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# The Recruitment Process at Emavundleni Research Centre

## Recruitments via:

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- **Community Outreach workers referral**
- **Self Report – walk in's**
- **Word of Mouth via family and friends**

## Services offered:

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- **HIV Testing and counseling**
- **Prescreen:**
  - **Informed consent**
  - **Locator information**
  - **Risk assessment**

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- **Counseling: Pre & Post HIV / Risk Reduction**
  - **Contraception assessment & Counseling**
  - **Rapid testing: HIV & Pregnancy**
  - **Medical History & Exam**
  - **STI Treatment**
  - **Referral when appropriate**

# Why a Pre-screening protocol?

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- **Introducing community to research processes**
- **Providing a medical service to community**
- **Identifying potential study participants**



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- **Identify people that will not be eligible to participate in research**
  - **Verify locator information**
  - **Opportunity to give information/counseling**
  - **Initiate & follow-up contraception**

## **Discussion groups conducted by Community**

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- **Platform to inform potential participants re studies**
- **An opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns**
- **Strengthen and building relationships**



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Participants interested in studies  
will be booked for **Consent  
Discussion Groups(CDG)**

# Consent Discussion Groups(CDG)

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- **Conducted by Counselors**
- **Study Specific**
- **More detail of Specific Study**
- **The specific Consent process and the importance of understanding Consents**

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- We make use of available resources and visual aids eg:
    - Models and instruments
    - Flip charts
    - Fact sheets
    - Contents of visit packs

## **Benefits of these discussions**

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- **Another opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns**
- **Strengthen relationships**
- **Identify potential participants with good sense of study content and public speaking who may assist in future discussion groups by sharing experiences**

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# **Overall Benefits of our Prescreens, Discussion Groups and Consent Discussion Groups**

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- **Only participants that appear eligible will be screened**
- **Reduce study visit time**
- **Reduce cost and manpower**
- **Reduce screen:enrolment ratio**
- **Improve retention**





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