

APPENDIX 1

LETTER OF PERMISSION

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Faculty of Arts

Department of Social Work

The Superintendent
Kalafong Hospital
Private Bag X396
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Sir/Madam,

RE : REQUEST TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH PROJECT

I hereby request permission to conduct a research project at your hospital. I am in the employment of the University of Pretoria as a Clinical Lecturer and busy with my D. Phil (Social Work) studies, at the very same university.

The aim of my study is to explore the psycho-social implications of women who undergo termination of pregnancy. Your hospital has been identified because it is within the researcher's reach and the necessary working relationship has been already established with the nursing staff at the TOP clinic.

The research proposal has already been approved by the Social Work Department research committee of the university and it is attached for your attention. The findings will be published so that the social work service in this field could be improved.

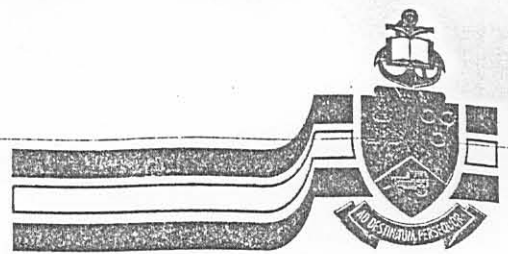
Hoping that my request will be favourably considered.

I thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

J. SEKUDU (MISS)

Approved
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20/5/99



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Faculty of Arts

Department of Social Work

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

ref. Miss J Sekudu
D.Phil-student ~
Prof A Lombard
Tel. (012) 420-2396

1999-05-27

D.PHIL STUDENT: MISS J SEKUDU
REG. NO.: 92-76483

I hereby confirm that miss J Sekudu is a registered student at this University for the D.Phil.(Social Work) degree.

Your permission to allow her to do her research at Kalafong Hospital would be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antoinette Lombard', written over a horizontal line.

PROF. ANTOINETTE LOMBARD
A/HEAD: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Approved
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28/5/99

QUESTIONNAIRE

PSYCHOSOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF ABORTION ON THE WOMEN

Dear respondents

This questionnaire is aimed at determining the psychosocial implications of abortion on women, since it is relatively new after it was legalised in South Africa. It is aimed at the services being provided, after determining what the countries have to offer. You are therefore kindly requested to complete the questionnaire with honesty. The questionnaire is to be completed anonymously and you are assured of confidentiality.

APPENDIX 2

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

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V1-2

Mark appropriate block with x

1.1 In which age category do you fall?

10yrs - 20yrs

21yrs - 30yrs

31yrs - 40yrs

41yrs - 50yrs

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V3

1.2 What is your marital status?

Married by civil rights

Single

Custom marriage

Staying in cohabitation

Divorced

Other (Specify)

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V4

1.3 Please indicate the age, gender and educational level of your other children or

V5

Not applicable

Child no	Age	Gender		Educational level			
		Male	Female	Preschool	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
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V6

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V10

V11

V12

1.4 What is your educational level?

Never attended school

Grade 1 - Grade 4

Grade 5 - Grade 7

Grade 8 - Grade 12

Tertiary level of education (after school training)

Still at school

V13

1.5 What is your religion?

- Christian
- Muslim
- Hindu
- African Church
- Other (specify)

V16

V14

1.6 What church do you belong to?

- Catholic
- Protestant
- Apostolic
- Charismatic churches
- None
- Other (specify)

V15

1.7 Economic status. What is your economic status?

- Scholar/Student
- Employed
- Self-employed
- Unemployed
- Other (specify)

V18

V16

1.8 With whom do you live?

Parents

Grandparents

Uncle/Aunt

Other family

Friends

Boyfriend

On your own

Other (specify)

V17

1.9 What are your living conditions?

House

Flat

Zozo

Room in a house (rented)

Other (specify)

V18

1.10 Where do you live?

Atteridgeville

Mamelodi

Kwaggasrand

Pretoria West

Ga Rankuwa

Sunnyside

Soshanguve

Mabopane

Hammanskraal

Other (specify)

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V19-20

1.11 Who provides you with financial support?

Parents

Yourself

Boyfriend

Husband

Other (specify)

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V21

2.3 Abortion Choice

2.1 During which period did you discover that you are pregnant?

On my own

0 week - 4 weeks

5 weeks - 8 weeks

9 weeks - 12 weeks

13 weeks - 16 weeks

17 weeks - 20 weeks

Other (specify)

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V22

2.2 How long did it take you to decide to have an abortion?

Economic circumstances

..... weeks pregnancy

Unplanned pregnancy

Failure of relationship with father

Want to finish school/ training

Wrong time to do it/ child

Other

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V23-24

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V26

Specify

2.3 Of the following people, whose opinion influenced you **most** to decide on abortion?

- On my own
- Friend's
- Parents'
- Partner's
- Husband's
- Other (specify)

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V25

2.4 What is the **main reason** that made you decide on an abortion?

- Economic circumstances
- Feelings towards pregnancy
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Failure in relationship with father
- Want to finish school/training
- Wrong time to have a child
- Other

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V26

Specify

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2.5 When did you decide on an abortion? (At which period of your gestation?)

Weeks

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V27 -28

2.6.1 Did you consider giving the baby up for adoption?

Yes

No

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2.6.2 Motivate your answer to question 2.6

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2.7 Who told you first about the TOP (Termination of Pregnancy) clinic at Kalafong hospital?

- Media
- Friend
- Husband
- Parents
- Boyfriend
- Other (specify)

V30

3. Psychosocial aspects

3.1 How did you react when you learnt that you are pregnant? Mark the most prominent reactions.

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|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Happy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V31 |
| Shocked | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V32 |
| Disbelief | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V33 |
| Excited | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V34 |
| Disappointed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V35 |
| Sad | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V36 |
| Embarrassed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V37 |
| Guilty | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V38 |
| Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V39 |

3.2 Who else knows about your pregnancy?

Parent/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V40
Husband	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V41
Partner/Boyfriend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V42
Grandparent/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V43
Friend/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V44
Nobody	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V45
Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V46

3.3 How did the father to the unborn baby react to your pregnancy? Mark the most prominent reaction.

Happy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disbelief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disappointed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guilty	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excited	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overjoyed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

V47

3.4.1 If parents do not know, how do you expect them to react to your pregnancy?

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3.4.2 If parents know, how did they react to your pregnancy?

Happy

Angry

Disappointed

Excited

Other (specify)

V49

3.5 Has the pregnancy affected your relationship with any of the following persons?

	Positive	Negative	Did not affect relationship		
Boyfriend				<input type="text"/>	V50
Parents				<input type="text"/>	V51
Husband				<input type="text"/>	V52
Friends				<input type="text"/>	V53
Yourself				<input type="text"/>	V54
God				<input type="text"/>	V55
Family				<input type="text"/>	V56
Other (Specify)				<input type="text"/>	V57
				<input type="text"/>	V58

3.6 Has the pregnancy affected any of the following aspects in your life?

Self-esteem

Social life

Educational progress

Family life

Work

Normal functioning on a daily basis

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V59
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V60
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V61
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V63
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	V64

3.7.1 Do you think you will be able to share your experience freely, after the procedure?

Yes (Specify)

No

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/>

V65

3.7.2 Motivate your answer to question 3.7

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4. Abortion services

4.1 Did you receive information on what the procedure entails?

Yes

No

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4.2 Who gave you the information?

Nurse

Doctor

Psychologist

Social worker

Other (Specify)

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4.3.1 Did the information help you to feel better?

Yes

No

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V72

4.3.2 Motivate your answer to question 4.3.1

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Counselling entails providing information on the procedure possible complications options after the procedure and exploration and support with feelings experienced.

4.4.1 Do you think you needed counselling before the procedure?

Yes

No

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4.4.2 and do you think you will need it after the procedure?

Yes

No

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4.4.3 Motivate your answers to questions 4.4.1 and 4.4.2:

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4.5.1 Do you believe counselling will help you to deal better with this decision you made for an abortion later in your life?

Yes

No

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4.5.2 Motivate your answer to question 4.5.

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4.6 Rate the services provided at this clinic on the scale provided, in terms of

Before the procedure	During

V76

V77

1 = Poor

2 = Average

3 = Good

4 = Excellent

4.7 Give your own opinion on how the services rendered at this clinic are, and how it could be improved if there is a need for improvement

Service:

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Improvements:

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4.8 What are your future plans after this abortion?

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| Be serious about contraceptives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V78 |
| Consider another abortion if pregnant again | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V79 |
| Motivate others to use contraceptives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V80 |
| Encourage others to seek an abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V81 |
| Go on with my schooling/work | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V82 |
| Abstain from sexual relationships till married | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V83 |
| Other (specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V84 |

4.9 What problems do you predict as a result of this abortion?

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| Problems with relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V85 |
| Problems with dealing with children | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V86 |
| Problems to have own children | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V87 |
| Rejection from others | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V88 |
| Difficulty to live with my decision | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V89 |
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V90 |
| Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | V91 |

4.10.1 Do you think a social worker is needed at the abortion clinic as a service provider?

Yes

No

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V92

4.10 If your answer to question 4.10 is yes indicate when the social worker is mostly needed.

Before the procedure

During the procedure

After the procedure

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V93

4.11 Using this scale: 1 = Needed very much
2 = Needed less
3 = Not needed

rate the value of social work services during

-decision making

-before the procedure

-during the procedure

-after the procedure

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Thank you very much.

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Dear

Ms. Khensho & Khathang, I appreciate your previous response.

I am sure you have already passed your work to a staff of your own expertise. As a social worker from the University of Pretoria, I am interested in your work, as indicated during the interview. I am still interested in your work, especially your hospital experience, and especially your experience in the field of social work.

APPENDIX 3

I am hoping to hear from you soon and that we will be able to discuss your work and experience and help you to deal with your current situation.

I hope to hear from you before the end of June 2011. If you are unable to do so, please contact me on 4202599 from 9

The possible date of the interview is 10 June 2011.

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Please choose your own time and date immediately.

I am looking forward to your response and interview.

Yours sincerely,

J. Sekude

Social work researcher

University of Pretoria
Department of Social Work
Pretoria
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Dear

Re: Research at Kalafong hospital on patients' experience.

Three months have already passed since we last met at Kalafong hospital, where I, the social worker from the University of Pretoria, saw you in an individual interview. As I indicated during the interview, I am still concerned about how you are coping with your hospital experience, and especially with nobody being available to discuss this with you.

I am hoping to hear from you soon and that we could discuss your feelings and experience and help you to deal with your future positively.

I hope to hear from you before the end of June 2000. You can contact me at 012-4202599 from 8:00-16:00 or 0837475642 from 18:00-21:00, to make an appointment.

The possible dates for appointments are:

- 25 May 2000
- 30 May 2000
- 01 June 2000
- 06 June 2000
- 13 June 2000
- 22 June 2000
- 26 June 2000
- 27 June 2000

Please choose a date and contact me immediately.

I am looking forward to your response to this letter.

Your's sincerely
J. Sekudu
Social work researcher.

21 MAY 2001

APPENDIX 4

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21 MAY 2001

Have you terminated your pregnancy?

Have you had termination of pregnancy recently?
It must have been a very difficult decision to make.
You are probably experiencing some emotional
problems presently as a result of this. Don't despair,
you are not alone! I am offering a free counselling
service to persons like you, for my doctoral study on
this topic. It will be dealt with highly confidentially,
and you will remain anonymous. Please contact
Johannah @ 083 747 5642 before 1 June 2001
for an appointment or details.

APPENDIX 5

DOCUMENTATION OF THE DOCTORAL SEMINAR

THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

You are cordially invited to a Doctoral Seminar

The programme of activities of the seminar is attached to this invitation.

DATE: 17 October 2004

TIME: 09:00 - 11:30 am

VENUE: Department of Education, University of Pretoria, 1st Floor, 101-102

Supporter or sponsor of the seminar: The Department of Education, University of Pretoria, 101-102, 101-102, 101-102

**INVITATION TO
ATTEND A
DOCTORAL
SEMINAR**

1. WELCOME
2. INTRODUCTION
3. PRESENTATIONS
4. DISCUSSIONS
5. DEPARTMENTS

TO: MR/MS/DR/PROF

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You are cordially invited to a Doctoral Seminar,

*Topic: The psychosocial implications of abortion on the woman: a
social work study.*

DATE: 11th October 2001

TIME: 10h00 - 11:30 am

*VENUE: University of Pretoria, Human Science Building
10-02.*

RSVP: on or before: 1st of October 2001.

To: Johannah Sekudu (083) 747-5642 or (012) 420-2599

Or: Promotor: Dr C L Carbonatto (012) 420-2410

PROGRAMME

- 1. WELCOMING*
- 2. INTRODUCTION*
- 3. PRESENTATION*
- 4. QUESTIONS*
- 5. REFRESHMENTS*

PROGRAMME

- 1. 10h:00 Welcoming: Dr. C.L. Carbonatto**
- 2. 10h:00-11h:00 Presentation: Ms. J. Sekudu**
- 3. 11h:00-11:30 Questions**
- 4. Refreshments**
- 5. 12h:00-13h:00 Oral exam**