

Validation of the Guidelines to Enhance Health Care Workers' Implementation of Effective Tuberculosis Control Measures in Rural Public Hospitals of Vhembe District, South Africa

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ABSTRACT This paper describes the validation processes that were undertaken to test the authenticity and usefulness of the developed guidelines. A qualitative descriptive design using communicative method was adopted. Participants were all four TB control managers stationed at Vhembe Health district offices representing the seven hospitals from where the original data was collected. All the necessary permissions were obtained prior to data collection. Data was collected using one to one discussion. Data was analysed using Techs' open coding method. The participants confirmed that the guideline concepts fit the data; and that they are relevant to TB infection control; and that they represent TB infection control situation at rural public hospitals. Participants believed that the guidelines will be useful only if managers can be trained first. The guidelines proved to be authentic and useful, and therefore should be adopted by employers as the basis for the development of tuberculosis training policy.