



RE: COMMUNITY LEARNT MORE ON MEDICINES AND CARE DURING GJ CROOKES PHARMACY WEEK CELEBRATION

The 3rd – 9th of September 2012 is declared National Pharmacy Week, which means information on pharmacy and medicines should be reinforced in the community. “Pharmacy week 2012 at GJCrookes Hospital began with patient outreach programmes in-house and within the community, Departmental talks throughout the week and concluded with a screening programme initiative at the Umzinto Christian Ministries on Saturday.” said Mrs. Naleeni Pillay, GJ Crookes Pharmacy

Patients, communities and staff were educated in a fun filled approach to the various disease states and the correct management thereof. The GJ Crookes Pharmacy Team celebrated their profession and honored the event with a competitive streak. The 6 teams showcased their expertise and talent in presenting their topics with the theme “Know Your Medicines”

The week was filled with music, dance, joy and smiles on many children, senior citizens, scholars and community faces. Lots of competitions, gifts and prizes were exchanged for participation in the presentations. Most of the events were embraced by the Hospital Board members, who echoed the community sentiments of appreciation to the Pharmacy team.

The communities were left with “a lot of food for thought” about the Pharmacy profession, being a multi-disciplinary team working towards the holistic management of patient care. All those who attended are now fully informed why they need to use their medicines as instructed, the significance of knowing your medicines, the importance of not sharing medicines, why certain medicines are taken with or without food, and steps to follow if they develop side effects.

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Thembisile Elizabeth Shozi from Enkombo did not only listen wisely to the educational talks from pharmacy staff, she also won a gift by precisely demonstrating how an inhaler is used during an asthma attack. Handing over the gift is Sarah Kisten, GJ Crookes Post Basic Pharmacist Assistant

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