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Wentworth Hospital Gateway Clinic took health services to the community when it hosted an Outreach Programme at Hyme Park in February. Health education, health screening, HIV Tests and counselling, Pap smears, TB screening as well as blood sugar tests were conducted.



HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS



WORLD RADIOGRAPHY DAY



FAREWELL MRS. BEKWA

CHWS' TRAINING ON FIRST AID AND CPR

On the 25th of October 2019 the Social Work department organised a Community Healthcare Workers' Training Programme. The training is conducted every year to equip the CHWs with first aid as well as other vital skills. The Community Healthcare Workers were trained on various health topics:

- ◆ Disability Empowerment
- ◆ Working with the elderly
- ◆ Suicidal Behavior
- ◆ Wound care
- ◆ First Aid and CPR
- ◆ Ethical Behaviour

The training yielded good fruits as now they have gained lots of knowledge and skills to implement when doing their work out there in the community.



ABOVE: Social Workers look on as demonstrations occur.

BELOW: Social Work Supervisor Mrs. Z. Haroon addressing the attendees on suicidal behavior.



ABOVE: The team of organisers pose with CHWs and external guest speakers.

BELOW: CHWs receiving practical First Aid training.



MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019 TERM 2020/21



Mr. Sydney Govindsamy
Board Member



Mr. Andre Young
Board Member



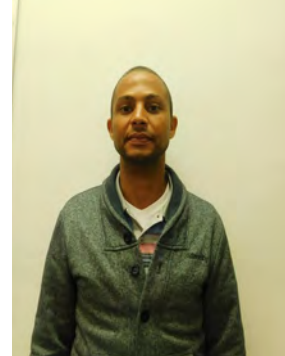
Mr . Sibusiso Xaba
Vice Chairperson



Mr M Pillay
Chairperson of the Board



Mr Nigel Pillay
Board Member



Mr Jason Jones
Board Member



Wentworth Hospital Board Training conducted by Head Office. This was part of the orientation as new members who were recently appointed. The training was to equip them with knowledge of what is their role and responsibility in a institution

The hospital boards are a governance structure that is appointed by the MEC for Health . The duties of the board are, amongst others, to acquaint itself with the operations of the hospital, make representation of equitable access to services for all community members. The board appreciated the induction conducted by Head office and thanked the Hospital Management for arranging the training for them.

WENTWORTH HEALTH CARE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CLOSING PRAYER EVENT.

Theme: 2019 The Year of Abundance, We blow the trumpet of zion



Staff in attendance for the prayer



Nomusa Mkhabela—Wentworth HCF chairperson welcoming guests



PRO , programme Director for the event

On the 21 November 2019 Wentworth hospital Health care Christian fellowship , hosted their end year prayer. The invitation was extended to all employees of Wentworth hospital to come and give thanks to the Lord for his grace in 2019. The representatives from HCF provincial team -Ms L Tikilili, were amongst our invited guests .Ms Tikilili shared the vision of HCF to hospital staff , she emphasized on the 3 pillars : that is **PRAYER, EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP**. For the HCF movement to grow in a institution . The word of God was preached by Mrs Mbhele,. We would like to thank the Hospital Management for their support in making the event a success and the HCF committee for their dedication and commitment they have shown in ensuring that the event is a success

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN AWARENESS DAY AND WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATED AT MASIBAMBISANE CLINIC



The scourge of domestic violence in our country has reached unprecedented proportions; coupled with child abuse and rape. This prompted the Social Work department of Wentworth Hospital to take action by holding a Domestic Violence Awareness Programme on 3 December 2019.

Aimed at educating the public on identifying signs of abuse, seeking assistance as well as empowering victims of abuse; the programme was attended by local commu-

nity leaders, law enforcement agencies and Social Services personnel. Various speakers took turns addressing the public on critical topics around domestic violence.

Members of the community were afforded an opportunity to voice their concerns and make comments in the form of a dialogue with the speakers. There is a general sense of stigma associated with domestic violence and victims tend to hide their plight, it is the aim of the Social Work department to educate the public through such initiatives.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN AWARENESS DAY FOR STAFF



To commemorate 16 Days of Activism Against Woman and Child Abuse, the Social Work Department held an awareness programme for staff.

The aim was to sensitise the staff on domestic violence issues. The various activities on the day included distributing of pamphlets, placard demonstration and signing of a pledge.

There was a help desk set up for staff to get in-depth information as well as advise on issues surrounding domestic violence.

BON VOYAGE TO OUR FINANCE MANAGER



Wentworth Hospital bid farewell to Mrs. P.R. Bekwa who served as Finance Manager and member of the Executive Committee.

Mrs Bekwa served in the public service for more than 30 years and was held in high regard for her experience and wealth of knowledge. The Senior Management Team held a lunch in her honour in December 2019; her last month before retirement.

As the head of Finance, Mrs Bekwa oversaw the operations various subcomponents namely; Revenue, SCM and Assets .

We thank her for the many years of faithful service and wish her well on her future endeavours.

Heritage Day at Wentworth Hospital

Wentworth Hospital is a melting pot of diverse cultures and to highlight this the staff proudly wore their traditional attire in celebration of Heritage Day on the 23rd of September 2019. Staff from all departments celebrated by sharing traditional recipes, delicious traditional dishes and the display of bright colours with specific significance to each one's heritage.

Pictured below are Human Resources department, Finance and Nursing divisions looking exquisite in traditional attire.



Human Resources staff members in their outfits



Mr. T. Mthembu shows off his skills of ukusina to his colleagues



The Finance Department pose for a picture, together with Ms. T. Jule — Quality Manager



Nursing staff looking beautiful in traditional attire

World Radiography Day



Dr Wilhelm Roentgen, a German physicist, discovered X-rays on 8 November 1895, and dramatically changed the health care landscape almost 120 years ago. This earned him the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1901. Our global family of radiographers, at home, across our continent and abroad, gather in our departments to celebrate and commemorate World Radiography Day as homage to him.

During this week, radiographers will be rallying around the events to raise the profile of radiography, and radiographers, as a frontline job in the medical and health care sector. The vital role of radiographers cannot be underestimated in health care.

On World Radiography Day, radiographers aim to highlight the event to inspire and motivate radiographers to further continuously strive for service excellence, and high ethical standards, in delivering radiation dose to the patient. Ionizing radiation dose optimization is the responsibility of radiographers. It is also their re-

sponsibility to exercise judgment prior to delivering the radiation dose tailored for the individual patient. Both public and professional awareness has consistently increased, following the high-level campaigns on radiation safety and safety culture by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Vienna-based International Atomic Agency (IAEA).

We have an ethical responsibility to create a public, and professional, awareness aimed at reducing unnecessary radiation to patients, public and health workers, as well as the safety of radiation, in line with the Bonn accord on radiation safety taken a few years ago.

This current theme, ‘Your Safety Our Priority’ will further enhance and embellish the programme for medical and radiation exposures linked to the WHO and IAEA campaigns, and further strengthen the 2012 Bonn-Call-for-Action.

In this regard the radiographers of Wentworth Hospital have taken an online pledge and will do so officially again today at 10:30, thereby joining 57 815 radiographers globally, who have all taken the pledge. Certificates acknowledging the pledge will be handed to all radiographers.

Article supplied by: Mrs. G. Cotchobos—Manager X-ray Department.

TAKING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE

February is earmarked as Reproductive Month in the Health Calendar. Wentworth Hospital Gateway Clinic was not left behind in having awareness campaign at Hyme Park on the 15th of February 2020.

The awareness campaign was successful; health education was done, screening of patients for HIV/Aids, Pap smears, TB, Diabetes, blood pressure was done to the community of Hyme Park. The community was grateful and appreciated the good work done by Gateway staff. Many thanks to Sr. Roskrige and team for coordinating the outreach . Many thanks to Mr. K. Maphumulo and CCGs for mobilizing the community

Wentworth Hospital went on a Compassionate Hearts Initiative in 2019 to provide care for the elderly, frail and disabled closer to where they live. These groups of patients have challenges accessing health care in the hospital to long waiting times. The Compassionate Hearts initiative looked into providing medical services to the group that is accommodated in old age homes and Chashire Homes within the hospital catchment areas. The medical services encompass providing Chronic Medical Care whereby a doctor from the hospital visits the selected home at least once a month to attend to patients. Acute medical care will still have to be in the hospital premises.

Medication prescriptions generated during these visits are sent to the hospital pharmacy and the medications are collected and dispensed to the patients in the old age homes as well as Chashire Homes thus the residents in these homes do not have to visit the hospital except if they are acutely ill.

The first beneficiary of this service was the Natal Settlers Home in Umbilo. The visits to the homes commenced in November 2019 . More than 100 of the residents are benefiting from this service. Apart from the weekly visits from the doctors at the home, the Dietician visited kitchen staff at the home to provide health education on nutrition.

The Merewent Chashire Home was the next beneficiary, currently a doctor visits the disabled- about 32 in this facility at least twice a month since January 2020. The visit to John Dunn House was flagged in March 2020.

Other homes like; St Monica's Children's Home on the Bluff and Muthand Old Age Society in Lamontville also benefit. Though the hospital is periodically plagued with shortage of medical staff, it is hoped that this initiative will be sustained and expanded to ensure this vulnerable group are provided the care needed closer to home

ECR TOY STORY



Christmas is a time of giving joy, even for those in hospital beds. This was indeed the case as Eastcoast Radio visited Wentworth Hospital Pediatric ward on 26 November 2019 as part of their annual Toy Story campaign

The children were treated with toys ranging from fluffy dolls, little toy soldiers to soccer balls and tennis rackets. The aim is to bring a smile to the young one who, despite their illnesses, still deserve their Christmas wishes to be granted. We at Wentworth Hospital would like to thank Eastcoast Radio and its listeners for their donations of toys and wish this good deed never ends.



MESSAGE FROM MR. S. **GEMA - INTERN PRO**



Greetings,

I would firstly like to point out that I do not like goodbyes, so this message, as short as it may be, sums up my full gratitude to everyone with whom I have worked for the last 24 months.

Let me begin by thanking the Almighty God for affording me the opportunity of joining the Department of Health on an Internship programme. The noble calling of caring for the sick stretches far and beyond the confines of Operating Theatres and wards; this I have come to appreciate during my stay here at Wentworth Hospital. I joined in April 2018 and received a warm welcome from the staff as well as Management, for this I am deeply grateful. The ride has not always been a smooth one but the people I have come to meet here have left a mark in my heart.

Thank you to the Management for often entrusting me with tasks and affording me as much opportunity to learn as possible, you have contributed immensely to the person I am today. A very special thanks goes to Mrs. N. Zondo for mentoring me throughout the programme, I appreciate all you have done for me.

I may not have mentioned everyone, but I am grateful to you all for welcoming me to your workspace and I am hopeful that our paths will cross again. Ngiyabonga.

COMPLIMENTS FROM HEALTHCARE USERS



I would like to thank the staff for taking care of my baby while he was ill. I would recommend my family and friends to visit the hospital. (C4)

- Zaudeen Mahomed

Compliment to the doctors at A&E for taking good care of the patient on the night of 12/11/2019

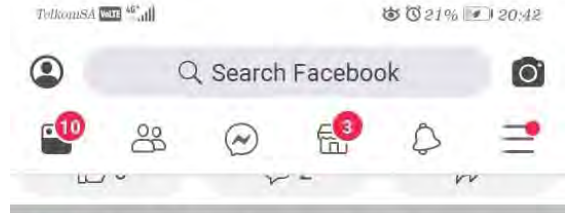
- Karen Nel

I am grateful for all the help they gave me and the support I appreciate all that has been done. (C4)

- Anele Fiath Mbamo

Sr Naicker and team made sure we were comfortable and pain free they sorted all our queries and were very helpful. Keep up the good work.

- Vigie Babunanjdan



Lindall Stuart **Wentworth (South Africa), Represent!**
2 hours ago

With heart's filled with gratitude my family and I would like to thank the staff both night shift and day shift at Wentworth hospital ward C5 for their exceptional treatment.

My Gran (82) had a stroke and spent time in their care.

She was a bit confused and not mobile at all when she arrived but they made this extremely difficult experience so much easier to endure. She was discharged and making a speedy recovery to God be the glory.

May the Lord bless you and your families. May you know no lack in every area of your lives. Thank you from our entire family near and far. With love and thanks...

The Pottier family. - with **Christine Christen Tissong** and 2 others.

I would like to compliment the MOPD staff, Sr Katz, Seshnie Pillay, Sr Steenkamp, Joe Morris, and Dr David. these people saved my life and treated me with respect and humility. Dr David who went an extra mile to get me help. Joe was with me every step of the way and made me feel welcomed. Thank you for the hard work you did guys, some of us see the work you do and appreciate.

- Nompumelelo Mpisane

The staff were very helpful and the patient says she would like to visit the hospital again.

- Nomfundo Nene

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