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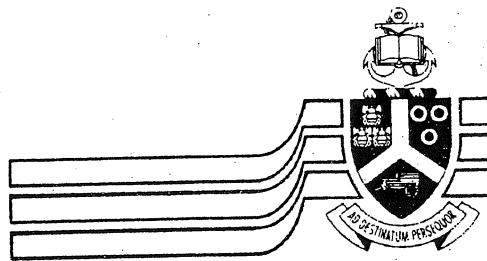
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Dear Ms Slabbert



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Faculty of Humanities

TITLE REGISTRATION: FIELD OF STUDY – MCOMMUNICATION PATHOLOGY (OPTION 1)

I have pleasure in informing you that the following has been approved:

Title of dissertation/essay: **The knowledge and attitude of pediatricians regarding the diagnosis and intervention of infants and children with a sensorineural hearing loss**

Director of studies: **Ms PH Venter**

Co-director of studies: **Ms L Pottas**

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. ENROLMENT PERIOD

- (i) You must be enrolled as a student for at least one academic year before submission of your dissertation/essay.
- (ii) Your enrolment as a student must be renewed annually before 31 March, until you have complied with all the requirements for the degree. You will only be able to have supervision if you provide a proof of registration to your supervisor.

2. APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION

On completion of your dissertation/essay enough copies for each examiner as well as the prescribed examination enrolment form which includes a statement by your director of studies that he/she approves of the submission of your dissertation/essay, as well as a statement, signed by you in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths, must be submitted to the Faculty Administration.

3. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF THE DISSERTATION/ESSAY AND THE SUMMARY APPEARS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS LETTER.

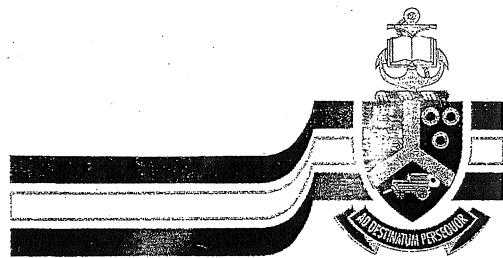
Yours sincerely



for DEAN: FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

APPENDIX B

COVER LETTER



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Department of Communication Pathology
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Dear Doctor

REGARDING: RESEARCH PROJECT

I am currently a master's student in Communication Pathology (Speech- Language and Audiology) at the University of Pretoria. I am conducting a research project regarding the knowledge and attitudes of pediatricians with regard to the diagnosis and intervention process of children with a sensorineural hearing loss.

To complete my research project, I need your participation and co-operation. It would be appreciated if you could complete the questionnaire attached to this letter to make a valuable contribution to my research project.

Due to early contact with babies and young children, you have an important contribution to make during the early identification and referral of babies and young children with a possible hearing loss. Hearing loss causes a detrimental delay in the overall development of babies and children, therefore this study can have far-reaching consequences to the development of the field of early hearing detection and intervention.

All the information obtained during the research project, will be strictly confidential and used for research purposes only.

I do realize that you have a busy schedule and can assure you that the questionnaire only takes 10 minutes to complete. I would appreciate it if you would complete the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If you require any information you can contact me at the following number: 082 873 3690.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

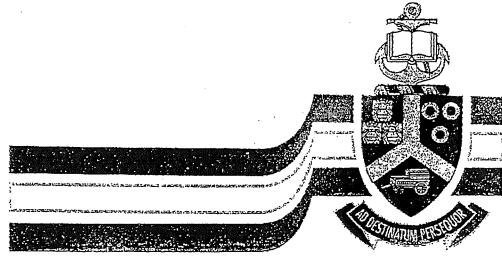
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1 Mei 2003

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Departement Kommunikasiepatologie
Spraak- Stem- en Gehoorkliniek

INSAKE: NAVORSINGSPROJEK

Ek is tans 'n magisterstudent in Kommunikasiepatologie (Spraak-Taalterapie en Oudiologie) aan die Universiteit van Pretoria. Ek is besig met 'n navorsingsprojek wat die kennis en houdings van pediaters rakende die diagnose en intervensie van kinders met 'n sensoriese-neurale gehoorverlies ondersoek.

Ten einde die navorsingsprojek uit te voer, het ek u, as pediater se samewerking en deelname nodig, en word u vriendelik gevra om die vraelys in te vul en aan my terug te stuur.

Weens u vroeë kontak met babas en jong kinders het u 'n belangrike rol om te vervul tydens die vroeë indentifisering en verwysing van babas/jong kinders met 'n moontlike gehoorverlies. Aangesien gehoorverlies 'n algemene ontwikkelingsagterstand by 'n baba/jong kind veroorsaak, kan hierdie studie verrekende voordele inhou.

Al die inligting sal uitsluitlik vir navorsingsdoeleindes gebruik word en konfidensialiteit sal ten alle tye gewaarborg word.

Ek besef dat u 'n besige program het en verseker u dat dit slegs 10 minute neem om die vraelys te voltooi. Ek sal dit hoog op prys stel indien u die vraelys so spoedig moontlik voltooi en aan my terug faks by 012-667 1825.

Byvoorbaat dankie vir u samewerking. U deelname word hoog op die prys gestel.

Indien u enige verdere inligting verlang, skakel my asseblief by 082 873 3690.

Vriendelike groete

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Student

Mev. N. Venter
Tutor

Namens: Prof. S.R. Hugo
Hoof: Departement Kommunikasiepatologie

APPENDIX C

INSTRUCTION SHEET

Algemene instruksies vir die voltooiing van Afrikaanse vraelyste

1. Voltooи asseblief al die vrae, tensy anders aangedui.
2. Beantwoord die vrae deur die toepaslike blokkie(s) met ‘n ‘X’ af te merk of die antwoord in te vul in die ruimte verskaf.
3. Die uitvoering van die vraelys behoort ongeveer 10 minute te duur.
4. Alle inligting sal as streng vertroulik hanteer word.

Terme en definisies

Sensories-neurale gehoorverlies: Die tipe gehoorverlies wat voorkom in die binne-oor wanneer die haarselle van die koglea of die akoestiese senuwee (KN VIII) beskadig is.

Ernstige gehoorverlies: 71 – 90dB; **totale gehoorverlies:** $\geq 90\text{dB}$

Babas – geboorte tot een jaar.

Jong kinders – een jaar tot twaalf jaar.

General instructions for completion of English questionnaire

1. Please complete all the questions unless otherwise indicated.
2. Answer the questions by marking the appropriate block(s) with a ‘X’ or write your answer in the provided space.
3. The completion of the questionnaire should not take longer than 10 minutes.
4. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Terms and definitions

Sensorineural hearing loss: A hearing loss due to damage in the inner ear (hair cells of the cochlea) or of the auditory nerve (CN VIII).

Severe hearing loss: 71 – 90dB; **Profound hearing loss:** $\geq 90\text{dB}$

Babies – birth to one year.

Young children – one year to twelve years.

APPENDIX D

QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaire

For office use only

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2. How many years have you been practicing as a registered pediatrician? Years.	V4	<input type="text"/> 7														
3. At which of the following instances are you currently at professional capacity?	V5	<input type="text"/> 8														
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Private practice	1	2														
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4. Did you receive any formal lectures on sensorineural hearing loss in terms of diagnosis and intervention during your post-graduate studies?

Yes, only one lecture.	1
Yes, more than one lecture.	2
No.	3

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5. Are you of the opinion that the following risk factors can lead to a sensorineural hearing loss in infants/children (0-12 years)?

	Always	Sometimes	Never
Genetic/hereditary	1	2	3
An infection of the mother during pregnancy (e.g. German measles, toxoplasmosis or cytomegalovirus).	1	2	3
Complications during delivery (e.g. anoxia, prematurity of the baby).	1	2	3
Diseases of the mother (e.g. cardio-vascular diseases, diabetes).	1	2	3
Abuse of medicine or similar kinds of drugs abuse during pregnancy.	1	2	3
Incompatibility of the mother's and the infants' blood types.	1	2	3
An infection of the baby (e.g. meningitis, inflammation of the inner ear).	1	2	3
Head injuries of the baby.	1	2	3
Child diseases (for example measles, whooping cough or mumps of measles at an early age).	1	2	3
Medication for babies (e.g. gentamycin and dihydrostreptomycin)	1	2	3
Chronic otitis media	1	2	3

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6. What symptoms/characteristics can you expect with an infant/ child with a possible profound sensorineural hearing loss?

	Always	Sometimes	Never
Reaction to sound is inconsistent/none.	1	2	3
Decrease in babbling patterns at seven months.	1	2	3
A-atypical general development (show significant delays).	1	2	3
Decrease in social interaction with parents/other (the baby/ young child becomes quiet, inactive or even aggressive).	1	2	3

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7. What is the earliest age at which an infant's hearing can be tested in order to identify a hearing loss?

0 – 48 hours after birth.	1
1 week after birth.	2
1 to 5 months.	3
6 months and older.	4

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8. I will refer the infant/child to an audiologist for a hearing evaluation...

	Yes	No
..as part of the routine initial examination.	1	2
..if some of the risk factors (question 5) is present.	1	2
..if the parents are worried and suspect a possible hearing loss.	1	2
..if the baby's/child shows developmental delays.	1	2
..where chronic otitis media is present.	1	2

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9. If you make a referral to an audiologist for a hearing evaluation, which tests do you request?

	Always	Sometimes	Never
Otoacoustic emissions	1	2	3
Tympanometry	1	2	3
Speech audiogram	1	2	3
Pure tone testing	1	2	3
Auditory brainstem response	1	2	3
Auditory evoked potential	1	2	3

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10. Do you agree with the following amplification options as treatment possibilities for infants/children with a profound sensorineural hearing loss?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Hearing aids	1	2	3
Cochlear Implants	1	2	3

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11. Do you agree that the infant/child has to comply with the following selection criteria in order to receive a cochlear implant?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss in both ears.	1	2	3
Receive little or no useful benefit from hearing aids.	1	2	3
No medical contraindications.	1	2	3
Appropriate expectations of the family.	1	2	3
No minimum age for referral.	1	2	3

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12. At what age can a baby be fitted with the appropriate hearing aids?

4 weeks.	1
3 months.	2
6 months.	3
1 year.	4
Older than 1 year.	5

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13. How often do you consult with a Hearing Institutions Program/Cochlear Implant Program regarding infants and children with a possible or diagnosed hearing loss?

Never, but I am fully aware of such programs or clinics.	1
Never, I am unaware of such programs or clinics.	2
At least once a week.	3
At least once a month.	4
At least once a year.	5

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14. Hearing Programmes/Cochlear Implant Programmes for profoundly deaf infants/children...

	Always	Sometimes	Never
..are beneficial to the babies/children with a hearing loss.	1	2	3
..are accessible/ approachable to families.	1	2	3
..are effective.	1	2	3

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15. If you have an infant/child in your practice with a profound sensorineural hearing loss, what do you expect of the people you've referred him/her to?

	Yes	No
A comprehensive report.	1	2
Once a year feedback on the progress the baby/child is making.	1	2
Your active participation as a team member of the baby/child's rehabilitation program.	1	2

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16. Do you have the need for further knowledge regarding the diagnosis and rehabilitation of infants and children with a profound sensorineural hearing loss?

Yes	1
No	2
Unsure	3

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17. Would you like to receive a summary of the current study's results? If Yes, please provide your details in given block.

Yes.	1
No.	2
Personal details for post sending	

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Vraelys

Vir kantoorgebruik

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2. Hoeveel jaar praktiseer u al as 'n geregistreerde pediater? Jaar.	V4	<input type="text"/> 7														
3. By watter van die volgende instansies is u tans in professionele hoedanigheid betrokke?	V5	<input type="text"/> 8														
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4. Het u enige formele lesings oor sensories-neurale gehoorverlies in terme van diagnose en intervensie tydens u nagraadse studie ontvang?

Ja, een lesing.	1
Ja, meer as een lesing.	2
Nee.	3

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5. Meen u dat die volgende risikofaktore tot 'n sensories-neurale gehoorverlies by babas/kinders (0-12 jaar) kan lei?

	Altyd	Soms	Nooit	
Geneties/oorerflik	1	2	3	V8
'n Infeksie tydens swangerskap by moeder (bv Duitse masels, ototoksiese middels, sitomegalovirus).	1	2	3	V9
Komplikasie tydens geboorte (bv anoksie, prematuriteit by baba).	1	2	3	V10
Siektes van moeder (bv kardiovaskulêre siektes, diabetes).	1	2	3	V11
Misbruik van medikasie of dwelmmiddels deur die moeder.	1	2	3	V12
Onverenigbaarheid van die moeder en die baba se bloedgroepes.	1	2	3	V13
'n Infeksie by die baba (bv meningitis, inflammasie van die binne-oor).	1	2	3	V14
Hoofbeserings by die baba.	1	2	3	V15
Kindersiektes by die baba (bv masels, kinkhoes, pampoentjies).	1	2	3	V16
Medikasie by die baba (bv gentamycin en dihydrostreptomycin)	1	2	3	V17
Chroniese otitis media	1	2	3	V18

6. Watter simptome/kenmerke kan u verwag om by 'n baba/kind met 'n moontlike ernstige sensories-neurale gehoorverlies te sien?

	Altyd	Soms	Nooit
Reageer onkonsekwent/glad nie op klank nie.	1	2	3
Afname in babbelpatrone op sewe maande.	1	2	3
A-tipiese algemene ontwikkeling (toon agterstande in mylpale).	1	2	3
Afname in sosiale interaksie met ouers/ander (baba/kind raak stiller, onaktief, selfs aggressief).	1	2	3

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7. Wat is die vroegste ouderdom waarop 'n baba se gehoor getoets kan word om 'n gehoorverlies te identifiseer?

0 – 48 uur na geboorte.	1
1 week na geboorte.	2
1 tot 5 maande.	3
6 maande en ouer.	4

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8. Ek sal 'n baba/kind na 'n audioloog verwys vir 'n gehoorevaluasie...

	Ja	Nee
as dit vorm deel van die roetine inisiële ondersoek.	1	2
as enige van die bogenoemde risiko faktore (vraag 5) voorkom.	1	2
indien die ouers bekommend is en 'n gehoorverlies vermoed.	1	2
as die baba/kind se ontwikkelings mylpale 'n agterstand toon.	1	2
indien kroniese otitis media voorkom	1	2

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9. Indien u 'n kind na 'n audioloog verwys vir 'n gehoorevaluasie, wat is die toetse wat u aanvra?

	Altyd	Soms	Nooit
Oto-akoestiese emissies	1	2	3
Timpanometrie	1	2	3
Spraakaudiogram	1	2	3
Suiwertoontoetse	1	2	3
Ouditiewe breinstam respons	1	2	3
Ouditief ontlokte potensiaal	1	2	3

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10. Beskou u die volgende versterkingsopsies as behandelingsmoontlikhede vir babas/kinders met 'n ernstige sensories-neurale gehoorverlies?

	Ja	Nee	Onseker
Gehoorapparate	1	2	3
Kogleêre inplantings	1	2	3

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11. Aan watter van die volgende seleksiekriteria moet die baba/kind voldoen ten einde 'n moontlike kandidaat vir 'n kogleêre inplanting te wees?

	Ja	Nee	Onseker
Erge-totale sensories- neurale gehoorverlies wat in albei ore voorkom.	1	2	3
Min/geen nut met die gebruik van gehoorapparate.	1	2	3
Geen mediese kontra-indikasies.	1	2	3
Ouers en kind se verwagtinge moet realisties wees.	1	2	3
Geen minimum ouderdom vir verwysing nie.	1	2	3

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12. Hoe vroeg kan 'n baba/kind gepas word met gehoorapparate?

4 weke.	1
3 maande.	2
6 maande.	3
1 jaar.	4
Ouer as 1 jaar.	5

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13. Hoe gereeld konsulteer u met 'n Gehoorinstansieprogram/Kogleëre Inplantings Program, oor babas/kinders met 'n moontlike of bevestigde gehoorverlies?

Nooit, maar is wel bewus van sodanige programme of dienste.	1
Nooit, is nie bewus van sodanige programme of dienste.	2
Minstens een keer 'n week.	3
Minstens een keer 'n maand.	4
Minstens een keer 'n jaar.	5

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14. Gehoorinstansie programme/Kogleëre Inplantings Programme en dienste...

	Altijd	Soms	Nooit
...strek tot voordeel van kinders met 'n gehoorverlies.	1	2	3
...is bereikbaar/toeganklik vir families.	1	2	3
...is effektief.	1	2	3

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15. Indien u wel 'n kind in u praktyk het met 'n ernstige sensories-neurale gehoorverlies wat verwag u van die persoon na wie u die baba/kind verwys het?

	Ja	Nee
'n Volledige verslag.	1	2
Jaarlikse terugvoer oor die baba/kind se vordering.	1	2
U aktiewe deelname as spanlid van die baba/ kind se rehabilitasie program	1	2

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16. Het y 'n behoefte aan verdere kennis aangaande die diagnose en rehabilitasie van babas en kinders met 'n ernstige sensories-neurale gehoorverlies?

Ja	1
Nee	2
Onseker	3

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17. Wil u graag 'n opsomming ontvang van die huidige studie se resultate? Indien Ja, verskaf asb u besonderhede in gegewe blokkie.

Ja.	1
Nee.	2
Kontakbesonderherde vir posstuk	

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