**APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1: Informed Consent for Research Participation**

**Title: A comparative case study of the knowledge and beliefs of spectacle wear amongst  undergraduate students at Westville and Howard campuses, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal**

Dear Participants

You are humbly invited to partake in this research study titled: “A comparative case study of the knowledge and beliefs of spectacle wear amongst  undergraduate students at Westville and Howard campuses, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal” which is being conducted to attain the knowledge and beliefs of UKZN undergraduate students at Westville and Howard campuses on spectacle wear. You have been approached because you are a UKZN undergraduate student at either of the above mentioned campuses.

You are assured of confidentiality of the information provided. The data provided will not be used individually but used to report group findings. Data will be stored in a password protected computer and will be deleted after 5 years.Kindly answer the questionnaire as correctly as possible to aid the purpose of this study.

This study does not pose any risk to you. The content of the questionnaire will not present any risk or psychological discomfort to you. Kindly spare us about 10 minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire.

For further information or questions, kindly contact any of the following:

Ruqaiyah Peer 218011709@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Thandeka Ngidi 218022075@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Nondumiso Ntombela 21800310@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Sphelele Madlala  216035820@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Asma Khatib 218040023@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Amina Khan 218035296@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Supervisors:

Ms L. Buthelezi buthelezil2@ukzn.ac.za

Dr U. Nirghin nirghinu@ukzn.ac.za

**Appendix 2: Information document**

**Title: A comparative case study of the knowledge and beliefs of spectacle wear amongst  undergraduate students at Westville and Howard campuses, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal**

Researchers: Ruqaiyah Peer; Thandeka Ngidi; Nondumiso Ntombela; Sphelele Madlala; Asma Khatib; Amina Khan;

Supervisors: Dr Nirghin ; Ms Buthelezi

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Purpose of the study**: The purpose of the study is to evaluate or investigate the knowledge and beliefs towards spectacle wear amongst undergraduate students at Westville and Howard campuses at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal.

**Invitation to participate:** We are inviting you to participate in the study, which has the potential to improve the awareness of spectacle wear to prevent further complications that have been impacted by students who are not aware of spectacle wear.

**What is involved in the study?** The study will involve questionnaires. The completion of the questionnaires will take approximately 10 minutes.

**Risks:** There are no risks involved in this study. The content of the questionnaire will not present any risk or psychological discomfort to the participants.

**Confidentiality:** All personal information obtained will be kept private and confidential. Data will be anonymized and information will only be disclosed if required by law or to organisations that inspect this study for quality assurance. It will not be used individually, but used to report group findings. Data will be stored in a locked cupboard for a period of five years and after this duration it will be shredded. You have the right to withdraw from the study should you wish to do so. If you have any questions or concerns about the study you may contact:

Ruqaiyah Peer                                                               218011709@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Thandeka Ngidi                                                              218022075@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Nondumiso Ntombela                                                     218003100@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Sphelele Madlala                                                          216035820@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Asma Khatib                                                       218040023@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Amina Khan                                                                    218035296@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Supervisors:

Dr Nirghin                                                                       Nirghinu@ukzn.ac.za

Ms Buthelezi                                                                  ButheleziL2@ukzn.ac.za

**Appendix 3: Consent form**

**Study title:  A comparative case study of the knowledge and beliefs of spectacle wear amongst  undergraduate students at Westville and Howard campuses, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal**

Dear Sir/Madam

I                                           agree to participate in the above mentioned research study. I understand that the procedures performed are non-invasive and not detrimental to my health in any way.

I understand that my participation in this research is voluntary and that I can withdraw at any stage from the project without being penalized or disadvantaged in any way.

I understand that the information I provide may be used for data purposes, and the results will be published as a group and I will not be identified in person.

By signing this document, I am agreeing to participate and grant the researcher permission to analyse results obtained from each test.

The research will be conducted by Ruqaiyah Peer; Thandeka Ngidi; Nondumiso Ntombela; Sphelele Madlala; Asma Khatib; Amina Khan

Supervisors: Dr Nirghin and Ms Buthelezi

Participant:..................................                          Witness:......................................

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |

Date:..………………………….                           Date:.......................................

**Appendix 4: Gatekeeper consent**

Research Office Govan Mbeki Centre Tel: +27(31) 260 7291

Fax: +27(31) 2602384

To whom it may concern

**RE: Permission to approach all undergraduates students in all of our campuses in UKZN**

We are  conducting a research study as part of our final year in Optometry. The purpose of the study is to evaluate or investigate the knowledge and beliefs towards spectacle wear amongst undergraduate students at the Westville and Howard campuses at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The study will include undergraduates.

We request permission to approach all undergraduates at the Westville and Howard campuses at UKZN to participate in the research study. Request is also required to conduct a facility audit of equipment and observation of the environment. Please note that no harm will be brought to any that wish to participate. The completion of the questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes.

**Contact details:**

Ruqaiyah Peer                                                              218011709@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Thandeka Ngidi                                                            218022075@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Nondumiso Ntombela                                                   218003100@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Sphelele Madlala                                                        216035820@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Asma Khatib                                                     218040023@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Amina Khan                                                                  218035296@stu.ukzn.ac.za

Supervisors:

Dr Nirghin                                                          Nirghinu@ukzn.ac.za

Ms L Buthelezi                                       Mafbuthelezi@gmail.com

**Signature**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_         **Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_