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STAY INFORMED

OPEN DAY EVENT

Significance of holding an open day is vital. It enables an institution to measure on whether the community is satisfied or dissatisfied with services offered. On the 28th July 2017 Newtown CHC held an annual Open day. The CHC management team were all geared up and ready to deliver their presentation to the community. Ward 55 Councillor V.E Gebashe welcomed all members of the community and Mrs Z.B Khumalo officially introduced Management to the public.

Mr R.F Mhlongo the advisory board chairperson delivered a motivational talk to the community at large. He encouraged the community to utilize all services that are provided by a clinic. He highlighted the composition of the advisory Board committee that it is made of members from ward 42, ward 44, ward 55 and ward 108.

Dr S.V Mncwango acting medical manager presented a topic on the patient referral system. The doctor emphasized to the community the importance of adhering to the referral system. The community member should first go to their local primary health care clinic when they feel sick from there they will either be given a referral letter to nearest institution or be treated and discharged.



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Mrs Z.B Khumalo (CEO)



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Ward 55 Councillor V.E Gebashe





From left to right: Pastor M. S Mchunu, Mr BL Mbhele, Miss S.P Mzobe, Mr RF Mhlongo (board members)

Another initiative that was discussed during the day was the introduction of a new programme called Central Chronic Medication Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD).

This programme was presented by Sr N. Dladla who mentioned that it is aimed at decongesting the health facilities and allow patients who are stable that are taking chronic medication to access their medication closer to their homes.

The day ended with question and answer session where the clinic management allowed the community to raise questions relating to the clinic and it's services. All the questions were answered successfully by the CHC management.



From left to right: Local artist gospel singer Sbahle Dladla, Shoprite truck serving bread and soup to the community members, Sr jacky Xulu and Gcino Sikhosana

WOMENS FORUM



Newtown CHC hosted a successful Women's Forum Launch on the 01st September 2017. Mrs Z.B Khumalo welcomed the guests and outlined the purpose of the day as to provide a platform where women will meet irrespective of their backgrounds to discuss challenges affecting them in order to support each other.

She encouraged women to be proud of themselves and always strive for success in all spheres of life. She motivated attendees to be the women of strength who dominate their space by being successful leaders who bring effective change.

She explained that the Women's Forum is legislated by the department providing a platform whereby women can share their challenges that mostly impact their lives negatively. She encouraged women to use this structure for their benefit and assured them that confidentiality is guaranteed. She explained that the forum is guided by the 8 Principles launched by Public Service and Administration to encourage all heads of government departments to develop and implement action plans towards achieving women's empowerment and gender equity in the workplace.

Amongst the activities that enhanced the event there were breakaway commissions that discussed different topics and gave feedback.

Mrs Z.B Khumalo motivated women on qualities of the woman of substance. That she is a woman of: Of Power, specific class, positive influence and meaningful life. She then pleaded with those who have gained strength in enduring hardships of a woman to pull those that are still sailing in problems.



From left to right: Mrs N.C Dube doing a group presentation. (Middle) a cake donated by PSA. Right: the group of women listening to a presentation



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PHARMACY WEEK

Newtown CHC Pharmacy staff did not miss the opportunity to celebrate Pharmacy week.

During the Pharmacy week, the pharmacy team conducted daily health education talks in the Out Patients Departments. The talks were based on the theme for the year **DON'T WAIT VACCINATE NOW**. Patients were given information and guidance on medication management by our highly trained pharmacy staff.

The patients and relatives were encouraged to take care of themselves by adhering to the scheduled vaccines and treatment to prevent outbreak of diseases

Pharmacy team gave a talk on importance of how to administer it and side effects management

Patients were also educated on questions to asked when visiting pharmacy also to return unused or expired medication to the pharmacy



From left to right: S Khuzwayo, JJ Dlamini, G Sikhosana, W Maphanga and N Rantsoabe

CELEBRATING INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK

On the 16-20 October 2017, Newtown CHC conducted an IPC hand washing drive to raise awareness on the importance of good hand hygiene.

The hand wash drive was conducted at the Newtown CHC clinical and non-clinical departments were visited to emphasize the important of proper hand hygiene and monitor hand hygiene practice, health care workers were also given an opportunity to practice proper hand washing and got evaluated by IPC.

Recommendations on all identified challenges were done and staff learned more and were motivated about the importance of hand washing

Acknowledgement

Lastly the IPC Co-ordinator (Sr. T.M Mazibuko) would like to thanked all staff members that participated in the programme.

WASHING OF HANDS BREAKS CHAIN OF INFECTION!!!



From left to right: GOPD staff members demonstrating their hand washing. Right: Maternity staff members demonstrating their hand washing



On the 1st of December 2017, Newtown CHC celebrated World Aids Day . Staff and patients came in numbers to honour the ceremony (World Aids Day). The event took place at patient Administration foyer during working day.

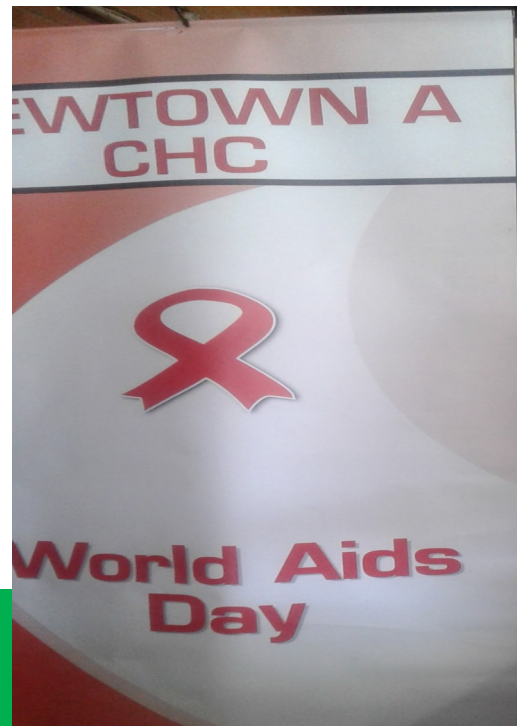
In line with National Developmental Plan, World AIDS Day 2017 focused on accelerate prevention to reduce new HIV and TB infections and STI and to promote leadership and shared accountability for a sustainable response to HIV, TB and STIs, while acknowledging the right to health, in line with the global theme..

This year the event was celebrated under the theme “ It is my Right to know my status” . with a slogan “ Let our actions count ”. The vibrant programme director was Ms Nokuthula Ndwandwe .

Mr N Gumbi opened the event with prayer and word of God. Mrs ES Mkhwanazi welcomed all guests and highlighted purpose of the day and introduced all guests.

Amongst the speakers that were sharing the stage was a motivational speaker of the day who is living with HIV virus. She motivated other clients on ART about the importance of adhering to your treatment. She told them the state she was before she started taking ART’s and how medication helped her to live a positive life . Most clients were highly motivated by her speech .

The day was a success with the involvement of all categories of staff . We’d like to thank all our sponsors for their continuous support.



From left to right: Sr TV Qulo, Mrs S Ngcobo and Sr N.P Khuzwayo. Middle Mrs S Ngcobo

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



On the 08 th December 2017. Newtown CHC Hosted a children's Christmas party . The party was offered for children that utilise our clinic. We usually host this event for these children every year. Our purpose is to express our love for them, instill hope and encourage them to leave a life as normal as possible.

Sr E.S Mkhwanazi (Operational Manager - HAST) opened an event with prayer and welcomed all members present. The day was full of entertainment such as jumping castle, dancing, singing and poetry. Variety of meals were served.

Amongst the gifts given to children were party packs distributed according to their age group. It was a beautiful and exciting day, all children together with their care givers enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

Sponsors and Health Promotion team were acknowledged.



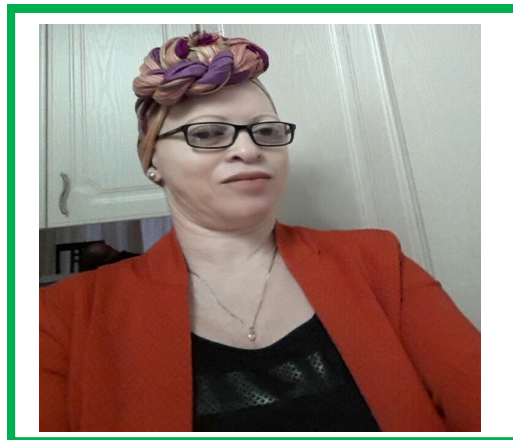
From left to right: Sr E.S Mkhwanazi and the Children sitting down



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