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## QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER'S COMMENTS

I am Mrs N.C. Makhoba, Quality Assurance Manager. As we know that year 2008 is a leap year, we hope for success in everything we are doing. But the most important thing is that we must work together to achieve good results.

Let us all render quality services to our clients, patients and community at large and try to minimize complaints from the community as much as possible. More than anything, guys, let's use the available resources to achieve our goals. I know that we are, at all times striving for excellence.

In Quality Assurance, no one is in isolation. Lets collectively overcome all challenges we are facing as the institution. There is nothing better than doing things right, right away and doing things better even in future.

Thank you in advance to those departments who, although very much busy, but try to commit themselves into attending, not Quality Assurance meetings only, but all health service meetings conducted at Ekombe Hospital. I say this because this is where we are professionally growing and empowered with updated information.

Mix with others, no man is an island. How are we going to know challenges you are facing? Uzoyithola kanjani information uhlele' khoneni?

Lastly, let's all be passionate about our work and always remember to exercise Patients Rights and Batho Pele principles to all South African citizens.

Thank you



## STI'S AND CONDOM WEEK

**E**kombe Hospital conducted STI's and Condom campaign which started from the 11-14 of February 2008. We visited about 17 high schools, where learners were taught about STI's and how to use a condom. They were also taught about different types of STI's and HIV & AIDS. Both male and female condoms were demonstrated to the learners. Condoms and STI's pamphlets were handed over to school principals.

Manje ixoxwa ngezithombe

1. Amathole Amnyama High School learners listening attentively.
2. HAST Co-ordinator, E.N. Buthelezi educating about STI's.
3. S.J. Baloyi High School learners
4. N.H. Xulu demonstrating how to use a condom.
5. Izimbidla High School learners
6. Sister Buthelezi demonstrating female condom
7. Public High School learners
8. Mvutshini High School Learners



## NATIONAL SCHOOL HEALTH WEEK

Ngomhlaka 03 March kuya ku- 07 March 2008 Isibhedlela saseKhombe kanye neSAPS bavakashela amaPrimary Schools lapho kwakufundisa khona abantwana abancane ngezifo ezinhlobonhlobo. Izifo ezifana neTB, cholera, HIV&AIDS, ukukhulelwa kwezingane ezisencane kanye nokuhlukunyezwa kwezingane.

SAPS also played a significant role in this campaign where Inspector Khoza was on top of his game. He spoke about the danger of drugs and weapons. We would like to thank all Primary Schools for their co-operation.

God bless you.



**Odado baseNtingwe Combine Primary School belalele abezempilo**



**Abafana bengoma bejabulisa izibukeli**



**Inspector Khoza educating about the danger of drugs and weapons**



**Ngqulu Primary School learners listening attentively**

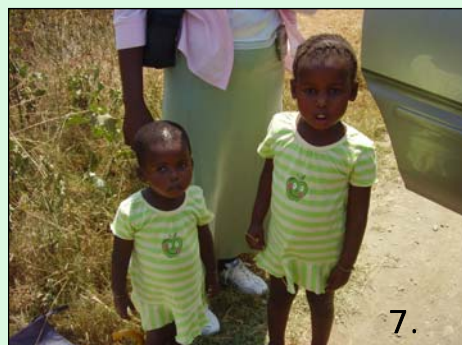


**Sir Gumede educating about different diseases**



**Gonzaga Primary School learners listening**

## VITAMIN A CAMPAIGN



1. Kwakuhle khona bakithi kukhalelani kodwa
2. Sister Ngwenya giving Vitamin A to the child
3. B.N. Cebekhulu also giving Vitamin A.
4. Sir Gumede checking cards.
5. B.N. Cebekhulu and giving Vitamin A.
6. Sister Ngwenya and M. Buthelezi, Nutrition Advisor with parents and kids.
7. Abangani abancane bezogoma.
8. Unesi, B.I. Shezi ugoma umntwana

## PHARMACY NEWS

Greetings from Pharmacy Department. We have added to this family of three (Khanyi Sibiya, Meyi Chonco and Bheki Mthuli), two new team members. Hats off to the big three for the work well done in desperate times.

The new team members are:

Miss Nonsikelelo Msane, better known as Nonsi. She joins the Pharmacy department in the capacity of a Community Service Pharmacist. She will be with us at least another year. Hoping we will make her stay a little longer than one year.

Nonsi hails from Ngwavuma, she graduated with a B Pharm from University of KwaZulu Natal and she did her intership at Prince Mshiyeni Hospital. She is single and available.

Mr Bheki Kubheka joins the Pharmacy in the capacity of a Pharmacy Manager. He hails from Bergville and graduated with a B Pharm from Wits University. Previously he was working at Escourt Hospital as a Principal Pharmacist. He is single but not available.

Together, this new team of five aims to add to this hospital's services the best pharmaceutical care possible, not only to our clients the patients, but also the wards and the clinics which we serve.

Processes are in place. Some need to be reviewed, improved and changed completely in consultation of course with the relevant stakeholders. We shall be in constant contact with all the departments to ensure that we have systems in place that work properly (within various legalities) for our institution.

A quote from some unknown writer goes, "Aim for the moon and should you miss, you will still fall somewhere amongst the stars." With that, we trust that the new team is dedicated in offering you the best service, possible given all the support needed.

Watch the space for more news but importantly watch us in action on a daily basis. We are here to make a difference, a positive difference



**Mr B. Kubheka Pharmacy Manager**



**Miss Nonsikelelo Msane Community Service Pharmacist**



**Mr B. Kubheka and Nonsi**

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**EKOMBE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT**



**Mrs N.P. Ngcobo Hospital Manager**



**Mr J.M. Khumalo HR Manager**



**Mrs D.M. Mchunu Nurse Manager**

**NEW RECRUITS**



**Dr G.Q. Dube**



**Dr Asini Lajimi**



**Mr B. Kubheka Pharmacy Manager**



**Miss Nonsikelelo Msane Commu-  
nity Service Pharmacist**



**Mr Phakamani Khanyile Supply  
Chain Management Intern**



**Miss Ayanda Ndaba Record Officer**



**Miss Nonkonzo Ntombela Finance  
Service Officer**



**Mr Zwelethu Ndlela Principal Hu-  
man Resource Officer**

**CRISIS CARE CENTRE**

Greetings everyone I am Mr J.B.J. Ngobese, the Unit Manager at Crisis Care Centre. The centre provides nursing care, medical care, social and emotional support to the victims of sexual violence or assaults, i.e, women and children. People suffer emotional trauma after being abused or sexual assaulted, so we give immediate counseling and management. We take responsibility in collecting specimen(s) which may give evidence of an act of violence to the magistrate.



We provide HIV/ AIDS counseling and testing. Information is given to the client in order to make an informed decision. As a Unit Manager I am proud to say that the staff working in this centre currently is professional, clients information is treated with respect and kept as confidential as possible. We are complying with Batho Pele Principles.

We further provide Antiretroviral Treatment to those who are infected with HIV/ AIDS and qualify for this treatment according to the National Guidelines laid down by the Health Department. We also do follow up care. To ensure that our services remain preventive, propriative and curative, we give health education, treat minor infections, provide nutritional support and proper referrals.

HIV & AIDS pandemic affects us all, it can lead to poor work performance and high mortality rate, that's why our services are free including all government employees. We attend people who have sustained needle prick injuries or expose to body fluids of an infected person, we give counseling, emotional support and post exposure prophylaxis where it is due. We all need to encourage our brothers, sisters, colleagues and friends to get tested and live a better life. Lets us all work together, fight diseases and continue giving hope.





**PRO'S COMMENTS**



Once again I would like to thank everyone who made it possible for this issue to be a success. It is very important for each and everyone of us to contribute to the newsletter. It should not be a one man show, since the newsletter belongs to everyone. We must take ownership of it and be vocal where necessary and also be proud of it.

With your contributions in the newsletter, you can make a difference to the image of the institution. We must always strive for perfection. Remember if we pull together nothing is impossible



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