in this study.

What are the benefits of participating in the study?

There are no direct benefits to participating in this study. However, the results of the study may help inform policy considerations for the management and distribution of oral health professionals in South Africa.

Is there money to be paid for participating in the study?

You will not be paid to participate in this study and there will be no costs to you.

Do I have to take part?

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary.

Will my taking part in this study be kept secret?

All information obtained during this study will be kept confidential and safe. All information may be reported to appropriate or relevant bodies and will not include any information that identifies you as a participant in this study. The information will be

kept for two years if published or six years if not published, after this period it will be destroyed. In the event of information sharing with other researchers for learning purposes written permission will be sought from relevant authorities.

Who is organising and funding the research?

I have organised the study, as stated above this study is for degree and research purposes. The study will be self-funded.

Can I withdraw my participation in the study?

Yes, you can withdraw your consent and participation in the study at any point in time without any penalty or sanction.

Whom do I call if I have questions or problems?

If you would like more information, or have any problems, concerns or questions about the study; please contact the principal investigator:

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You may also contact the Human Research Ethics Committee (Medical), University of the Witwatersrand: the Chairperson of this Committee who is Professor Paul Ruff at 011 717 2301, or by e-mail at [HREC- Medical.ResearchOffice@wits.ac.za](mailto:HREC-Medical.ResearchOffice@wits.ac.za). The telephone numbers of the Committee secretariat are 011 717 2700/1234/2656 and the e-mail addresses are Mapula.Ramaila@wits.ac.za and Rhulani.Mukansi@wits.ac.za.