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### MONTEBELLO HOSPITAL JOINS FORCES WITH TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP IN HAVING A SUCCESSFUL MMC CAMP



**MAIN PIC:** At the main event where the boys who were ready to be circumcised were listening attentively to the speakers who were giving them advise on manhood.



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# UKUDODISWA KWAMANYUSWA MLAMULA CAMP

Kwanyuswa traditional council together with Montebello Hospital hosted their first MMC camp which was themed “**UKUDODISWA KWAMANYUSWA MLAMULA CAMP**”. This was a two day camp which commenced from the 27- 28 of June 2018 at KwaDeda Area. This MMC camp was an initiative of the traditional leader of KwaMlamula area Chief Muziwenhlanhla Ngcobo, with an aim of grooming and teaching young boys and men of Mlamulankunzi area and its surroundings on man- hood. The camp started with day one where there was a formal event, in which the men and boys were addressed by Chief Ngcobo and many other speakers who were addressing the importance of this day. The boys camped throughout the night where they participated in a whole range of activities which were planned for them, and then prepared for day two where all the boys who attended the camp were circumcised , of which it was a successful circumcision of 110 boys in total. In the closing event Mr R. Roji from the Department of Health provincial office, thanked the traditional council for initiating such a wonderful programme for the area of KwaMlamula and also thanked the Chief and his council for working hand in hand with Montebello Hospital in making the MMC camp a successful one.



**PICTURE: Chief Ngcobo leading the Men of KwaMlamula**



**Right : The men & boys who attended the main event**

**Left : Mr N. Roji giving a keynote address at the main event**



**Montebello Hospital Management**



**Dr Thabethe giving a keynote address**



**Traditional leadership of Kwamlamula traditional council**

# MMC PHOTO GALLERY



**Day 1 proceedings as the boys are screened and getting ready for to settle in for the camp.**

**Pic on the left: the boys listening attentively at the main event.**



**The boys participating in the night activities that were planned for them .**



**Day 2 proceedings as the boys prepare to be circumcised.**

## RABIES AWARENESS AND HAND HYGIENE DRIVE

On the 3rd of May 2018 IPC Manager Sr P.K Chamane and Sr Ngcobo took it upon themselves to give rabies awareness amongst the community of Montebello. This awareness was joined by the Environmental Officer of the ILembe Municipality Mr Maphumalo of which it took place at the Montebello community hall where the community was gathered to receive the important information that was going to be given to them on the importance of watching out for dogs with rabies and also how to react when there is a dog bite. Sr Ngcobo also emphasized to the community to identify dogs of which they think have rabies so that those dogs can get the correct immunization, and dog owners should also make sure that their dogs are immunized in order to protect them from getting rabies. Sr Ngcobo also addressed the community on a recent incident where a child was bitten by a dog and died. She stressed to the community to take dog bite seriously and to rush to the nearest clinic or hospital if ever such an incident occurs. This was followed by a hand hygiene wash where Sr Chamane also emphasized to the community on the importance of washing hands correctly. She further demonstrated to the community on the proper technique to wash hands at home.



**Above : Sr Ngcobo and Sr Chamane addressing the community on rabies and dog bite. Middle: Mr Maphumulo circulating a poster on the awareness of rabies. Below: Sr Chamane demonstrating hand wash**



## MONTEBELLO TB AWARENESS DAY

On the 26th of March 2018 Montebello Hospital took up the chance to give TB awareness to patients. This awareness campaign went to all areas of the hospital making sure that all patients in the hospital get this important information on TB. Sr Nxumalo TB Nurse and Sr P.K Chamane IPC coordinator made sure that they make patients aware of TB and the signs and symptoms of TB. Sr Nxumalo also emphasized to patients on the importance of testing for TB when one sees the signs and symptoms. This day went on to test more than 50 patients for TB on that day. This Awareness went on up to Gateway Clinic where patients were also alerted on TB and screened. Patients were given informative pamphlets to also go and educate families at home.



**Top and Below Pictures: Sr Nxumalo and Sr Chamane talking to patients on the importance of testing for TB.**



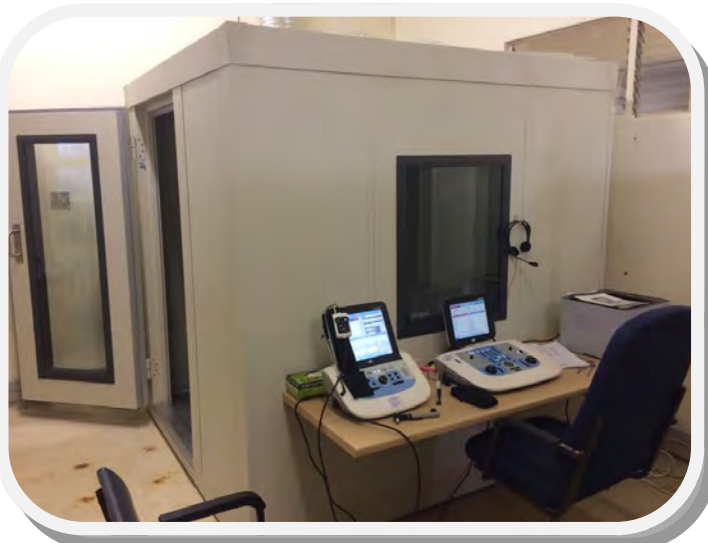
## NEW AUDIOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR MONTEBELLO HOSPITAL

Montebello hospital Audiology department officially started to operate in 2015 where it had its first Audiologist who was a Community Service Officer and was joined in February same year by a permanent Audiologist. At that time the department didn't have any equipment but relied on referring patients to neighboring institutions for assessment and management of hearing loss.

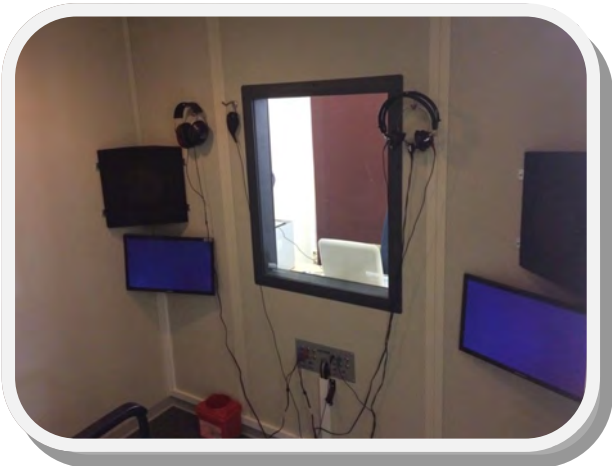
Same year (2015) Montebello Hospital started to see patients who have been diagnosed with MDR TB, that meant for the Audiology department that they will also need to assess patients receiving this treatment since it is known to affect hearing. Monte-

bello Audiology department then started with the program of monitoring hearing on patients using the portable equipment known as the KUDUWAVE. This equipment could assess hearing but it was limited in terms of doing a comprehensive diagnostic assessment since it was only capable of doing limited tests.

Towards the end of 2017 Montebello Hospital then received equipment through a donation from a company called Jansen. This Equipment included 1. diagnostic audiometer, 2. Diagnostic middle ear analyzer, 3. Audio booth, 4. VRA setup and 5. Diagnostic OAE. With this equipment Montebello Hospital is now able to do hearing assessment on patients of any age (from Birth up to geriatric) and only refer out to other institutions those patients who require testing that is beyond our scope as the district hospital. Also Montebello Hospital is now in a position to fit hearing aids to eligible patients and also perform all necessary adjustment to hearing aids should the need arise. This has assisted us greatly as a hospital, as Montebello Hospital is now able to give patients and community at large the best Audiology services which promoted good hearing health.



**Picture Above: The new Audio equipment installed at the Audiology Department to help assess and manage hearing loss.**



**Picture: The inside of the Booth where the patient sits during the assessment of hearing.**

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