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## Passing of Dr. Pieter Vos-First Doctor who ever worked at Mseleni Hospital



*Patients being brought to the hospital on a slip drawn by a team of oxen in 1930s*

It is with sadness to announce that Dr. Pieter Vos, the very first doctor who worked at Mseleni Hospital has passed away in New Zealand.

Dr. Pieter Vos joined Mseleni Hospital in 1959 after a dire need for medical expertise where he worked for thirteen (13) years. The hospital had been previously run by nursing fraternity since 1908 when missionaries Mrs. Keyes (trained nurse) who was a wife to Rev Keyes used to offer medical help to the community from the back door of their house which over the years developed to become Mseleni District Hospital today.

Not only did Dr. Pieter Vos offer ordinary medical intervention at Mseleni; but he also developed interest in discovering the typical Mseleni Joint Disease during his first ten (10) years of service. Mseleni Joint Disease affects people only from Mseleni and its surroundings. Vos drew attention to this disease until its first report was published W. Wittmann and S.A. Fellingham in 1970. Currently, Mseleni Joint Disease surgery is conducted on affected patients by Dr. Victor Fredlund.

May the legacy of Dr. Pieter Vos remain and may his soul rest in peace.