Exercise: Communication Plan

Directions:

- First identify the various populations in which you need to communicate standards.
- Decide what is the message you want to send. This should be more than information. Think about the action you want the individual (s) to take and how best to request that action.
- What is the best way to send the message to this audience? Consider the usual patterns of communication for this individual or group but also be creative.
- Identify who will send the message. This needs to be someone who the individual/group respects and appropriate for the group (e.g. often it is best for physicians to communicate directly with other physicians).
- Identify exactly when the message will be delivered. Without a time established, often plans do not get carried out.

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		message?	_	sent?

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Population		way to send the	the message?	message be	
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Physicians	Male circumcision provides partial protection	Discussion during	Respected	Date of next	
	against HIV acquisition by men	regular medical	surgeon	medical staff	
	MC should be integrated into the current HIV	staff meeting		meeting	
	program and include a minimum package.				
	Need for safe, quality services – thus, the				
	WHO (or national) male circumcision standards.				
	Need physicians' participation in				
	implementing the standards.				
	implementing the standards.				