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Re: Approval of Research project: **“Parental perceptions and experience of rehabilitation services for children with cerebral palsy in poorly resourced areas.”** Gillian Saloojee

Dear Madam,

Gillian Saloojee is a full time student at the University of the Witwatersrand and has forwarded an application to conduct research in the Gauteng Province in the Soweto area on the above topic.

The purpose of the study is to learn more about the feelings and experiences of caregivers looking after children with cerebral palsy have about the therapy they have received. The study wants to know if the therapy has changed anything in the life of the child or the family. The information obtained from the study will be used to improve the therapy that children with cerebral palsy receive in public hospitals.

The aim of the study is to establish parental perceptions and experience of current public sector rehabilitation approached for children with CP in poorly resourced rural and urban areas of South Africa.

The objectives are to:

- a. Establish whether rehabilitation services that are more family centered are associated with a positive family outcome (measured in terms of caregivers quality of life, mental health, attitude towards their child and involvement with family support networks.
- b. Establish the strength of the relationship between the caregivers perceptions of the rehabilitation service, (as measured quantitatively by the measure of processes of care scale) and a positive family outcomes.