

## **Sanele Ngcobo**

Sanele was among the 1st group of Clinical Associates to graduate at University of Pretoria in 2011. He was then seconded by KwaZulu Natal Department of Health (KZN DOH) to work for University of Pretoria as a Junior Lecture for Clinical Associates students in 2012. Sanele is a Clinical Associate, with experience and expertise in research and teaching students in the medical field. His current focus is on AitaHealth and CareQuest (electronic applications used by community health workers). He is also doing PHD, which focuses on evaluating the role of Ward based outreach teams on supporting patients living with HIV.

### ***Contribution to Science / Research Support***

We have been able to scientifically prove that Clinical associates contribute to the demands for high numbers of VMMCs in Tshwane district, South Africa. Clinical associates perform VMMCs at a clinical standard that is comparable to circumcisions performed by doctors. Sanele has also been working hard on many different projects to establish the use of electronic tools to improve the work of CHWs. One of the projects he has worked on is “Peer-learning reviews to improve Gauteng COPC – findings from AitaHealth™ -enabled WBOTs”. The role of WBOTs amongst HIV positive patients is not clear in SA, in an ongoing project (PhD), and the team is hoping to clearly understand the role of WBOT and challenges faced, seeing how they can be overcome through use of Aitahealth™.