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International Nurses Day Prayer 2015



Nurses a force for change, care effective and cost effective.

On the 20th of May 2015, GJC hospital nursing management held an international nurses day of prayer. To welcome everyone, Mrs. SP Nyawo the CEO of GJC said the 12th of May is a very important day because the world pays tribute to the nurses who give their best everyday to save lives and care for patients. Today we remember Florence Nightingale's vision which completely changed societies approach to nurses, from unskilled Labour to skilled professionals.

She drew attention to the invaluable role played by nurses in the work they do of which the largest part can't be seen by the human eye.

She mentioned that we live in a society whereby many tasks have been taken over by computers and in many ways the technological advancements have made our lives easier but the human soul and human heart can never be replaced by a machine. Human suffering and healing only happens in

an environment where a patient is receiving personal care, (human to human).

The guest speaker Dr. Mkhwanazi said she's happy to celebrate this day with GJC. She said nursing possesses a rich history categorized by comparison, dedication and service. Societies culture continues to experience change in the profession of nurses which also holds a number of challenges. These external forces are influences from within the profession, as the role of nursing is further defined. Although often uncomfortable, change is inevitable and needs to be embraced. Its therefore the responsibility of the nurses to shape the future rather than to react to the shift in time. As nurses we are positioned to respond, change our attitudes and recognize the opportunities we must take in our profession. Nurses today and globally are being called to focus on the nursing role in a care effective and cost effective healthcare system. Delivering individualized care and centered core, requires a development of partnership between the nurse, patient and family.