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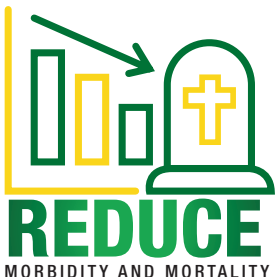
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**GROWING
KWAZULU-NATAL
TOGETHER**



Ms PP Zungu, CEO for Greytown District Hospital.

CEO FOREWORD

Welcome colleagues to yet another edition of 'Isibani Sethu' internal newsletter publication. As we begin this quarter, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude and admiration for each and every one of you. We have gone through turbulent times during the beginning of the year by losing a few of our soldiers in the nursing component and administration.

It is never easy to come to solace with losing people dear to you. Never the less we as a family have shown continued resilience and solidarity during our moments of grief. I thank you for the contributions you always make for and your attendance during our memorials.

I am writing this piece to you as our country has been ushered into unprecedented times. This is particularly of the recent political turn of events in our country. Our people in the recent months went to the polls to exercise their democratic right and voted in a Government of the People both in Provincial and National, this then ushered in a Government of Nation Unity (GNU). The Provincial Government is also

a Provincial Government of Unity based on the principles of the GNU. The GNU will focus its key priorities in these strategic priorities.

1. Drive inclusive economic growth
2. Reduce poverty and tackling high cost of living
3. Building a skilled, capable, ethical and developmental state.

We are looking forward to the Provincial Government Lekgotla by the KwaZulu-Natal Cabinet which will then give us direction of the program of action for the 7th Provincial Administration. The department has made it clear that professionalism, dress code and wearing of name tags will be closely monitored and staff needs to adhere to this at all times.

I am very proud of the strides we have made as a facility and as a sub-district particularly for obtaining certification from the Office of the Health Standards Compliance (OHSC). This certification mean we will be able to render health services during the implementation of the National Health

Insurance. I thank each and every one of you for pulling through and being readily available in your corners and allowing the inspectorate to scrutinize the legibility of your processes and operating procedures in your departments. During the assessments the tone of a united front was shown, and this proved to me that together we can do so much more.

Our Primary health care facilities did extremely well during the Ideal Clinic Realisation and Maintenance (ICRM) and OHSC assessments which also mean they will be accredited to offer services during the implementation of NHI. The M3 TB Hospital also had an audit with Auditor General of South Africa, and there were gaps identified which were beyond our control such as non-aliment of questionnaires elements on the system and on raw data, this issue has been taken up to Province, our fellow colleagues from other facilities experienced the similar audit findings. I was excited to host the nurse's day celebration event which show cased the good that you do in your corners. There were various health awareness campaigns like the TB month which was observed, hand hygiene day, Isibhedlela kubantu outreach and the wellness day that we had.

We continue as the custodians of healthcare to face various challenges in the health system such as outbreaks. Our teams had to deal with food poisoning and chicken pox in the sub-district. We have seen a few cases

of M-Pox in South Africa, we have had a training session with the district at our facility on M-Pox, this has made us to identify ways in which we can combat this disease head on in our sub district. Our teams from PHC and us as a facility remain on high alert regarding any M-Pox cases and outbreak in the area. This quarter, we will continue to focus on our mission to deliver high-quality healthcare with kindness and empathy. We will continue work together in a united front to:

- Enhance Patient Experience of Care
- Enhance the provision of Universal Health Coverage
- Reduce Morbidity and Mortality

I encourage you to embrace these goals and make them your own. They are the basis of our daily operations. Your contributions, big or small, will make a significant impact on the lives of our people in the Umvoti Sub-district.

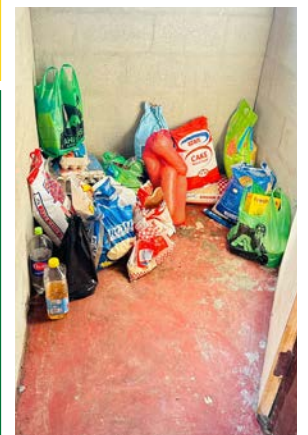
As we step into August we will be participating in the National Annual Patient Experience of Care (PEC) survey. Which will gauge and reflect on the satisfaction or dissatisfaction levels of care we provide to our customers. I look forward to interacting with our people during these surveys.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. I look forward to a successful quarter and a bright future for the Umvoti Sub-District for the 2024/25 financial year.

I thank you and all the Best.

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The Greytown District Hospital Board, EXCO members and extended Management embarked on a 67 minutes initiative of giving love and showing care to patients in the various wards at the facility. This was in a form of foot massages that were given to patients during Mandela Day. The team visited all the wards in the facility to give these oil based massages with love and care. An ecstatic patient in maternity, Saneliwe Mkhonza pleaded with the team to massage her stomach which was welcomed with enthusiasm by the CEO, M PP Zungu.



MENS MONTH

WELLNESS PROGRAM



ISIBHEDLELA KUBANTU

..... *IN RURAL MUDEN*



In an effort to the realization of the department's strategic goal of Universal Health Coverage, the Umvoti Sub-District will be hosting monthly Isibhedlela kubantu initiatives in grey area under the sub-district.

The recent Isibhedlela kubantu outreach saw at least some 450 beneficiaries of public health services in the rural village of Mudén. This initiative is part of the sub districts continued effort in implementation of Universal Health Coverage and forms part of Governments commitment of Re-engineering Primary Health Care (PHC Re-engineering).



MONKEYPOX

VIRUS

SYMPTOMS OF MONKEYPOX

There is currently an outbreak of M-POX (MonkeyPox)

Most people recover fully without treatment but in some cases, people get seriously ill

- It is called 'monkeypox' because it was first found in monkeys
- What we need to know about this outbreak is changing fast - we are learning more everyday

SYMPTOMS OF MONKEYPOX INCLUDE

- Rash with blisters on face, hands, feet, body, eyes, mouth and genitals
- Fever
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Headache
- Muscle and back aches
- Low energy

If you think you have mpox
Get advise from health
worker or visit nearest health
facility

Isolate at home if possible
Protect others by avoiding
close contact with them
Wear a mask and avoid
touching if you need to have
close contact



SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES



INTENSE HEADACHE



CHILLS



HIGH FEVER



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**BACK AND
MUSCLE ACHES**



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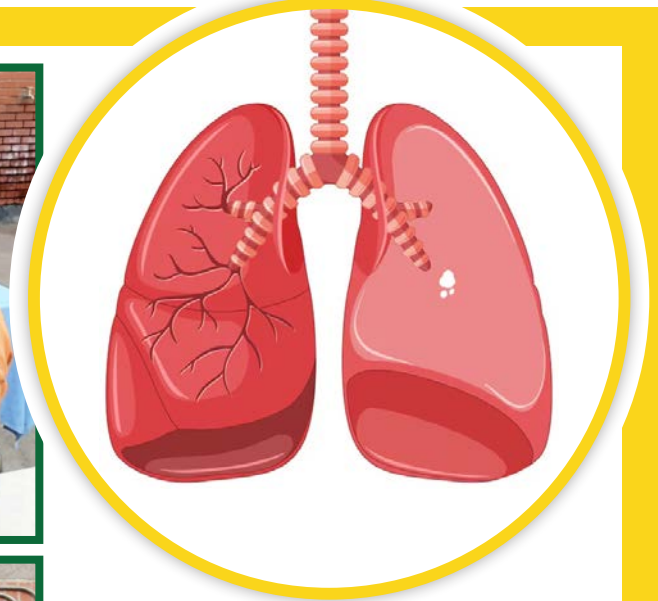
The orientation and induction program took place earlier this year to orientate new recruits on the mission and mandate of the department of Health, and other important prescripts. The two day workshop proved to be highly

successful. Another program will take place during August on the 7th and 8th. Furthermore managers and staff of the institution have completed an ethics online course and managers have done financial disclosure in an effort

to tackling corruption and building an ethical state. The department will also monitor closely the issue of dress code, wearing of name tags in an effort to professionalising the public service.

TB COMMEMORATED

IN UMVOTI



Each year we commemorate World TB Day on March 24 to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic impact of tuberculosis (TB) and urge acceleration of efforts to end the global TB epidemic. Despite significant progress over the last decades, TB continues to be the top infectious killer worldwide, claiming over 1,5 million per year. Drug-resistant TB (DR-TB) poses a major health threat and could put at risk gains made in efforts to end TB.

UMvoti sub-district held various TB related campaigns during the month of March to raise awareness of TB and dis-miss misinformation and myths to empower communities with knowledge and early seeking behavior.

The national theme for the commemoration of World TB Day 2024 was, 'Yes! You and I Can End TB'. In line with the global community, the theme from last year, 2023 was retained for this year's commemoration. The theme aims to encourage individual action to contribute to the national effort against TB. It also emphasizes the importance of being accountable as an individual and as part of a collective.

"You and I" is a statement of intent designed to encourage individuals to take charge of their health in line with "Cheka Impilo" objectives, as well as the country's endeavor towards ending the missing TB clients.

HEALTH PROMOTION &

WELLNESS FORUM LAUNCHED IN UMOVOTI SUB-DISTRICT

The Sub-district launched a health promotion and wellness forum during the beginning of the year. This forum will look into the prevailing high numbers of teenage pregnancy under the sub-district and craft interventions to address these health concerns. The forum is a multi-stakeholder forum, which includes Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) and various government departments, civil society, faith based organisations and Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO's) and Community Based Organisation (CBO's). Watch this space for more upcoming details on the interventions of this forum.



GREYTOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL OBSERVED WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY

The power of hand hygiene emphasised as a diseases control measure

The Umvoti sub-district joined the global community in observing World Hand Hygiene Day to raise awareness about the importance of hand hygiene in preventing the spread of diseases.

World Hand Hygiene Day is observed annually on 5 May to improve hand hygiene standards at home and the workplace thereby protecting health and care workers and communities from infections and curbing the spread of harmful germs.

The 2024 theme is “Promoting knowledge and capacity building of health and care workers through innovative and impactful training and education, on infection prevention and control, including hand hygiene”.

“It is critical that the health and care workers and the public at large make hand hygiene a non-negotiable routine in their daily lives as a simple, yet powerful tool to safeguard their wellbeing. Through advocacy and education, we can foster these good habits that help prevent the spread of diseases,” emphasized, Sr Kholisiwe Shoba, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse.

Hand hygiene has proven effective as a preventive measure during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent Cholera outbreak in certain areas of the country.

It is important to always remember that when practiced properly, hand hygiene can help to prevent the spread of viruses including respiratory and diarrheal infections at home and in public settings. Hands should be washed with a soap or alcohol-based sanitiser for a at least 20 seconds, covering all surfaces of the hands including the palms, back of hands, between fingers, back of fingers, thumbs, fingertips and wrists.

“As we enter the winter months which often sees an increase in cases of flu infections. The message around hand hygiene is even more urgent as a proactive measure to protect ourselves and loved ones to stop the spread of respiratory infections such as influenza,” pointed out Sr Shoba during the awareness campaign.



SUCCESSFUL NURSE'S DAY COMMEMORATION

in Greytown District Hospital hosted



International Nurses' Day is celebrated annually on 12 May, the anniversary of the founder of modern day nursing, Florence Nightingale's birthday.

The theme for this year at the facility was "Greet with a Smile".

The occasion saw a range of festivities taking place and hosted various speakers from the nursing profession. Financial literacy was also given during the day by partner Old Mutual. As the largest health care profession in the world, there is no doubt that nurses are key to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Nurses are often the only health professionals accessible to many people in their lifetime. So nurses are particularly well placed and often the most innovative in reaching underserved and disadvantaged populations.

Nurses are educated to understand the complex nature of maintaining health and wellness, and the impact of psychosocial and socio-economic factors such as poverty, unemployment and ethnicity. They see the context for wellbeing and accordingly act in way to reach beyond the immediate presenting problems.



GREYTOWN DISTRICT HOSPITAL WELLNESS DAY



QUALITY PROGRAM

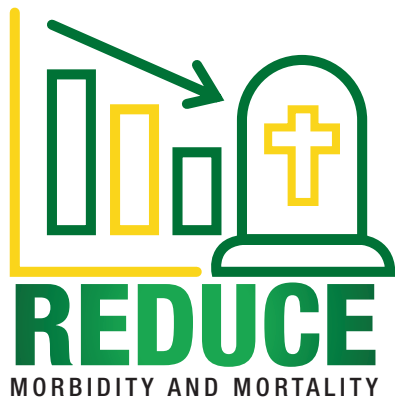
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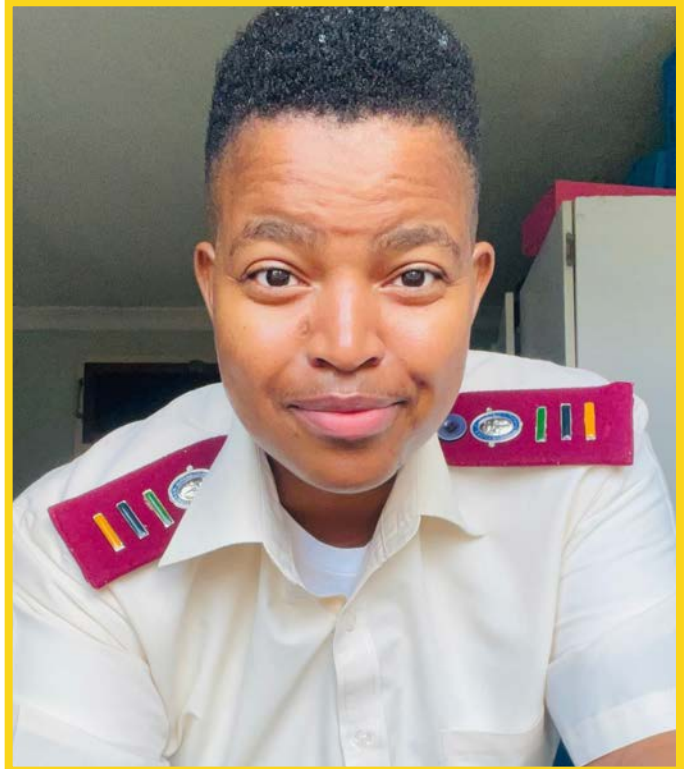
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MS JEN NGIBA

Umvoti subdistrict was routinely inspected by the Office of Health and Standard Compliance (OHSC). The main aim of the visit was for compliance Inspectorate, certification and enforcement. This included inspection of Umvoti subdistrict health establishments to assess compliance with national health systems, norms and standards, certify health establishments as compliant or non-compliant with prescribed norms and standards and taking of enforcement action against non-compliant health establishments. The inspection started on 15/01/2024 to 19/01/2024 where Ehlanzeni Clinic, KwaSenge clinic, Mudén clinic and Greytown Hospital were inspected. The inspection started at the clinics where OHSC inspectors visited the above mentioned PHC facilities then progressed to the Hospital assessing compliance with national health systems, norms and standards, certify if the facilities are compliant or non-compliant with prescribed norms and standards. The inspection included visiting every single department within the institutions, looking for documents, doing observations, staff interviews, documents audits and capturing on the system to give that particular functional area a score. Finally, the outcome according to the final report from OHSC all the facilities inspected (Ehlanzeni, Kwasenge & Mudén) are compliant with excellent grading.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

DEPARTMENT TALKS AT OPD



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