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# Revamped Haematology Treatment Room



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**Honourable Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize with Caroline Rich from Igazi Foundation and Haematology Clinic Staff Members**

Igazi Foundation renovated Haematology Treatment Room which was officially opened by the Minister of Health, Dr Zweli Mkhize on 5 December 2019.

The foundation is an NGOs which assist on services that deal with blood related conditions. Igazi Foundation brought much needed assistance to improve the comfort of patients receiving treatment at Haematology Clinic. Among items and work done by Igazi Foundation is the donation of genuine leather reclining chairs for patients to seat while receiving their treatment.

Dr Zweli Mkhize thanked Igazi Foundation for responding to call of working together with public sector in improving quality patient care. The Minister also indicated that since the department is going towards the NHI, NGO will play a big role in the realization of the NHI.

Dr Nadine Rapiti (Clinical Head Unit—Haematology) thanked Igazi Foundation on behalf of staff and patients for the wonderful work done at the clinic.

# International Children's Day



International Children's Day is celebrated each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. It is to promote the welfare and understanding between children.

Paediatric Department celebrated International Children's Day on 1 November 2019.

Dr Gugulethu Buthelezi and Dr Amanda Zondi were programme directors. Among topics covered were Hygiene at home, led by Sister Nkosi, IPC Coordinator. Mrs. Samke Matibela (Pharmacy Manager) spoke about medication use and how to discard expired medication. Representative from Childline emphasized on children's rights and what to do if those rights are violated. Doctors for POPD emphasized on the use of medication and ensuring that the child gets all immunizations.

**T**he organizing team did a wonderful job and ensured that there were refreshments for kids and parents. They provided a cake which had colours and cartoon characters loved by kids.

Remember that everyday must be children's day and ensure that kids are protected at all times. like KEH where team effort is valued and acknowledged .

## World Aids Day

World Aids Day event that was held at Family Clinic on the 5 December 2019. Hospital Management would like to thank the Family Clinic Team for ensuring that patients take a lead in sharing their journey. Patients expressed gratitude to all health workers at the clinic who have become second family to them.

Words of appreciation go out to everyone who contributed immensely in making sure that the day is enjoyed by all who attended.

Report by Operation Manager: Sister Ngcobo.

# KEH Against Gender Based Violence



On the 28 November 2019, the hospital held talks in all outpatient areas with the aim of raising awareness regarding 16 Days Against Abuse of Women and Children. Warrant Officer Mthembu and Sgt Mahabeer from Umbilo South African Police Service (SAPS) conducted these talks.

The key sign shown by victims of gender based violence is that they seem fearful of their partner; spend less time with family and friends; often criticised or belittled by their partner; partner is jealous, possessive and/or aggressive; have become unusually quiet or withdrawn and have physical injuries such as bruises or broken bones. Members of the public were advised to report all types of abuse to the nearest police station. It was also emphasized that once a victim has taken a decision to report the abuse, they must be given all the support because it takes courage to finally get out of an abusing relationship.

Social Work Department together with Family Clinic team led talks during the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence and Abuse of Women and Children.

**"Gender equality is not a woman's issue, it is a human issue. It affects us all."**



# There Is No Place Like Home



**Left: Dr A Singh, Dr. F. Paruk & Dr. Pillay — Right: Dr. Nhlanhla Gumede**

Department of Internal Medicine said goodbye to three (3) consultants. Dr A. Singh, Dr. F. Paruk and Dr Pillay left King Edward VIII Hospital on promotional posts. Dr Pillay and Dr Paruk moved to Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital (IALCH) while Dr Singh relocated to Cape Town. The team of doctors and nurses arranged a farewell lunch for the three consultants.

Paediatric Department on the other hand had a farewell for Dr. Nhlanhla Gumede who has been promoted to the post of EThekweni District Clinical Manager.

The common denominator for all four consultants is that they love what they do, they are passionate about their job. They were all praised for always making sure that best quality care is provided to patients at all times. All four consultants stated that they will dearly miss Kind Edward VIII Hospital Family. They said that there will never be a place like KEH where team effort is valued and acknowledged .

“Let us take this moment to acknowledge the deep gratitude we have for your many kindnesses and unwavering support during all of the years that we worked with you. We wish you all the best.”

# World Radiography Day

World Radiography Day was celebrated on 8 November 2019. The purpose of this day is to raise public awareness on radiographic imaging and therapy, which play a crucial role in diagnosis and treatment of patients.

King Edward VIII Hospital X-Ray Department observed World Radiography Day by having posters with relevant information. Radiographers also shared some information with patients visiting the department on the day of the awareness. The team prepared lunch for all Radiographers as part of celebrating the day.



# Bomb Threat Info

South African Police Service (SAPS) Explosive Unit conducted in-service Training at King Edward VIII Hospital Jubilee Hall on the 6th November 2019.

The main purpose was to raise awareness on bomb and terrorist threat. It was emphasized that security guards must be extra vigilant at all times when it comes to bomb and terrorist threats.

The information shared provided knowledge and understanding of explosives devices, hazardous materials and emergency procedures to follow when faced with such a situation. This information will protect lives and/or prevent injuries to persons, damage to property and enable the institution to resume with normal operations by undertaking a smooth and effective evacuation operation within minimal time.

Clinical and non-clinical departments were invited to attend the session.

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