Guidelines to Enhance the Implementation of Effective Tuberculosis Control Measures in Rural Public Hospitals of Vhembe District, South Africa

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ABSTRACT This paper developed guidelines believed to enhance the implementation of effective measures of tuberculosis control. The reasoning strategies as well as the components of a theory were used to develop these guidelines. The guidelines assume that health care workers like any other employees need the support of management regarding the improvement of tuberculosis control-related dynamics at the workplace; and that the management was found to possess inadequate knowledge to deal with such dynamics. These guidelines therefore concluded that if managers can be the first to receive training based on national and international tuberculosis control protocols, they will be empowered with knowledge and skills to improve health care workers’ tuberculosis control-related dynamics. The belief is that if the workplace dynamics are addressed, health care workers will be motivated to implement effective tuberculosis control measures even in rural hospitals.