

SITUKULWANE LESIPHEPHILE - SAFE GENERATIONS

PMTCT Health Care Worker Acceptability Assessment

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Timing of Follow-up Interview	_____ months post implementation of B+												
Study Site	<input type="checkbox"/> KSII PHU <input type="checkbox"/> RFM Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> FLAS Manzini <input type="checkbox"/> Siteki PHU <input type="checkbox"/> MSF Matsapha <input type="checkbox"/> Mbikwakhe <input type="checkbox"/> Siphofaneni <input type="checkbox"/> Lamvelase <input type="checkbox"/> Luyengo <input type="checkbox"/> Mankayane PHU												

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Introduction:

Recently, the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom Swaziland has implemented a PMTCT approach where all HIV-positive pregnant women start ART and stay on treatment for life whether they have a low or high CD4 count (Option B+). Several months ago, as part of a research study, all women coming for PMTCT services at this clinic started receiving Option B+ instead of Option A.

We want to evaluate how this new PMTCT approach, Option B+, is working. As part of the evaluation, we are going to be asking health care workers, like you, about their experience providing PMTCT services at this clinic.

Section I. DEMOGRAPHICS

Basic Information

1. How old are you?	Age: _____(years)										
2. Gender?	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male										
3. What is your area of residence?	<i>Area of residence:</i> _____										
4. What is your current job?	<input type="checkbox"/> Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Midwife <input type="checkbox"/> Expert Client <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____										
5. Where do you work? (check all that apply)	<i>Specify:</i> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Antenatal Care services (ANC)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Child welfare services</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Maternal Child Health services (MCH)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric ART Clinic</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Ward (Adult)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Adult ART Clinic</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Ward (Pediatric)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Antenatal Care services (ANC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child welfare services	<input type="checkbox"/> Maternal Child Health services (MCH)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric ART Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Ward (Adult)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult ART Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Ward (Pediatric)		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
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6. In your role as [**INSERT RESPONSE from Question 4**], what types of activities are you involved with?

(check all that apply)

- HIV testing and giving HIV results
- CD4 testing and giving CD4 results
- Counseling on PMTCT
- Counseling on infant feeding
- Counseling on antenatal care
- Counseling on adherence
- Prescribing HIV medications
- Monitoring side effects from medications
- PCR testing
- Counseling on family planning
- Scheduling appointments
- Following-up missed appointments
- Other, specify: _____

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Section II. UNDERSTANDING OF OPTION B+				
7. When was Option B+ implemented at this clinic?				
8. Were you a part of the transition from Option A to Option B+?				
9. How long have you been involved in the implementation of Option B+ at this clinic?	<i>Length of time:</i> _____ months			
10. I am going to read a list and would like you to tell me which items on the list are part of Option B+ for PMTCT. Please say TRUE if part of Option B+ and FALSE if not part of Option B+ for PMTCT.				
Sending a CD4 count test	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Making an appointment for women in the ART clinic	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Giving ART to women with CD4<350	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Giving AZT to women with CD4>350	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Starting AZT/ART 14 weeks gestation	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Giving ART to all women	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Starting ART as soon as diagnosed as HIV infected	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Starting ART for life for all HIV positive pregnant women	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Giving NVP to women to take at delivery	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Giving NVP to babies after birth	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Testing infants with DNA PCR DBS	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Counseling mothers on breast feeding	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Testing partners	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Testing other family members	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know
Checking CD4 counts after delivery	True	False	Refuse	Don't Know

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<p>11. In your opinion what are the things about Option B+ that are easy for you and your co-workers?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>12. In your opinion what are the things about Option B+ that are difficult for you and your co-workers?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>13. Do you think <u>following up with patients</u> who initiated ART under Option B+ is easy or hard for <u>healthcare workers</u>? Please explain.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Easy (<i>explain</i>)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hard (<i>explain</i>)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>14. Do you think <u>documentation of patient care</u> under Option B+ is easy or hard for <u>healthcare workers</u>? Please explain.</p>	<p>Easy (<i>explain</i>)</p> <hr/>

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<p>15. Overall, do you think Option B+ is easy or hard for <u>healthcare workers</u>?</p> <p>Please explain.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Hard (<i>explain</i>)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Easy (<i>explain</i>)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hard (<i>explain</i>)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>16. Do you think you have more work or less work now (since implementation of Option B+)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> More work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Same amount</p>
<p>17. Please explain</p>	

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COUNSELING	
18. What do you discuss when you counsel HIV-positive women about ART for life?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
19. In your opinion is it easy or difficult to counsel patients about Option B+? Please explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Easy (<i>explain</i>) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult (<i>explain</i>) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
PATIENTS	

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<p>20. Do you find that women commonly refuse to start ART the same day they are diagnosed with HIV?</p> <p>Please explain.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No (<i>explain</i>)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (<i>specify why</i>)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>21. In your opinion what are the things about Option B+ that are easy for patients?</p> <p>Please explain.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>22. In your opinion what are the things about Option B+ that are difficult for patients?</p> <p>Please explain.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>23. We know that sometimes HIV-positive women do not complete all of the PMTCT steps during pregnancy and after the baby is born. What do you think are some of the common barriers HIV-positive women face in completing these steps under Option B+?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>24. How frequently do women drop out of care <u>before</u> giving</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Never</p>

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<p>birth at your facility?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Less than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> About half the time <input type="checkbox"/> More than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> Always</p>
<p>25. Why do you think this happens?</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>26. How frequently do women drop out of care <u>after</u> giving birth?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Less than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> About half the time <input type="checkbox"/> More than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> Always</p>
<p>27. Why do you think this happens?</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>28. How frequently do women attend HIV care visits without their infants (i.e., maternal-infant visits not synchronized)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Less than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> About half the time <input type="checkbox"/> More than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> Always</p>
<p>29. Why do you think this happens?</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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<p>30. How frequently are babies brought back for care by someone other than their mother?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Less than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> About half the time <input type="checkbox"/> More than half the time <input type="checkbox"/> Always</p>
<p>31. Why do you think this happens?</p>	<p>_____ _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>32. Overall, do you think Option B+ makes things easy or hard for <u>patients</u>? Please explain.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Easy (<i>explain</i>) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hard (<i>explain</i>) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____</p>

Section IV. BARRIERS TO UPTAKE OF PMTCT	
<p><i>Sometimes women stop coming back to the clinic for PMTCT services. We want to learn more about why this happens. Could any of these be a reason why a woman would not come back for PMTCT services?</i></p>	
<p>33. Problems with the health services</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(read responses and check all that apply)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic runs out of supplies and medications that women need <input type="checkbox"/> Too many other people at the clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Facility is too far <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment system does not work <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting time is too long <input type="checkbox"/> Attitudes of health care workers <input type="checkbox"/> No evening or weekend hours <input type="checkbox"/> No coordination between services (services not integrated so woman has to visit too many service areas/clinics to receive care) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____
<p>34. Problems with the clinic staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(read responses and check all that apply)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic staff don't spend enough time with patient <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic staff don't seem well trained <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic staff have too many other things to do <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic staff don't provide sufficient counseling support <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____
<p>35. Personal issues for women</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(read responses and check all that apply)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Concerned about confidentiality <input type="checkbox"/> Concerned about others learning their HIV status <input type="checkbox"/> Want to consult with partner or family <input type="checkbox"/> Don't want to take HIV medicines for life <input type="checkbox"/> Don't want to start taking HIV medicines during pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Don't want to start taking HIV medicines when they are feeling healthy <input type="checkbox"/> Don't want to take HIV medicines during breastfeeding <input type="checkbox"/> Don't believe they have HIV infection <input type="checkbox"/> Afraid of side effects from taking HIV medicines <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure from family members including husband/partner (<i>specify pressure</i>) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____

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Section III. ATTITUDES ABOUT PMTCT AND PERCEPTIONS OF CLIENT UPTAKE					
<i>I will read a few statements regarding attitudes and perceptions of PMTCT Clients. Please respond with Agree with statement, Disagree with statement or Neutral</i>					
<i>Read Statements</i>	<i>Circle one response</i>				
36. It is very difficult for an HIV-positive woman to decide to start taking HIV medicines for life while she is pregnant.	Agree	Disagree	Neutral	Don't Know	Refused
37. It is very difficult for an HIV-positive pregnant woman to decide to start taking HIV medicines for life if she is feeling healthy.	Agree	Disagree	Neutral	Don't Know	Refused
38. It is very difficult for an HIV-positive pregnant woman with a high CD4 count to decide to start taking HIV medicines for life.	Agree	Disagree	Neutral	Don't Know	Refused
39. HIV-positive pregnant women should start HIV medicine (ART) and remain on it for life rather than giving ART to only those who have a low CD4 count and giving ARV prophylaxis to those with high CD4.	Agree	Disagree	Neutral	Don't Know	Refused
40. It will be difficult to explain why a healthy HIV-positive pregnant woman should start HIV medicines when other adults don't start until their CD4 count is low.	Agree	Disagree	Neutral	Don't Know	Refused
41. It is easier to counsel patients under option A compared to option B+.	Agree	Disagree	Neutral	Don't Know	Refused

Section VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

42. Is there anything else that you would like to share about your experience with PMTCT services? Are there ways that Option B+ services could be improved?
