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### Wentworth Hospital Nursing Component Ethics and Professionalism Launch

**ETHICS** and professionalism were placed under the microscope when the Nursing component of Wentworth Hospital together with their Management launched the Ethics and Professionalism Program on the 16th of October 2019. Pictured above are Nursing Management and staff proudly clad in white during the march that preceded the formal function. Read more on page 2.





ON THE 16th of October 2019 Wentworth Hospital Nursing Component launched the Ethics and Professionalism Programme. The programme kicked off with a march that was lead by the Deputy Nurse Manager and commenced at the main entrance of the hospital proceeding through the various departments and passed through ward corridors. The Nursing staff wore their white uniforms and carried placards that outlined what the Nursing profession means to each individual as well as white balloons that would be released into the air at a later stage.

The white train of Nurses chanted health education songs as it made its way to the VIP Lounge that was immaculately set up and matched their uniforms. After allowing them a brief moment to catch their breath, Programme Director; Professional Nurse S. Luthuli started the proceedings. The opening prayer was given by Professional Nurse N. Khumalo who read the word of God from Exodus 33:15



# ETHICS



**Mrs. B.N Mkhwanazi during her speech**

Mrs. Mkhwanazi further explained that ethos form the guiding beliefs of the person or community which in turn build the ethics that guide the community or organisation in its behavior . She further alluded that ethos stay with a person; while ethics are displayed in words, symbols and action. Matron Mkhwanazi gave a definition of professionalism as a skill or behavior that is demonstrated by a professional.

Characteristics of a professional were also shared with the group which were said to be ; neat appearance, reliable, competent, excellent phone etiquette as well as proper demeanor.

DEPUTY NURSE MANAGER Mrs. B.N. Mkhwanazi highlighted the purpose of the day . She mentioned that the Ethics and Professionalism Program is a way of going back to the basics; the promotion of Nursing Ethos and professionalism .



**Above: P.N S. Luthuli directing the programme.**



**Top left: The Nursing staff listen attentively to the speakers**



**Bottom Left: Some of the Nurses present**



## ETHICS cont..



**Professional Nurse M.F Adams delivering the keynote address**

THE KEYNOTE address was delivered by P.N. Adams who started off by enquiring from the Nursing staff what they understood about Ethics. Mrs. Adams went on to further discuss Ethics in detail

A Self Assessment Questionnaire was handed out for the Nurses to conduct an introspection and to raise awareness of the challenges they face; for example, the shortage of staff, is not a reason not to adhere to ethics and professionalism A platform was also given to the Nurses to point out the challenges they face on a daily basis and to suggest ways of addressing these issues. The staff were reminded that they have to fall in love again with their profession and that was the reason for the launch of their programme.

Mrs. Adams closed by encouraging the Nurses to treat their patients the same way they would like their relatives to be treated when visiting the hospital.

At the end of the programme, the Nurses Pledge was recited by all the Nurses and the white balloons were set free



**Members of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee were officially appointed and issued with certificates.**

**Pictured: Ms. T. Jule (Quality Manager) and Mrs. M.G Mthembu (ANM) present Committee members with certificates**

# PHOTO GALLERY



Above: WWH Choir rendering musical entertainment

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