

THE ORGANISATION

Our client is a donor funded organisation and development partner in Namibia that works closely with the Ministry of Health and Social Services' (MoHSS) Directorate of Special Programmes (DSP). They promote activities that increase human capacity for providing HIV/AIDS clinical care and support and assist with the development of health care worker systems that are locally-determined, optimally resourced, highly responsive and self-sustaining in countries and regions hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic. In partnership with the MoHSS, staff is deployed at hospitals and health facilities across the country to form part of a coordinated effort. They now seek to appoint an appropriately qualified and experienced candidate to fill the following position:

STI STUDY NURSE

(Research Project on Etiologic survey of STI's among
Persons Living with HIV/AIDS)

THE BACKGROUND

Our client is implementing an etiologic survey for genital infections among patients entering HIV care. The overall goal of this project is to improve the diagnosis and management of genital infections among persons in HIV outpatient care in Namibia. **The contract will be for a fixed period of 12 months.**

THE POSITION

The STI Study Nurse will report to the Study Coordinator and will work closely with the other members of the study team in completing the following tasks:

- Assistant in other tasks related to the study, including:
 - Maintaining a log of patients who have been called back for etiological treatment, those who received the treatment, and those who are lost to follow-up.
 - Tracking patients who are lost to follow up.
 - Maintaining patient records.
 - Recognizing adverse events and understand the recording and reporting mechanism.
- At the end of the day, verify completed data collection forms

Key Areas of Focus and Deliverables:

- Supply management: laboratory, shipping, labeling, Case Report Forms (CRF) and questionnaire forms, backup antibiotic supply, etc. Check inventory daily and follow procedures to obtain whatever is needed.
- Preparing the project materials and study files at the beginning of each day. Store materials and supplies at the end of each day.
- Ensure that specimens collected from participants and study forms are appropriately packaged, labeled, and shipped to the lab daily.
- Approach designated patients registering at the clinic to ask about their willingness to participate in a study.
- For those who are willing, determine if they meet study eligibility criteria.
- For those who are eligible, conduct informed consent procedures and obtain signed informed consent; give a copy of the Consent Form to the participant.
- Prepare a study file for the individual participant.
- Administer patient questionnaire.
- Provide clinical services, including:
 - Collecting urine, blood, and genital secretion specimens for laboratory evaluations.
 - Conducting a physical examination of external genitalia.
 - Conducting full gynecological exams.
 - Referring participants to other services (as needed).
 - Ensuring that symptomatic participants receive STI treatment according to syndromic management guidelines.

THE PERSON

The Study Nurse should have a strong knowledge of principles, concepts, methodologies of clinical research in general and previous exposure to such environments will be a distinct advantage.

Minimum requirements:

- Education: Registered Nurse, additional relevant tertiary education will be an added advantage.

Prior work Experience and competency requirements:

- Demonstrated experience with clinical skills for genital assessment.
- Demonstrated experience with clinical sample collection.
- Proficient speaking, reading, and writing skills in English.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively coordinate activities and meet deadlines.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and demonstrated ability to be a team player.
- Knowledge of technical areas include:
 - Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
 - Syndromic management of STIs
 - Family planning
 - Factors that Influence the HIV epidemic: gender norms, alcohol misuse
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as strong organizational skills.
- Experience in clinical study implementation.

INTERESTED ?

The successful candidate will be on a one year contract and an attractive package commensurate with qualifications and experience is offered. The closing date is **09 December 2011** and suitably qualified Namibian candidates are encouraged to apply. Kindly forward your electronic CV to nelao@potentia.com.na before the closing date. **NB. All applications will be handled exclusively by Potentia Namibia. We will only correspond with the shortlisted candidates.**



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