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## Abstract

**Background:**

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**Methods:**

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## Introduction

## Methods

### **Study design**

### **Study setting**

### **Study sample**

### **Data collection**

### **Data analysis**

### **Ethical considerations**

*Example 2: For retrospective chart reviews*

Ethical approval was obtained from the Health Research Ethics Committee of Stellenbosch University (ref #: S16/06/965) and we were granted a waiver of informed consent. All data were anonymised to ensure privacy and confidentiality of participants’ personal information, and each participant was assigned a unique identifier.

## Results

## Discussion

## Conclusion

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