

ABSTRACT

Stigma and Discrimination: Investigating Final Year Student Nurses [sic] Attitudes and Perceptions of People Living With HIV in Guyana

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Employing both quantitative and qualitative approaches, this study sought to determine whether stigma and discrimination exist among health care professionals in Guyana. Data were collected through a questionnaire administered to, and interviews with, 54 nursing students from four nursing schools. Findings revealed that while the participants were comfortable providing care for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA), they were fearful of contagion.

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