



MURCHISON HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

Murchison celebrates Nurses Day & HIV Counseling & Testing Campaign



From left: Sir LP Goniwe checking Simo Malunga's blood pressure,
Back row: Sir Manyonkolo and Thandeka Tsatsimpe

Murchison District Hospital had the honor of being the first Hospital at Ugu District to launch the HIV Testing Campaign on 12 May 2010.

The day proved to be a resounding success through the sheer number of people who showed up for testing and counseling. Various testing stations were kept busy the entire day with people taking initiative for their health.

Seven testing cubicles were made available for the general public who wanted to get tested for HIV, diabetes, hypertension, high blood pressure and anemia. We can conclude that ward 21 community is committed to living a disease-free and healthy lifestyle.

The HCT campaign is a nationwide program by the Health Department to get over 15 million South Africans tested for HIV before June 2011, the campaign was officially launched by President Jacob Zuma on 8 April in Pretoria.

Management accolades the events organizing committee for their sterling job in planning and making this event a success.

HCT CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Mrs Zanele Ncama main speaker on HCT launch delivered a speech on the President's declaration of the HIV/AIDS Testing and Counseling campaign. She stressed the importance of regular testing for HIV and opportunistic diseases, diabetes, hypertension, etc. She added that every person visiting health institutions should be given health education and be motivated to test for the above mentioned diseases.



Senior technical advisor on HIV/AIDS Ugu District Mrs Zanele Ncama addressing the audience on HCT campaign and presidential declaration

Sister MR Govender and Matron NV Nyuswa tested for HIV and were given courtesy t-shirts.



Above: Lindokuhle ARV Clinic staff performing an educational play about HIV/Aids.



Community members and hospital staff queued to be tested for HIV other diseases in Picture 1 & 2



Left picture: Dr Thom & Sir Bixi performing circumcision procedure in Casualty.

MURCHISON HOSPITAL CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL NURSING DAY



International Nurses Day was celebrated on 12 May 2010 in recognition of Nurse Florence Nightingale's work. In keeping up with this tradition Murchison Hospital hosted a Nurses Day event in honor of the sterling work of nurses.

The program included guest speaker Mrs Mnguni who delivered an inspiring speech.

Mrs NS Mdluli was motivational speaker spoke on behalf of retired nurses reminiscing on their experiences. She gave useful advise to current nurses urging them to maintain the values and standards set by the previous generation .



Mrs M Mnguni, Manager HIV/AIDS & Special Projects - Ugu Municipality presenting the key note address.



Mrs NS Mdluli retired nurse reminiscing on her experiences.

Mrs M Mnguni said "Our country is looking for agents and messengers of Hope, There are many good lessons, achievements and rewarding experiences to be shared. As we look at the road that we have travelled we have to prepare for a new way of transformation. We need to ensure that our institutions are responsive to the challenges we face and use negative experiences to shape our future " .

Mrs NS Mdluli's theme was "Remember your call, why are you here?".She further mentioned some of the stressors in the nursing profession such as environmental changes , disease profile, generation gap, low self-esteem and de-motivation. She suggested the way forward regarding environmental resources, development of personnel and debriefing process because trauma levels are high. "Despite all these challenges patients should get the best quality of care.

MORE ON NURSES DAY CELEBRATIONS



Murchison Hospital's retired nurses, sharing memories of their days of practice.



Operational Managers receiving nurses act booklets with rules and regulations of the profession



Sister Nxasana acknowledged nurses who have progressed in the nursing profession over the years



Nurses observing a moment of remembrance of colleagues that have passed on, with Sir Goniwe leading the prayer



Hospital Choir in fine tune led by Mrs Matshoba. We were pleased to see the choir performing so well. Keep It Up Guys!! Show up for Rehearsals



From left : Scathamiya Group Mrs Mokwoatle , Mlamuli , Mr Mbili, Mrs Khandayo, Mrs Cele, Msa Cele gave us a magnificent performance .

Editors Corner

In this issue we focus on the HCT Campaign launch and the Nurses Day , both events were successful. In the next issue we will focus on the Staff wellness Week, Football Fridays and much more. We encourage the staff to present newsworthy articles for the next issue .We are thankful for previous contributions in fundraising for our Year-End function , please continue with the support. Brace yourselves for the next exciting issue.

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