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ELECTRONIC INFORMATION KIOSKS IN HOSPITALS

Provincial Health MEC, Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni will tomorrow officially launch the rollout of Information Kiosks in public health hospitals. The kiosks will enable patients who visit our hospitals to have up-to-date health information at their fingertips. The kiosks will be stationed in the outpatients department and at the admitting area in hospitals. The information kiosks have been designed in a way that would enable the public to have quick and easy access to information. The kiosks have a touch screen which will makes it simple for anyone seeking health information to navigate around it by simply touching headings on the screen.

Health information will be available from the kiosks will be in audio and text format with video clips illustrating certain health promotion activities, for example: the importance of washing your hands, importance of leading a healthy lifestyle, etc. The user will be able to choose to read the information in English or Zulu.

“We are living in a digital information age and as the department we have taken it upon ourselves to play a meaningful role in reducing levels of illiteracy among our people but at the same time relaying vital health information to people that come to our health facilities. This is important in our quest of reducing the burden of diseases, both communicable and non-communicable diseases in our province,” says the MEC. Details of the launch are as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

TIME: 09H00

VENUE: PRINCE MSHIYENI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, UMLAZI

The media is invited to attend and report on this event.

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