

Home-based Carers' General Cancer Knowledge: A Case Study of One Rural Village in Vhembe District, South Africa

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ABSTRACT This paper assessed the general cancer knowledge amongst home-based carers of a selected rural village in Vhembe district, South Africa. The study adopted a qualitative descriptive design collecting data from eight members of a selected home based care group between 30 to 45 years who were conveniently recruited and interviewed using unstructured interview guide. Permission to enter the village was obtained from the local chief. Informed consent was obtained from individual participants. Participants' rights to anonymity and privacy were observed. Data was analysed through content analysis. The results revealed that though the majority of participants knew the importance of screening for cancer, their cancer knowledge was inadequate. This paper concluded that home-based carers of the selected rural village possess inadequate general knowledge of cancer; and recommended that nationally collaborated projects regarding cancer training be intensified amongst rural home based care workers.