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SURPRISE VISIT BY THE KZN HEALTH MEC

On the 0th of April 2025, KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Nomagugu Simelane made a surprise visit to Charles Johnsons Memorial Hospital in Nquthu, Umzinyathi District as a part of a series of unannounced inspections to assess service delivery and user experience. During the visit, Simelane engaged with staff, management and patients to gather first-hand insights. The unannounced inspections aim to reinforce high service standards and address any bottlenecks. She commended the management and the staff about their commitment to service delivery and she also gave her inputs and advices on strategies to improve patient flow and reduction of waiting time especially in MOPD.



KZN MEC for health interacting with patients during her surprise visit to Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital



KZN MEC for health, Acting HOD (Mrs. Msimango) and Dr. T.I.W. Khumalo (Medical Manager) surprise visit to Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CHILD SUPPORT GRANT SITE AT CHARLES JOHNSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL .

On the 04th of March 2025 South African State Agency opened an official child support grant registration sites at Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital, this is following other sites that were officially opened in the province of Eastern Cape. This initiative aims to make it easier for parents to register their new-born's for the grant without having to travel to a separate SASSA office.

The service is available at several hospitals across the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, with SAS-SA and Home Affairs representatives operating five days a week. In KwaZulu-Natal, SASSA has also launched on site Child Support Grant registration at the Prince Mshiyeni Hospital (Umlazi) . This allows parents to register their newborns for the grant directly at the hospital, reducing the burden on families during a critical time. Parents can now register their new-borns for the Child Support Grant directly at the hospital before leaving the facility.



Ms. Nelisiwe Masondo (Local Office Manager) addressing stakeholders during the opening of Child Support Grant site at CJM Hospital.



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CAREER GUIDANCE AND CAREER EXPLORE

Choosing A Career

Department of Education, Government Departments Amajuba TVET College and NGO'S conducted career guidance to all Grade 11's and 12's to Nhlalakahle, Springlake, Langazela and Mlandowethu high school.

Career guidance helps students make informed decisions about their future education and work by aligning their interests, skills, and values with potential career paths and educational opportunities.

The careers advisors team at Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital is committed to assist and avail themselves to assist learners to choose the correct health related careers if requested and invited.



Public Relations officer (Mr S.C. Ngwenya)addressing Spring-Lake High School on teenage pregnancy.



Mr. S.G. Ngcobo addressing learners from Ntalantala about Health Careers available in Department of Health.



Teenage pregnancy and drug abuse awareness at Langazela Secondary School at Nondweni in



Government Departments gathered at Ntalantala High School during career guidance.

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HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF QHUDENI

On the 20th of November 2024 Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital under uMzinyathi health District took health services to the community of Qhudení in Ward 01 at Vulindlela Traditional Council. This is a campaign initiated by the current MEC for Health, Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Mngadi which takes the form of community outreach services where health services are taken to the community.

Health workers are encouraged to do promotive and preventive healthcare activities outside the health facility premises. In this way, most health services that would be provided at a hospital are taken to a residential area for communities who may have difficulty to access them.

In an effort to provide free healthcare services to the people, Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital took health services to the community of Qhudení. This is because this community have to travel a long distance of about 80km and pay a transport fee of R140 to get health care services at CJM Hospitals.

The programme attracted more than 480 community members of all age groups. This area was identified as one of the deep rural and most deprived area because of its physical and geographical environment.

Through this programme the hospital provided health promotion materials to the community and the community members were screened for different diseases. Doctors from the hospital were available to assist clients and medications was dispensed since the hospital pharmacy department was on the site to prescribed medication to the community. Patients with Chronic diseases like diabetes and blood pressure were also assisted.

HIV and TB tests were done and all of this was done, the elderly who needed walking sticks were provided with these items. This programme of delivering services directly to the community reduces burden of diseases in this community.

This area is also serviced by a mobile health clinics that come once a month. This is not for the first time that the hospital visited the area as it was done before in 2023, the management have seen that there is a great need for the hospital to re-visit Qhudení area.



REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS DURING TAKING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE PROGRAMME AT QHUDENI AREA IN WARD 01



COMMUNITY MEMBERS DURING TAKING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE PROGRAMME AT QHUDENI AREA IN WARD 01



On the 24th of November 2024 Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital hosted Quality day and Service Excellence Award to honor individual staff members, Wards, Clinics and other Sections.

This is an Annual event as Service Excellence Awards are recognition programs that honor individual teams for their consistency in delivering high quality of health care services.

These awards aim to foster a culture of excellence, improve customer experience and motivate employees to go above and beyond the call of duty. They can be a powerful tool for demonstrating the hospital's commitments to deliver quality health care and customers satisfaction.

Ms L.M. Ntuli and Mrs T.P. Ndlovu who received a special Awards from the hospital CEO (Mr R.S.M. Ngcobo) for their hard work , Commitment and tenacity. Speaking to staff members Ms. L.M. Ntuli said excellence doesn't come easy, and it doesn't come just overnight, but it takes years of commitment and dedication.

Once excellence is achieved , Ms Ntuli said, it requires hard work and working beyond the call of duty and making endless sacrifice to achieve certain goals. Receiving this award is because of a good team spirit from other managers and putting in extra working hours.

Mrs Ndlovu said that a strong team spirit is just a great catalyst to help you attain excellence in your work place

Sometimes you need to sacrifice sacred family time and work even weekends and public holidays.

The event was blessed by the presence of the District team lead, Ms Ndlela and the hospital management.



Mrs. Snenhlanhla Khumalo (Dietician) receiving an Award on behalf of Rehab Team



CJM Hospital staff attending quality day and Service Excellence award



Mr I.K. Gumede receiving an Award on behalf of Female ward during Quality and Service Excellence Award.

ISIBAYA SAMADODA CAMPAIGN

On 28 November 2024 Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital hosted Isibaya Samadoda at Mbokodwebomvu Tribal Council. Prince Nhlanganiso Zulu urged men to intensify the fight against HIV by getting circumcised.

At an *Isibaya Samadoda* men's health event held at Slutshane area under Nquthu Local Municipality, Prince N Zulu highlighted the crucial role of circumcision in reducing HIV transmission and promoting overall health. His father, the late King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu, was at the forefront of the fight against HIV and AIDS in KwaZulu-Natal. He was committed to enhancing men's health and cited medical circumcision as a proactive measure to prevent HIV. He often used cultural events to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS.

Isibaya Samadoda is a men's health movement that also encourages men to focus on their physical and emotional wellness and cultural identity. *Isibaya Samadoda* loosely translates to 'the circle of men' in isiZulu.



PRINCE NHLANGANISO ZULU ADDRESSING THE MENS AT MBOKODWE EBOMVU TRIBAL COUNCIL.



Mr SIBIYA (UNDUNANKULU) ADDRESSING THE MENS AT MBOKODWE EBOMVU TRIBAL COUNCIL.



MENS WHO HAVE ATTENDED ISIBAYA SAMADODA FROM MBOKPDWEBOMVU TRABAL COUNCIL.

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**SIR I.K. GUMEDE ON BEHALF OF FEMALE WARD
DURING QUALITY DAY AND SERVICE
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**MATRON N.V. GUMEDE ON BEHALF OF OUPATIENT
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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM FOR NO VIOLENCE AGAINST

All Umzinyathi District SAPS celebrated 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children Campaign at Nquthu Local municipality on the 10th of November 2024. This campaign was commemorated with support of other government departments such as Department of Health, Social Development, Education and COGTA and was celebrated under the theme: "30 Years of Advancing Collective Action to End Violence against Women and Children".

This year's campaign emphasizes addressing the root causes of GBVF, promoting positive masculinity, promoting gender equity, and creating economic opportunities for women and children. The event was taken to Empumelelweni hall because most of the assault and GBVF cases are coming from this area as per the reports received from the municipality and it was discovered that there are still more activities and campaigns to be done in this area to end Gender Based Violence and assaults



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