



**Maintaining Participant Contact:
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INTRODUCTION

- Maintaining contact with participants after termination from the study is critical:
 - Optimize ASPIRE result dissemination
 - Optimize screening and enrolment into MTN 025 (HOPE)
- Participants enrolled: 213
- Participants in follow up: 198
- Why the discrepancy?

Transferred out	4 [To Cape Town (2) & Zimbabwe sites (2)]
Transferred in	6 [From Zimbabwe (2), Cape Town (1) & Durban (3) sites]
Termination	17

- Aim is to maintain regular contact with all 198 participants



MAINTAINING CONTACT : CURRENT

- Cohort allocation system
- Community Health Workers (CHWS) –
 - Maintain regular contact – phone calls, SMS, IM (WhatsApp)
 - Participant/staff rapport
 - Reminders for study visits, special events and general check in
 - Update locator information
 - System has been successful
 - 96% retention excluding early terminations
 - 91% retention overall
- Monitored by Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Study Coordinator (SC) & IoR
- IoR, SC, Clinicians & CLO also contact participants as needed



PLANS FOR MAINTAINING CONTACT

During study follow up:

- In daily waiting room discussions,
 - Timelines to result dissemination
 - Possibility of HOPE study
 - Importance of maintaining site/participant contact is stressed
- At Product Use End Visit (PUEV) and Study Exit Visit (SEV)
 - Locator information updated
 - Reminder to contact site as needed
 - Future contact log completed (SEV)
 - Contact card (SEV)



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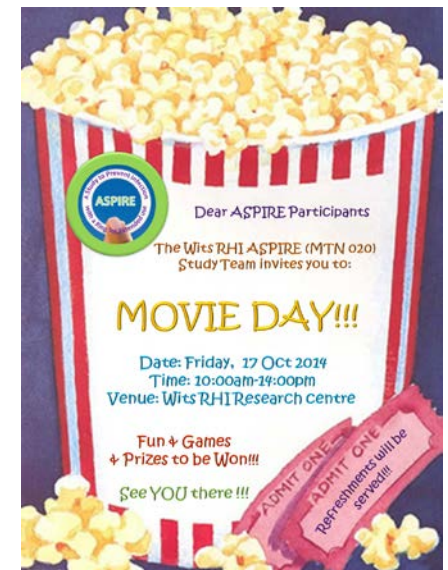
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PLANS FOR MAINTAINING CONTACT

After SEV:

- CHW will continue with regular contact with participants per allocation system for general check-in & locator update as needed.
- Holiday and Birthday listing to wish participants
 - Use of bulk SMS system, IM (WhatsApp), telephone call
- Site events (e.g. Movie Day, End of Study Party)



PLANS FOR MAINTAINING CONTACT

After SEV:

- Protocol currently being drafted to offer
 - Monthly HIV testing and counseling, pregnancy testing as well as contraception counseling and provision as needed.
- HIV tests & contraception → Gauteng Department of Health (DOH) - free
- Pregnancy test → Currently checking with DOH
- Will only be implemented following IRB approval




PLANS FOR RESULT DISSEMINATION

- Participants will be provided with feedback with regards to availability of results – Bulk SMS or at site events
- Result Dissemination: Study exit worksheet reponses will be used

Review Study Exit Worksheets



Create listing

- Plan for providing participant with final study results
 - Method by which participant wishes to be contacted when study results are available
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Analyze listing

Planned and schedule result dissemination
Use communication material supplied by MTN

PLANS FOR RESULT DISSEMINATION

- Options for result dissemination to participants
 - Group discussions
 - Individual discussions
 - Email/SMS/Instant Messaging/Telephone call
- Options for result dissemination to CAB & Stakeholders (as per the ASPIRE communications plan)
 - Meetings
 - Email
 - Letters



SUMMARY

- Regular contact with participants must be maintained
- Site will continue with cohort allocation approach
 - Regular telephonic check-in and update of locator information
 - Face to face activities at site (e.g Movie Day)
 - Possibly provision of monthly VCT, Pregnancy testing and contraception
- Concerted effort will be made to maintain contact with all 198 participants



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