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St. Apollinaris District HOSPITAL

MEC of Health, Nomagugu-Simelane visits St. Apollinaris Hospital.

16 January 2026



MEC of Health, Nomagugu Simelane taking a moment to participate in group photograph with Community Health Workers to foster unity and pride.

On the 16th January 2026, the MEC of Health in KwaZulu Natal, Nomagugu Simelane and provincial health management visited St. Apollinaris Hospital. The aim was to launch the Inaugural Siyeza Friday: under #Galakada campaign, where Minister, Nomagugu-Simelane will visit health institutions in the province every Fridays. According to the department of health: "The Siyeza Fridays initiative aims to: Strengthen the connection between top management and frontline health professionals. Promote 'Ngizokunakekela Njengowakwethu' philosophy through direct engagement with staff."

The MEC of Health engaged with staff: Sharing the vision of 'Ngizokunakekela Njengowakwethu', listening to staff experiences, challenges, and suggestions. Encouraging staff wellness. The MEC went through different sections within the hospital where staff shared constructive feedback in a spirit of collective improvement regarding challenges in their workplace. Later on MEC then participated in the weekly Health Chat radio/TV program in hospital.

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The aim of **Siyeza-Fridays #Galakada** Meaning: **“We are coming every Friday”** is to Encourage a culture of care, empathy, and unity across all institutions. Provide a platform for staff to voice concerns and feel heard by leadership.

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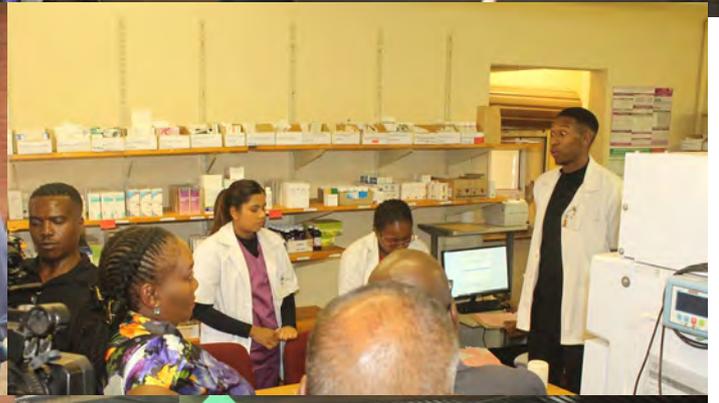




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To strengthen the connection between top management and frontline health professionals : All categories from Community Health Workers, porters, Operational managers from clinics, cleaners and managers were provided with an opportunity to share their journey.



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