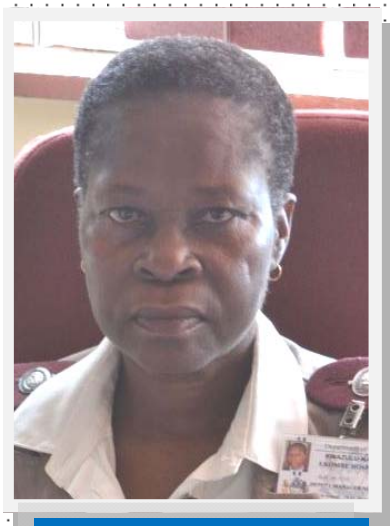


Umthombo wasEkombe Newsletter

Message from Outgoing Acting Chief Executive Officer

Let me take this opportunity to thank Ekombe Hospital management and staff for working beyond expectations. It has been the challenging years that produced professional maturity. One of the highlights was in 2013 where we commemorated Mandela Day, the hospital donated school uniforms to local school pupils and visited two families who were also generously donated groceries and clothes by the hospital management and staff.

We would also like to thank Hospital Board, Traditional Leadership and Ekombe South African Police Service for their unwavering support in the name of service delivery, we would not have achieved some of our assignments. Despite our geographical location, as an institution we have achieved some of the goals that we have set in the previous financial years.



Mrs. D.M. Mchunu -
 Acting CEO

Thank you



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Nutrition Day

This awareness was held on 21st October 2014 at Mathengeni area. The main objective for the awareness is to encourage the community to eat healthy food and live a healthy lifestyle. Our Honourable MEC Dr. S.M. Dhlomo is championing living a healthy lifestyle. The THEME was, "EAT LESS - CHOOSE YOUR PORTION WITH CAUTION."

Ms. R.M. Mlambo, Nutrition Advisor gave a presentation on healthy food and living healthy where she mentioned vegetables like spinach, carrots, cabbage, potatoes and various fruits. She encouraged the audience to exercise on a regular basis. She also warned community members about being cautious when it comes to quantity of food.

Members of the community were also given an opportunity to display their fresh produce from their gardens. There was also a fun walk which senior citizens participated in. After the race they were given consolation prizes. Pupils from Gonzaga Primary School entertained the audience with sweet melodies.

Department of Social Development and SASSA were also present at this awareness, they provided the services to the community. We would like to thank the PHC team for coordinating this awareness.

Community members listening attentively to Nutrition Advisor



Ms. R.M. Mlambo doing presentation and giving a present to a fun walk participant

Ogogo taking part in a fun walk



Vegetables that were displayed on the day

Old men taking part in a fun walk



Pupils from entertaining the audience during the awareness

Quality Day

The purpose of Quality Day is to promote awareness of quality and to encourage individuals' and organization's growth and prosperity. The term quality is everywhere, in all aspects of life. For institutions, deploying quality approaches is a prerequisite for creating a sustainable environment. Quality approaches can benefit an organization in many ways like improving customer satisfaction and support improvement and innovation just to mention a few.

Ekombe Hospital hosted it's Quality Day on 26 November 2014 led by Miss H.F. Buthelezi, Quality Assurance Manager. The Theme was, "QUALITY IS A NATURAL FLOWER FOR DUTY." Uthungulu Health District was represented by Mrs. S.P. Hadebe, Communicable Disease Coordinator and Ms. Z. Masuku, Chronic Diseases Coordinator. The speaker for the day was Mrs. V.N. Ndlovu, in her speech she outlined where we are as the institution and the clinics in terms Make Me Look Like a Hospital, six priorities and priority programmes like Medical Male Circumcision and PHC Re-engineering. Her presentation also covered outreach teams like School Health and Community Health Services, Operation Sukuma Sakhe, Phila Mntwana and Mum Connect.

The presentation was based on how far the hospital and clinics are in terms of implementing all these programmes mentioned above. The day was not short of entertainment since we had Isigekle Group who mesmerized the audience with their traditional music and dance. We also had a poem from Sr. K.A. Dhladhla and solo performance by Mr. P.N. Khanyile.

The highlight for the day was the awards presentation where hard working staff members were recognized. The main award went to Mr. S.A. Sima, Com. Serv. Pharmacist for best counselling in medication. We also had awards in different categories like best performing Professional Nurse, Operational Manager, best employee in Human Resource to mention a few. We would like to thank all the stakeholders who made it possible for this day to materialize. Thank you.



EXCO Members and dignitaries from Uthungulu Health District

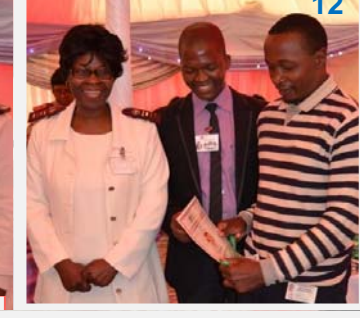
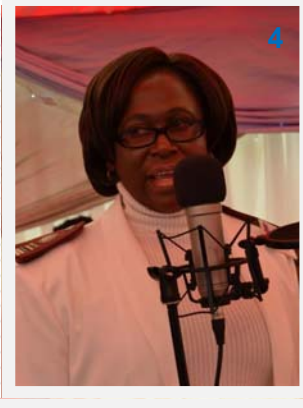


Mrs. D.M. Mchunu & Mr. S.S. Ntombela handing a certificate & medal to Ms. N. Nxumalo, Social Worker



From left Acting CEO, & Finance Manager also handing a medal & certificate to Ms. K.T. Langa from Human Resource

Quality Day in Photos



1.Hosts Miss S.A. Dlamini & Mr. S.J.V. Skhakhane

2.Mr. B.T. Zuma opening with a prayer

3.Mrs. D.M. Mchunu, Acting CEO welcoming everyone present

4.Matron V,N, Mbatha mentioning the purpose of the day

5.Mr. S.S. Ntombela, Finance Manager introducing guests

6. Mr. V.N. Ndlovu– the speaker for the day

7.Sr. K.A. Dhladhla performing a poem

8.Miss H.K. Buthelezi, QAM with recipient for main award Mr. S.A. Sima

9.ACEO & Finance Manager handing a certificate to Ms. S. Sindane

10. Mr. T.P. Langa receiving a certificate from Management

11. Mrs. M.A. Mthembu receiving a certificate from Matron Mbatha

12– 14 Mr. B.P. Makhoba also receiving a medal , performance by local group and Matron Nkala doing the vote of thanks

Usuku lomgubho lwesandulelangculazi

Umhlaka 01 December siyazi ukuthi usuku lapho sisuke sikhumbula abahaqwe yilesisifo siphinde silugubhe kanye nabo. Kanti futhi yilapho sithola khona isikhathi sokufundisana mayela nesandulelangculazi kanye nesifo sengculaza. Kubalulekile ukuthi sazi ukuthi sonke njengabantu baseNingizimu Africa si-nomthwalo wokuthi silwe nalolubhubhane kuthi nabanalesisifo singababandlululi kodwa sibathande ngoba bangabafowethu kanye no-dadebethu. Isibhedlela saseKhombe naso salugubha lolusuku ngomhlaka 04 December 2014 nalapho kwakufundiswa mayelana nale-sisifo kanye nokuthi uziphatha kanjani mase-sikuphethu. UMatron V.N. Mbatha wayefundisa mayelana ngokulaluleka koziphatha kahle mase uzithola ukuthi igciwane lesandulela ngculazi selikuphethu.



Wathi kubalulekile ukuthi uma uya ocansini usebenzise ikhondomu khona ungezu-kuthelela othandana naye ngegiwane. Amakhondomu ayatholakala ezikhungweni zikahulumeni zezempilo futhi sekukhona ngisho awabesifazane. Akusafanele abantu bakithi babhuqabhuqwe yilesifo ngoba umnyango wezempilo uyafundisa ngelesisifo nokuthi wenzenjani masesikuphethu, futhi imiphakathi iyakhuthazwa ukuthi yazi izimo zayo zezempilo noma ihlolele lesisifo. Sindawonye singalunqoba lolubhubhane ngokuthi sibambane njesizwe saNingizimu Africa.



1. UMatron Mbatha efundisa ngokubaluleka kokuzivikela njengokusebenzisa ikhondomu.
2. Amalunga omphakathi elale izikhulumi
3. Nalapha ngezansi amalunga omphakathi alalele izikhulumi



PR's Column

Greetings to all of you colleagues and readers of Umthombo newsletter. We are already in the festive season, it's been a long year with many challenges but we soldiered on in the name of service delivery. The hospital held so many events to mention a few Quality Day, Nutrition and others. We would like to thank the planning committee and staff members for working tirelessly in order for these events to take place. In December we would also be commemorating World AIDS Day where we plan to reflect on the progress we've made this year.



Mr. P.D. Mhlungu

I would also like to extend my appreciation to external stakeholders who participated and contributed in the hospital events and activities. Our sport codes soccer and netball made us proud by being crowned champions of Uthungulu. Let me also take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you

New Appointees & Transfers



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1. H.P.N. Luthuli - Deputy Manager Nursing Secretary
2. S.S. Ntombela - Finance Manager
3. M.J. Zuma - Systems Manager
4. P.S. Ngobese - Health & Safety Officer
5. N. Pato - Pharmacy Assistant
6. N.T. Mbatha - Security Guard



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Transfers

1. B.M. Dladla - TB Ward OMN to Dunstall Farrell Hospital
2. N.J. Ntombela - Radiographer to COSH
3. E.N. Buthelezi - Tholithemba Clinic OMN to Ceza Hospital
4. S. Shandu - SFMO to Nkandla Hospital
5. N.S. Nxumalo - Social Worker to Madadeni Hospital
6. S.N.G. Sindane - Pharmacy Manager to Mseleni Hospital
7. P.P. Dlomo - Medical Officer to Montebello Hospital
8. Z. Sibiya - Enrolled Nurse to Stanger Hospital
9. B.G. Gumede - AMN Night Supervisor to Kwamagwaza Hospital



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Farewell Functions



It's time to say goodbye to Miss S.N.G. Sindane, Pharmacy Manager and Mrs. B.G. Gumede, Assistant Manager Nursing - Night Supervisor. We would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment in the name of service delivery. We would also like to wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

1. Ms. R.M. Sithole on the left hand side handing a present to Miss S.N.G. Sindane.
2. Mrs. D.M. Mchunu, Acting CEO giving words of wisdom to Miss Sindane
3. Matron P.P.L. Nkala on the left and Matron V.N. Ndlovu on the right hand side giving handing a present to Mrs. B.G. Gumede in the middle.
4. Mr. S.P. Nene, Human Resource Manager also handing another present to Mrs. B.G. Gumede