

Appendix 3**LETTER OF INFORMATION****TITLE:**

A study of the demographic and epidemiological factors affecting referral rates between chiropractors and homeopaths in the greater Durban Metro area.

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INTRODUCTION:

This study will use a pre-validated questionnaire to obtain data as to ascertain the degree of referral rates between chiropractors and homeopaths in the greater Durban Metro area. A total of 60 practitioners will participate in the study.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

1. To assess if cross referrals between chiropractors and homeopaths exist in the management of musculoskeletal conditions.
2. To assess the demographic and epidemiological factors or indicators of chiropractors and homeopaths to establish whether these factors influence referrals.

PROCEDURE:

I have designed this study keeping your busy practice in mind, and it will therefore not take up any of your time at all. You will be required to complete a questionnaire in full. (When answering the questionnaire, choose 1 option only, if that is the case). I will personally collect the questionnaire a week later (6-8 days). If any questions are unanswered, that questionnaire will be excluded from the study.

RISKS OR DISCOMFORTS:

None.

BENEFITS:

1. Each practitioner can possibly be indirectly made aware of another practitioners scope of practice.
2. Each practitioner will receive a health information brochure for their waiting room.

NEW FINDINGS:

Possible new findings will be published in a journal. Participants can be made aware of new findings if they request.

RENUMERATION:

None.

COSTS OF THE STUDY:

None.

CONFIDENTIALITY/ANONYMITY:

Confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained, by all records being kept in the Chiropractic Day Clinic for 5 years, and will be shredded thereafter. The particulars of the participants will be strictly confidentiality.

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