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.)

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?

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.
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?

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?

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