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**Study title**: How much community engagement of patient stakeholders has there been on the National Health Insurance? A Bioethical Enquiry**.**

Dear Potential Participant

**Introduction:**

I, Lizeka Tandwa am doing research for my Masters degree requirements at the University of the Witwatersrand. Research is just the process to learn the answer to a question. In this study we want to learn how much patients as members of the community know about the National Health Insurance (NHI) and whether patients have participated in the policy development of the NHI.

**Invitation to participate:**  We are inviting you to take part in a research study.

**What is involved in the study**: participants will be interviewed using a short questionnaire and this will take 10 minutes. I will be interviewing 243 patients from the Internal Medicine Department at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital.

**Risks**: There are no risks to you participating in this study. You will not lose your place in the queue while you participate in the study.

**Benefits:** There are no direct benefits to you in this study, however I hope that the results of this study will inform policy developers and contribute towards the process of developing the NHI Bill.

**Participation is voluntary**: This study is entirely voluntary and choosing not to participate will not disadvantage you in any way.

**Confidentiality**: The information about the participants will be not be disclosed to other parties and will be kept confidential.

**Contact details of researcher/s**: Please feel free to ask any questions and I can be contacted at 011 717 2663, email: [Lizeka.Tandwa@wits.ac.za](mailto:Lizeka.Tandwa@wits.ac.za)

**Contact details of REC administrator and chair**: If you have any concerns with regards to this study you can call the Chair of University of the Witwatersrand Research Ethics Committee (Human Medical) at 011 717 2301, email: [peter.cleaton-jones1@wits.ac.za](mailto:peter.cleaton-jones1@wits.ac.za).

## **Study Questionnaire**

**Participant: ……….**

**Demographic information**

**Age**: **………**

**Sex**: Male□ Female□

**Race**: Black □ White□ Coloured□ Indian□ Other□

**Employment status**: Employed□ Semi-employed □ Unemployed□ Retired □

**Education Level**: No education □ Primary □ Secondary □ Tertiary □

**Questionnaire**

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| **Questions** | **Yes** | | **No** | **I do not know** |
| 1. Have you heard about the South African National Health Insurance (NHI)? | 1 | 2 |  |  |
| 2. Will the NHI change the South African Healthcare sector? |  | |  |  |
| 3. Will the NHI pay for medical expenses? |  | |  |  |
| 4. Will the NHI be paid for from South African national budget? |  | |  |  |
| 5. Will everyone have the same access to medical assistance through the NHI? |  | |  |  |
| 6. Will both the employed and unemployed access healthcare through NHI? |  | |  |  |
| 7. Has the NHI policy been under discussion for many years? |  | |  |  |
| 8. Have you been provided with information about NHI? |  | |  |  |
| 9. Can you participate/ be involved in the NHI policy discussions? |  | |  |  |
| 10. Have you received an opportunity to participate/ be involved in the NHI policy discussions? |  | |  |  |
| 11. Would you be interested to participate/ be involved in the NHI policy discussions? |  | |  |  |
| 12. Do you have a right to participate/be involved in the policy making process? |  | |  |  |

**1**: Participant replied “Yes” without a description. **2** Participant replied “Yes” after a description.