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UMGENI HOSPITAL  
SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO UMGENI HOSPITAL.

1.1. Umgeni Specialized Psychiatric Hospital admits patients who are diagnosed with **Severe to Profound Intellectual Disability** and other associate conditions such as Epilepsy, Autism and Physical disability. This means that:

- They should have an intelligence between 20-40 or below
- They should have impairments in their adaptive functioning in at least two social skills
- The onset of Intellectual Disability must have been before the age of 18 years.

1.2. Patients are admitted on long term basis in terms of Section 27 of Mental Health Care Act No 17 of 2002.

1.3. We admit patient from the age of 3 years and upwards. Children must be in a possession of birth certificate and immunization card. Adult must be in a possession of 13 digits South African Identity Book.

1.4. Applicants suffering from Organic Brain Syndrome may be considered.

1.5. Applicants should be within the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal.

1.6. All possible placement/resources in the community must have been investigated and found not suitable.

### **2. The following applicants cannot be considered for possible admission:**

- 2.1 Patients who are diagnosed with Mild to Moderate intellectual Disability.
- 2.2 Patients who requires intensive nursing or medical care that is beyond the capabilities of Umgeni Hospital e.g. Tracheostomies and uncontrollable diabetes.
- 2.3 Patient who need psychiatric treatment and present with acute psychotic features and requires to be treated in a closed ward.
- 2.4 Children who are under the age of 3 years are admitted as an exception. Children in need of care in terms of Children's Act no 38 of 2005, section 150.

- 2.5 Applicants with a criminal record.
- 2.6 Applicants who have a history of substance abuse and mental illness as appear in DSM 4.
- 2.7 Applicants from other Provinces.

***For information do not hesitate to contact Social Workers at Umgeni hospital. Contact Details are as follows: 033-330 6146 (ext. 272, 268 & 215)***