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Sore Throat Parent and Patient Interview Schedule

INTRODUCTION

(purpose of this is to make the interviewee feel comfortable)

- Introduce yourself
- Reason for interview (explain research)
- Ethics (explain consent form and any ethical issues)
- Ask the patient if they have any questions.
- Thank the interviewee for their time and willingness to participate
- Ask the interviewee about themselves (how they are feeling etc.)

A THEME

Reasons for Seeking Healthcare

Tell us about your child.

So your child has a sore throat, what can you tell us about his/her experience of being ill?

Probe for the following information:

- Why are you here today?
- Why did you decide to come to clinic today?
- Where you normally go for a sore throat?

B THEME

Alternative Sources for Care

Elicit information on health-seeking behaviour prior to visiting a GP, clinic or hospital.

Probe for the following information:

- What did you do to treat your child's sore throat?
- Did you use any home remedies?
- Do you consult with your family before you seek care at a health facility?
- Did you visit any other healers
 - E.g. traditional healers, other
- What health facility do you typically go when you/your child are sick?
 - Dispensary, Duka la Dawa, clinic, district hospital, etc.

C THEME

History of Disease in the Child

Probe for information on the child's health over time.

- When did your child start to feel ill?
- How long has he/she had the sore throat?

D THEME

Impact on Daily Life

Understanding the impact of illness on the patients' daily lives can aid the understanding of health-seeking behaviour and adherence (or lack thereof) to long term treatment.

- Is it easy to get to a clinic?
- What was your experience at this clinic?
- How do you get to a clinic?
 - Distance: is it far?
 - Transport: is it an issue?
 - How much does it cost to get to a clinic?
 - Are you able to spend this money?

E THEME

Theme: Awareness

Understanding what and how much patients know about their illness and RHD awareness.

- Did you know that a sore throat* can be linked with heart problems?
- Have you heard of RHD?

*we are not implying that the sore throat patient has RHD, but rather probing for awareness

Thank the parent/patient for their time and participation