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## Medical Manager's Column

I am Dr. B.M. Ngcobo from Durban in Umlazi I joined Ekombe Hospital on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014 as a Medical Manager. I appreciate the warm welcome I received and have been feeling at home since then.

Interpersonal as well as interdepartmental relations are sound and all doors are free to help. Should you need assistance or advice. We are one family at Ekombe and believe that our success depends on us working as a unity.

Generally all the categories of staff are doing well and given all they have to make service delivery to be what it should be at Ekombe. We are complying with National Core Standards as prescribed by the Government. As far as we are concerned we fully comply with Millennium Development Goals 4,5,6 and as well as to CARMA. Now and then our doctors go for training to update their skills. We are aware that you cannot say you know it all, because medicine is said to be a humbling experience.



Road infrastructure to the institution is unbelievably underdeveloped and scary to drive on. We do have transport challenges also and they are currently dealt with by our district office, Uthungulu. Because of poor road conditions vehicles do not last as long as expected. Therefore it looks and feels like Ekombe drivers are the worst, but this is not the case.

Lastly I wish to thank our senior management, colleagues, nursing staff and each and every individual in all departments that contribute in making Ekombe Hospital a better place for our communities.

I thank you.

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Sr. J.T. Gumede addressing learners on different types of diseases



Learners listening attentively to different speakers



Mr. S.H. Mthethwa & Mr. N.H. Manqele demonstrating female condom to learners



Community members listening attentively to different speakers

**E**kombe District Hospital school health and family health services took part during Sexual Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Condom week 10 - 14 February. They visited high schools and community halls in our catchment area. Health education presentation on teenage pregnancy was done by Mr. N.H. Manqele, Family Health Nurse, where he spoke about the dangers or effects of falling pregnant while you are still at school.

Young girls should focus on their studies rather than indulging themselves in sexual activities or unprotected sex said Mr. Manqele.

Health education was also given on different types sexual transmitted infections by Sr. J.T. Gumede. She mentioned diseases like HIV/ AIDS, Syphilis, gonorrhoea and others. Signs and symptoms were explained to learners who were also encouraged to visit health facilities in case they suspect something.

As part of prevention condoms for both male and female were demonstrated to learners. Mr. S.H. Mthethwa also spoke to learners about Male Medical Circumcision and encouraged them to do it.

He spoke about the benefits of MMC which are, it is easier to keep clean and lower risk of Sexual Transmitted Infections and diseases. After these presentations learners were given opportunity to ask questions and flyers, booklets and brochures were distributed.





Main table for dignitaries which includes Uthungulu Mayor Cllr T.V.B. Mchunu



Community members listening to different speakers and waiting patiently for services

Bringing services closer to the people is the main objective of Operation Sukuma Sakhe initiative by the office of the Premier. On 22 March 2014 Operation MBO was held at Dolwane Hall in ward 12. Services from various departments were rendered on the day and members of the community came in numbers to access services.



Uthungulu Mayor Cllr. T.V.B. Mchunu addressing community of ward 12

The occasion was graced by the presence of Honorable Mayor of Uthungulu Cllr. T.V.B. Mchunu and other dignitaries.

Department of Health provided services in the form of Male Medical Circumcision (MMC), TB screening, blood pressure and diabetic.

Home Affairs Department was also represented in terms of application for identity documents and other documents. Social Development Department tackled matters of social, disability and child grants. Ekombe Hospital would like to extend its gratitude to all staff members who made it possible for this day to be successful.



Ms. J.F. Mbuli checking the patient high blood pressure



Mr. S.P. Xulu and a colleague from another hospital performing MMC

# INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY



12 May is International Nurses' Day where we celebrate the profession of nursing. The day has been celebrated since 1965 by International Council of Nurses (ICN). The date was chosen to celebrate the day as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale who is considered as founder of the nursing profession. Ekombe Hospital celebrated the day by acknowledging the work done by Florence Nightingale.

Different speakers stressed the importance of caring, loving and respect in the nursing profession. According to one of the speakers the nursing profession is more than a job in fact its a calling. Florence Nightingale started her nursing profession based on passion not on being remunerated. We would like to express our gratitude to nursing staff for working tirelessly and showing commitment to their calling. Lets continue fighting diseases, fighting poverty and giving hope.



Nursing management and staff reading nurses' pledge during International Nurses' Day Commemoration

# INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY



Matron P.P.L. Nkala giving a speech about Florence Nightingale



Mr. P.P. Mathebula giving a word of God during the nurses' day



Audience listening to different speakers



Matrons and other categories of staff doing ama-get down



Students nurses and Mr. M.N. Ngidi singing during the nurses' day celebration



Ms. H.F. Buthelezi, QAM giving the words of encouragement



Nursing Management and staff reading nurses pledge during International Nurses' Day commemoration

Fighting Disease, Fighting Poverty , Giving Hope

# NEW APPOINTEES



**B.M. Ngcobo -  
Medical Manager**



**D. Naidoo -  
Com Serv Pharmacist**



**S. Shandu - SFMO**



**M.M. Nyembe - HRO**



**N.M. Thusi - OMN**



**D.P. Dlamini -  
Com Serv Pharmacist**



**S. Sima -  
Com Serv Pharmacist**



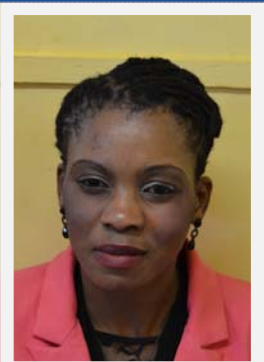
**N. Khanyile -  
Medical Officer**



**P.J. Chonco - GO**



**N.C. Mthombeni -  
Enrolled Nurse**



**S.N.C. Sikakane -  
Laundry Manager**



**C.N. Nene -  
Enrolled Nurse**



**M. Muller -  
Occup Therapist**



**V.W. Ngonyama -  
GO**



**Z.I. Khanyile -  
Data Capturer**



**P.B. Dlomo -  
Enrolled Nurse**



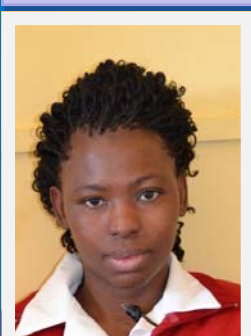
**P. Mthimkhulu -  
Enrolled Nurse**



**Z. Magwaza -  
Enrolled Nurse**



**S.A. Dlamini -  
Registry Clerk (HR)**



**T.B. Sosibo -  
Enrolled Nurse**