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DISTRICT ANNUAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS



EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL

King Cetshwayo District office hosted a prestigious District Annual Service Excellence Awards (DASEA) on the 25th May 2023 at Empangeni Civic Centre.

Ngwelezana Tertiary Hospital and its 15 feeder clinics dominated the awards as we scooped the total of 27 awards from different categories namely:

1st Positions (HR leave management, Complaints Management, PHC Complaints Management, PHC OHSC compliance - 13 Clinics, High Viral Load suppression , PHC Medicine Availability,

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PHC TB success rate, SAM case findings, Highest number of School health promotion.)

2nd Position (Irregular Expenditure & stock taking, Transport Management, Health Care Associated Infection reporting, Wellness programme-District games: Netaball-1st place, Soccer-2nd place.)

Mrs. CNN Mkhwanazi-CEO forwarded her gratitude to employees for their hard work and dedication toward service delivery and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence.

PHOTO GALLERY



HR receiving best leave management award



Isiboniso Clinic receiving OHSC Compliance award



Left : Matron M Sithole –Nurse Mx , Mrs. CNN Mkhwanazi-CEO & Mrs . PS Khumalo-QA



Ngwelezana Tertiary Hospital Team celebrating the awards received.



NURSES DAY COMMEMORATION



NURSES DURING NURSES PLEDGE

Ngwelezana Tertiary Hospital hosted a successful Nurses day commemoration on the 12th of May 2023 at Staff residence Hall.

The purpose of the event was to acknowledge the contributions and services that nurses provide to patients.

2023 Nurses day was commemorated under the theme "Our Nurses, Our Future".

According to International Council of Nurses (ICN), the theme was addressing the global health challenges and improved global health for all. This day marks the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday.

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PHOTO GALLERY



Mrs. CNN Mkhwanazi - CEO , Mr. P Zungu-HRM supporting Nurses day



Nursing staff during Nurses day commemoration



Nurses dancing during Nurses day commemoration



Nursing management enjoying the event



Ms. M Sithole - Nurse Manager giving gift to Mrs. CNN Mkhwanazi-CEO



Matron Mantanta & Matron Ngema dancing during the Nurses Day Commemoration



WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY 2023

Ngwelezana Tertiary hospital welcomed and heeded the call from World Health Organisation of celebrating the hand hygiene day. Ngwelezana Tertiary hospital commemorated World hand hygiene on the 05th May 2023.

The aim of the awareness was to sensitise the staff and patients about the importance of hand hygiene and how it can reduce the spread of infections.



Executive Management during the signing of hand hygiene pledge

The activities of the day were as follows:

Dr Maphumulo Pathologist (Clinical Microbiologist) delivered a Key note address. The speech was about how micro organisms can spread and harm the life of our patients and how all health care workers can join their hands to reduce the spread of microorganisms through hand hygiene practice.

Stage play was conducted by nursing staff and cleaners demonstrating best hygiene practice.

Ngwelezana hand hygiene day was supported by the senior management team, where the hand hygiene



Nursing & Cleaning staff during hygiene stage play

pledge was signed by the acting CEO for the day Dr Moeketsi.

Infection Prevention and Control team conducted an informative health talk to patient about the importance

of hand hygiene. The Infection Prevention and Control team likes to thank all the participants for making the day successful.

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DISTRIBUTION OF WHITE CANES

Providing assistive devices to clients with limitations/disabilities is one of the key responsibilities of the Occupational therapy department.

On the 11th of May 2023 the Occupational therapy department organized for the distribution of white canes for the visually impaired patients that have previously been assessed. A collaborative effort with the Occupational therapy department at Ngwelezana hospital and the Community Based Rehabilitation Workers placed within the Ngwelezana area, Esikhaleni area and Nseleni area, and as well as the Disability forums within uMhlatuze municipality and uMfolozi municipality assisted in the identification of some of the patients in the community.

The mandate for this initiative was that for the distribution of the white canes. Patients should have been previously trained on orientation and mobility, and require re-issue of their white canes

The Department of Health together with a state funded organization known as South African Mobility Trust for the Blind were part of this initiative to distribute the white canes as well as to raise awareness of their training programming for persons with visual impairment within the King Cetshwayo District.

One of the keynote speakers on the day was Mrs Bawinile Mduyvelwa (DoH provincial office; Disability and rehabilitation) who gave words of encouragement to the attendees



Officials and patients during distribution of white canes



living with a visual impairment, as she is also visually impaired .

The representative from South African Mobility Trust for the Blind gave a brief overview of the 3 months training that they will provide to visually impaired patients in the King Cetshwayo District within their home environment.

In conclusion, the initiative was a success with five patients being issued with new white canes, one of the five patients being Mr. Sibongiseni Sibiya who is an employee at Ngwelezana tertiary hospital as a switchboard operator.



WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY



Team during World Hypertension day



Team during World Hypertension day



World hypertension day is commemorated yearly on the 17 May 2023 to raise awareness about the importance of monitoring blood pressure and taking a steps to manage hypertension.

According to World Health Organization hypertension is responsible for around 50% of all heart disease and stroke cases globally. Hypertension is a silent killer and many people do not realize they have it until it is too late.

Patients were encouraged to change their lifestyle to manage high blood pressure by eating healthy, regular exercise and reduce alcohol intake and stopping smoking as it can all help lower blood pressure reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.

World Hypertension day was commemorated under the Theme :

Measure your blood pressure accurately, control it, live longer , focusing on combatting low awareness rates worldwide, especially in low to middle income areas, and accurate blood pressure measurement methods.



MOJOR FIRE DRILL



Ward A2 Nurse switching off the wall oxygen



Staff members moving patients from the ward to the assembly area



Staff and patients safely as assembly point

Ngwelezana Disaster Management Committee arranged a major fire drill exercise for Medical wards A1 and A2 on the 27 June 2023.

Planning started from outlining the rationale and procedure for the disaster drill, Reminded the team about the need for planning, revision and practice.

Advised on the need for updated action cards and plans, provided the team with the template for assessment of the fire drill. Advised on the appointment of evaluators to monitor the drill.

The disaster drill was discussed by the assessors prior to the fire alarm being activated.

assessors were allocated to various points to monitor times, responses and patient safety.

Post drills debriefing and report was done and formulated QIPs for issues noted during the drill.

FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING



Ngwelezana Tertiary Hospital employee who attended fFinancial Literacy Training

Employees who attended the Financial Literacy Training on the 29/06/2023 got together after the training to take a picture in solidarity with all the GBV families and their victims.

The colour black was symbolic on this day to remember all those who are affected by the scourge of GBV in our communities.

The training is an initiative by the Office of the Premier working with Old Mutual to train employees on Financial Literacy with

an aim to increase financial literacy amongst employees for a quality service.

Research has shown that employees who are stress-free perform better than those who are in stress due to personal finances.

Human Resource Development Office would like to encourage Supervisors to release employees to attend such initiatives because information is power and the tool to defeat all odds.

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HANDING OVER OF BREAST PROSTHESES TO BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS



Executive Management, Oncology team and patients during hand over of donated silicone breast prostheses



Patients celebrating s donation of silicone breast prostheses



Oncology team & Reach for Recovery NGO

One of the major cancers treated at Ngwelezana Tertiary Hospital Oncology Clinic is breast cancer.

Mastectomy forms an integral part of treatment for many of the patients diagnosed with breast cancer. This procedure has a significant impact on patient's body image and confidence.

Reach For Recovery, an NGO which assists cancer patients, sponsored silicone breast prostheses for 18 patients who have completed their cancer treatment and are currently in remission.

The Oncology Clinic staff arranged a small celebration gathering for these ladies on the 14th of July 2023 as they received their prosthesis and celebrated this significant milestone in their treatment journey.

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