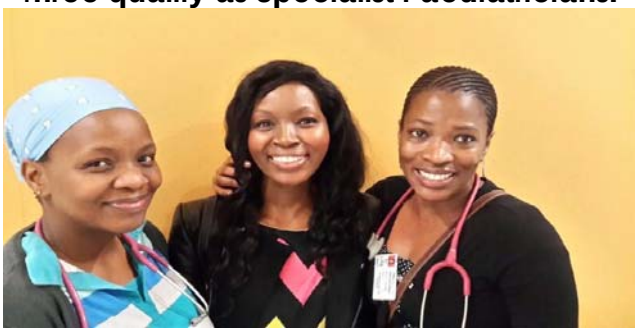
Paediatric Department celebrates their Ladies

Three qualify as Specialist Paediatricians.



From left to right:

Drs Nonhlanhla Mathenjwa hails from Durban and qualified as a specialist .She is currently the consultant in ward N1A and has successfully started a specialised nutrition unit as well .She will be working as specialist in the King Edward VIII neonatal nursery and will be taking care of very small premature babies

Dr Moelo Malahleha also qualified as a specialist paediatrician .Despite losing her Dad this year Moelo successfully completed this tough exam held in October. She is also will be working as a specialist consultant at the King Edward VIII Nursery

Dr Aletta Motene qualified as well as a specialist Paediatrician She has been a stalwart for the nursery for the past few years and has been appointed as a Specialist in Polokwane closer to home .We will sorely miss her but she is off to great things in Limpopo.

Dr Kimesh Naidoo, Clinical Head of Paediatrics, expressed their overjoyed with the achievements of their and indicated that the Paediatric senior staff have really done King Edward and KZN proud.

Three great Ladies retire after serving the nation

From left to Right:

Sister Nobuntu Madikane has been a stalwart in Paediatrics at King Edward VIII Hospital since 1977 .She has taught thousands of nurses passing through Paediatrics over the years .Sr Madikane did the very important job of triage (sorting patients on the basis of need). This saves many hundreds of lives over the years and allowed the sickest children to be seen ahead of less sick children. In speaking at her farewell Dr Ramji indicated that Sr Madikane has helped shape the successfully functioning POPD and has been a hard worker who demands the best from all.

Sister Lydia Shabalala has been in King Edward for 39 years and also been a one of the stalwarts in care of children. Calm, soft spoken she has been the ideal person to care for thousands of critically ill children over the many years. Her hard work and dedication has helped save countless lives in the PRU (Paediatric Resuscitation Unit). At her farewell it was recalled how Sr Shabalala had a calming effect on patients and colleagues ,something much needed in busy departments .

Sister Busisiwe Mthembu (Busi) joined King Edward since 2001 and has been a favourite with all doctors and fellow colleagues. Full of life and noise, her love and caring for sick babies is legendary. She makes the unit lively and showed hundreds of nurses how really to look after small babies ,often treating babies beyond the call of duty .At the farewell organised by the Department of Paediatrics all indicated that her energy will be sorely missed when she leaves.

The Department of Paediatrics would like to acknowledge these three ladies and all the many staff who have retired .They are the real stars of the country and show the younger generation what dedication, commitment and true care is all about.
We wish them a very happy and fulfilled retirement

Article from Dr Kimesh Naidoo Clinical Head of unit – December 2013