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The Department of Global Health at Stellenbosch University, cordially invites you to this seminar
on

Applying the Research Approach of Positive Deviance to Improve Retention in Care among ARV Patients in WCDoH clinics in Cape Town.

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Level 1

Facilitated by Professor Hassan Mahomed
Thursday, 9 November 2023, 15:00 – 16:30pm

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Combining Positive Deviance and
Implementation Science to Improve Retention in
HIV Care in South Africa by
Dr Allison Ober

Dr Allison J. Ober, MSW, PhD is a Senior Behavioural Science Researcher at the RAND Corporation, a non-profit research and policy institute headquartered in Santa Monica California, USA. Dr. Ober has worked in HIV and substance use disorder research for over 20 years. She currently leads multiple studies focused on improving care in community health and mental health settings for people living with HIV and those with substance use disorders, both within and outside of the US. Dr. Ober has expertise in implementation science research aimed at improving delivery of evidence-based practices, conducting randomized controlled trials, and in mixed-methods research.



Next Phase, additional lessons for health services,
and doing participatory research in the WCGHW by
Dr Donald Skinner

Dr Donald Skinner is a registered clinical psychologist, and has a MPH and PhD in research psychology. He is a specialist researcher in the Dept of Public Health at SU. He has expertise in qualitative, participatory, community based and intervention research. Donald teaches qualitative and participatory research at postgraduate level. He has been PI on multiple internationally funded studies on risks to communities including HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, violence, and gender issues. He has a long history of involvement in health and social justice issues and works closely with community groups and NGOs. Multiple studies have involved working with the WCDoH. Previous posts include being the research officer at an NGO working with victims of violence, director of the AIDS and Society Research Unit at UCT, director of Research on Health and Society at Stellenbosch University and a director at the HSRC.