ADDINGTON HOSPITAL

1. PROFILE

1.1 504 bedded and 2 500 staffed district and regional hospital situated on South Beach.

1.2 VISION AND MISSION AND CORE VALUES:

**Vision** – To achieve a quality health service through innovative and dynamic healthcare leadership.

**Mission Statement** – “Addington Hospital is committed to providing a safe, legal, ethical, quality patient focused district and regional health service through the integration of the Batho Pele, Good Governance and Accreditation programmes, supported by information technology to achieve:

- Optimal, cost-effective clinical outcomes for patients within the available resources and current provincial health policy,
- Attraction and retention of talented staff by providing an exceptional work environment conducive to staff well being, participation, development, learning and research,
- Enhanced customer satisfaction ensuring the dignity and rights of patients, staff and other customers,
- Sound financial management
- Improved co-ordination and communication with stakeholders including the promotion of partnerships with the Community and the eThekwini District Health Office”.

**Core Values** – Integrity, Self Awareness, Accountability, Approachability, Trustworthy, Team Work, Dedication, Co-operative Governance, Compassionate Caring and Enthusiasm.

1.3 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The first functional hospital in Durban, “The Bayside Hospital”, was situated on the Victoria Embankment at the site now occupied by the Supreme Court.

In 1879, the new Government Hospital was built at the present site, and named after Rt. Hon. Henry Addington who held the post of Prime Minister of Great Britain in 1801.
Additions to the Hospital complex were ongoing, and the Hospital as it stands today was completed and officially opened on 10 November 1967. As one gazes out at the sea from the high rise building, one can see close to shore the remains of the wreck of a 4 500 ton merchant ship, the Ovington Court, that ran aground on the beach in front of the Hospital on 25 November 1940.

On the same night the hospital was alerted. Then the Medical Superintendent Dr R. E. Stevenson, declared an emergency. Several of the crew of Lascars were unfortunately drowned. The wards were cleared. Doctors were sent to the beach to render first aid. Many of the survivors were admitted. It was difficult to believe that anyone should have been drowned so near to the shore. This was the first of many emergency situations that the Hospital has responded to.

1.4 SERVICES OFFERED

**District Hospital Services provided:**
Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Paediatrics

**Regional Hospital Services provided:**
General Surgery; Orthopaedics; ENT; General Medicine; Radiotherapy and Oncology; Coronary Care Unit; Chronic Haemodialysis programme, Short Term Ventilatory/High Care Unit

**Rehabilitative Services:**
Physiotherapy; Occupational Therapy; Speech Therapy.

**Support Services:**
Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Medical Physics, Pharmacy, Anaesthesics, Laboratory, Social Work, Dietetics.

**Primary Health Care:**
Gateway clinic

**OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED:**
Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT)
PMCT
PEP
ARV Rollout Programme
- Supported by Reproductive Health Research Unit who are developing a Best Practice Model for other Hospital with a one stop service (adults, families, children, Wellness Centre)
- Children to be included in programme soon.
1.5 TRAINING AND TEACHING SERVICES

Nursing College Campus
Radiography
Medical – interns, community service officers, registrars in a number of specialities.

Catchment Area

Asherville Local Authority Clinic
Barracuda Local Authority Clinic
Clare Estate Local Authority Clinic
Glen Earle Local Authority Clinic
Goodwins Provincial Clinic
Kwasimame Provincial Clinic
Lancers Road Local Authority Clinic
Lindelani Provincial Clinic
Ntuzuma Provincial Clinic
Newslands East Provincial Clinic
Newslands West Local Authority Clinic
Overport Local Authority Clinic
Reservoir Hills Hall Local Authority Clinic
Rydalvale Provincial Clinic
Sea Cow Lake Local Authority Clinic
Sydenham Heights Authority Clinic

1.6 MANAGEMENT TEAM:
Dr J. E. Hurst – Hospital Manager
Dr D. K. Naidoo – Medical Manager
Mr A. A. Pretorius – Finance and Systems Manager
Mrs A. Chinniah - Nursing Manager
Mr S. Govender – HR Manager

2. ACHIEVEMENTS

1997 - First hospital in the Public Sector in South Africa to be awarded Accreditation status by COHSASA
2005 - Awarded Accreditation status by COHSASA after re-entry into the programme
1999/2000 - The Mercury Silver Award Winner at the Premier’s PriceWaterhouseCoopers Good Governance Awards Ceremony
2000/2001 - The Standard Bank Silver Award winner at the
Premier’s PriceWaterhouseCoopers Good Governance Awards Ceremony.

2000/2001 - Best Practice Award by KZN Department of Health presented at Premier’s PWC Good Governance Awards Ceremony for the Preventative Programme for Occupational Exposure to HIV/AIDS.

2002 - The Gold Award winner at the Premier’s Price WaterhouseCoopers Good Governance Awards Ceremony.