



*University of the Witwatersrand  
Department of Paediatrics and Child Health*

**BIRTH TO TWENTY MEDICAL SCHOOL: 14<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
FATHERHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE**

**DATE : Day**  **Month**  **Year**

I agree to participate in the Birth to Twenty study.

I understand that the study will involve me completing this questionnaire which focuses of fatherhood.

I agree to participation in the study on the condition that:

1. The Committee for Research on Human Subjects at the University of the Witwatersrand has approved the study protocol and procedures.
2. All results will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.
3. Only group results, and not my/my child's individual results, will be published in scientific journals and in the media.
4. I can chose to withdraw from the study at any time if the procedures cause my discomfort, and I will not be prejudiced or disadvantaged if I withdraw from the study.

Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Zukiswa Mhlapo at the Birth to Twenty Administration Office – (011) 4883602**

**Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.**

**FOR ALL QUESTIONS PLEASE TICK (✓) THE APPROPRIATE BOX**

**SECTION 1**

**Question 1**

Are you the biological father of the BTT child?

 **YES**
 **NO**

IF you ticked “**NO**”

What is your relationship to the child?

*(For example: grandfather, stepfather, uncle, friend, other- please describe.)*

**SECTION 2**

**Question 1**

Please tick whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements.

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
Being a father and raising children is the most fulfilling experience a man can have				
If I had a new child I would want people to know				
Not being a part of my child’s life would be one of the worst things that could happen to me				

## **Question 2**

Fathers do many things for their children. Please tell me how important each of the following activities is to you:

	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Not important</b>	<b>Do not know</b>
Provide regular financial support				
Teach my child about life				
Provide direct care such as feeding, dressing, and child care				
Show love and affection to my child				
Provide protection to my child				
Serve as an authority figure and discipline my child				

## **Question 3**

In your opinion:

1. If a father provides financial support to the mother for the children, do you think he should have the right to:

See his child on a regular basis	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Make decisions about how the child is raised	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

2. If a father **CAN** afford to provide financial support but **DOES NOT**, do you think he should have the right to:

See his child on a regular basis	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Make decisions about how the child is raised	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

3. If a father **CANNOT** afford to provide financial support, do you think he should have the right to:

See his child on a regular basis	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Make decisions about how the child is raised	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

4. If a mother has a new partner, do you think the baby's biological father should be required to provide financial support to his baby?

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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5. If the father has a new baby with another partner, do you think he should be required to provide support to his children from a previous relationship?

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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6. If a man gets a woman pregnant and does not want to marry her, how likely is it that he will be required to pay child support for the child? Would you say there is: (SELECT ONE ONLY)

No chance	
A little chance	
A 50-50 chance	
A pretty good chance, or	
An almost certain chance	

7. Can a blood test prove whether a man is really the father of the child?

<b>YES</b>	
<b>NO</b>	
<b>DO NOT KNOW</b>	

**SECTION 3**

**Question 1**

Were you living with both of your biological parents when you were age 15?

**YES**

**NO**

Were you living with your mother or a female caregiver when you were age 15 years

**YES**

**NO**

**Question 2**

How involved was your biological father in your life? Would you say he was...

Very involved	
Somewhat involved	
Not at all involved	
Never knew my father	

**Question 3**

Was there another person who was like a father to you when you were growing up?

<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
IF you ticked <b>“NO”</b> go to Question 4	IF you ticked <b>“YES”</b> , please answer the following question:  1. Who was this person? (Please circle <b>ONE</b> only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stepfather</li><li>• Foster father</li><li>• Uncle</li><li>• Grandfather</li><li>• Cousin</li><li>• Minister</li><li>• Teacher</li><li>• Brother</li><li>• Mother’s boyfriend</li><li>• Friend</li><li>• Other – please specify</li></ul>

**Please turn over**

**Question 4**

When you think about the kind of father you want to be, what person do you think of?  
(SELECT ONE ONLY)

Your real father	
The person who was like a father to you	
Some other man – specify relationship	
Uncle	
Grandfather	
Friend	
Myself	
Bill Cosby	
My mother	
Other – please specify	