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JANUARY—MAY 2017

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY



GUEST SPEAKER SR H. ALLEE RENEWING THE NURSES PLEDGE

THEME

“ Nurses a Voice to Lead, Achieving Sustainable Development Goals”

McCord Provincial Eye Hospital celebrated International Nurses Day on 12 May 2017. This was done to honour and respect all nurses for the incredible work they do on a daily basis.

Key notes from the guest speaker:

- Nurse keep the hospital fire burning day and night while Management leave at 16h00.
- Nurses translate doctors prescription into action.
- They use survival techniques and activities.
- They become the eyes for the blind, the voice for the people who cannot talk, ears for people who cannot hear, hands for the people who cannot do things for themselves and legs & feet for people who cannot walk.

Motivation to nurses on this special day was that regardless of all the challenges you are facing, walk and work that when you get to the cliffs end if God is not there to hold you as you fall He will teach you how to fly.



INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY CONT..



Attendees

Sr H Allee - Guest Speaker



Sr R Dladla—Operational Manager responding to the special message of the day and thanking the guest speaker for the words of encouragement and support.



WORLD HAND HYGIENE CAMPAIGN

5 MAY 2017

McCord Provincial Eye Hospital hosted a hand hygiene awareness campaign to celebrate World Hand Hygiene Day on the 5 May 2017.

The aim was to raise awareness among healthcare professionals about the critical importance of hand hygiene in improving patient outcomes.

The campaign highlighted **Five Moments** for Hand Hygiene which aims to ensure that every healthcare worker washes their hands before and after touching a patient, before aseptic procedures, after touching a patients' surroundings and after any body fluid exposure.

The campaign program included dissemination of guidance materials and a workshop on hand hygiene as well as the visiting of various departments for judging displays they had made and observing hand washing techniques by all staff.

* For hand washing to be effective, you can't use water alone but must use soap.

* Wash hands before eating, feeding babies, playing with or feeding pets, preparing food and after visits to the bathroom

Nurses , Administration staff and Superclean staff came together in the eye clinic to educate patients about the hand washing technique.





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Mrs. N NGCOBO- DISTRICT QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER PRESENTING THE FINAL REPORT AND PRIZE WINNERS



The 1st prize was obtained by Sr M Govender on behalf of ward A 1 Team



The 2nd prize to EN NP Dlamini from Ward A4



The 3rd prize E/N/A N Msomi from Ward A3



Pharmacy display



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GLAUCOMA AWARENESS WEEK SCREENING AT PAVILION MALL ON THE 11 MARCH 2017



Sr Govender is doing screening in Pavilion Shopping Mall

*M*McCord Provincial Eye Hospital in partnership with Novartis hosted a Glaucoma Awareness on 11 & 14 March 2017.

The event started with the screening at the Pavilion Mall on the 11 March 2017 where the Ophthalmic nurses from McCord and other EThekweni District facilities came on board to create awareness.

The aim was to make people aware and to educate about the disease. A total of 102 people were screened and referred to their nearest health care for further treatment. They were few glaucoma suspects.

The outreach was a success, as residents benefitted on the information sharing.

The hospital also had a successful and informative panel of discussion facilitated by Ophthalmologist Dr K Moodley and three other guests, Dr Bill Nortjie, Dr Percy Mashige and Miss Phindile Mdlalose.



From: L-R Dr J Mannie Acting -CEO, Dr K Moodley—Ophthalmologist, Lee-Ann (Norvatis) Phindile Mdlalose (Optometrist), Aaron Tselane (Norvatis) Dr B Nortie (Ophthalmologist) & Dr P Mashige.

*A*s part of the global initiative to raise awareness about glaucoma, Department of Health in partnership with local ophthalmologists hosted a talk on 14 March 2017 to increase education about the condition and its impact on South Africans.

Dr B Nortjie said glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness and affects approximately 60 million people around the world, however many are still unfamiliar with the disease.

Dr K Moodley said black south Africans were genetically predisposed to glaucoma and since the disease is not visible to the naked eye it is advisable for people over the age of 40 to get tested. People who are over the age of 60 they are more likely to get glaucoma and are at the biggest risk.

Pretty Malaba who is part of the glaucoma support group said: “The biggest challenge for people, is that unlike other diseases or conditions you do not feel any pain when you have it and this makes people to take the condition lightly.” The support group has helped her to better understand the condition. “People are not aware of glaucoma and don't understand that treatment is to help you keep the sight you have” said Mrs Malaba. She encouraged people to visit their clinics the moment they think that their eye sight is getting worse and they must stop thinking that eye drops will make glaucoma to go away.

The event was attended by EThekweni District Manager Mrs. P Msimanga, Mrs. S Mthethwa, McCord Board Members, KZN Health Facilities and patients.

Mrs. Msimanga thanked the role players for the initiative and suggested that it is important to go out of the hospital to cover the large number of the community.

GLAUCOMA EVENT PHOTO GALLERY



Mrs P Msimanga—Acting District Manager

Welcomed all guest and Districts attended the event. She encouraged McCord and partners in future to have such an event where a large number of the Community members are involved



Mrs. S Mthethwa—Deputy Manager, Chronic Disease, Geriatrics & Eye-Care

Thanking all present and media who will tell a good story about work done by the Department of Health in the Province.

Attendees



EThekweni District Team & Norvatis Members



Screening in progress in Pavilion Shopping Mall



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT

ON 28 FEBRUARY 2017

MMcCord Hospital was audited on Occupational Health & Safety on the 28 February 2017.

The audit was done by Ms N Bhengu—Programme Co-Ordinator and Occupational Health and Safety Officers from different institutions vis.

Wentworth, Clairwood, St Mary's Hospital, KwaMashu CHC and District Office.

It started with the briefing in the Boardroom which was attended by McCord Occupational Health and Safety Committee and Senior Management.



Briefing Session by Ms N Bhengu—Programme Co-Ordinator



Inspection in progress in various departments





STAFF ACHIEVEMENT



The Senior Management and staff would like to congratulate Miss P Mdlalose and Sr S Nyathikazi for their achievement .

Miss S Mdlalose obtained
Masters in Optometry



Sr S Nyathikazi obtained a Degree Bachelor of Technology in Occupational Health Nursing



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