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Challenges of primary health care nurses regarding the integration of Hiv/Aids services into PHC in Vhembe district of Limpopo province, South Africa

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The National Department of Health in South Africa, in response to the accelerating roll-out of antiretroviral treatment (ART), introduced the strategy of integrating Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) services into Primary Health Care services (PHC). The extent of the integration of HIV/AIDS services into PHC differs from one PHC to another depending on the feasibility to another. The aim of the study was to explore the extent of HIV/AIDS services integration into PHC clinics and health care centres in Vhembe district of Limpopo province, South Africa. The study was conducted at the sampled health centres and clinics located in Vhembe district of Limpopo Province, South Africa. The study adopted a qualitative, explorative, descriptive and contextual design. Non-probability purposeful sampling procedures were used for the selection of knowledgeable and experienced operational managers from selected clinics and health centres. The researcher conducted one to one semi-structured interview with 12 participants. Data were analysed using Tesch steps of open coding. HIV/AIDS services are integrated to every existing programme at the PHC clinic and health care centres; these include: Immunisation programme, Family planning, PMTCT and ANC programmes, STIs, minor ailments and chronic illness and TB.