

Review of: "Exploring Video Consultations within Sexual Health Services."

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Comments

Alternative modes of patient care in the context of the pandemic are indeed important. The topic that the researchers presented is of great significance. However, there is a need to further enhance the article. Here are my comments:
Spell out 5.

If possible, cite statistics that prove the argument that there was an increase in attendance to the sexual health clinics. Be consistent in the use of terms.

The first sentence in paragraph 2 states that the attendance but why is there a sudden discussion on lack of service provision in rural communities, particularly because of distance issues? There seems to be a disconnect here.

What is meant by this?

"All F2F consultations since COVID were behind a mask. Adopted VC in May 2020 due to departmental wish to reduce patients sat in the waiting room during COVID."

There should be editing. Is there a giant mask in the face-to-face consultations as the sentence states that the consultations were behind a mask. Or are the authors trying to say that the patients were required to wear a mask? The second sentence seems not supportive of the first.

Research should be well-communicated. Correct grammar is a basic foundation to any kind of research. There should be language editing for most portions of the research for comprehensibility. Example:

Despite these percentages, it is important to remember that VCs will not be appropriate for every patient or each situation, and it is how this is managed going forward that will be key.

Aside from language editing, it would be best to give code-references or code names and designations of those who gave the verbatim responses.

For statistics, are there other statistical methods utilized to analyze your data? The sample size has not been pegged, yet there are percentages cited.

I wish the team all the best as they revise the article.