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A mobile vocabulary acquisition application for health science students: a proposed study

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Abstract

Communication plays a vital role in everyday life and in some situations multilingual communication is a necessity. The South African constitution recognises 11 official languages. Multilingual communication therefore occurs almost everywhere, like at hospitals and in clinics. When the need arises for someone (who does not speak a global language like English) to seek medical attention in South Africa, it becomes a challenge to find a health practitioner that speaks their first language. This study aims to develop and evaluate the use of a mobile application designed for supplementary Northern Sotho language learning by health science students.