Kwazulu Natal has the highest number of new infections. It is hoped that HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, help to decrease the rate of new HIV/AIDS infections.

The focus should be placed on healthy lifestyle and monogamous relationships.

Dr Ganesh is knowledgeable and experienced with regards to sharing information pertaining to HIV/AIDS.

Staff members came in their numbers to commemorate, listen and get more information pertaining to HIV/AIDS. Rev Sibidla, the hospital chaplain led the house in prayer for those infected and affected by the disease. The Chaplain lit a candle and we all observed a moment of silence at the Church Hall.

Management would like to thank Ms E Govender (Senior Social Worker), Health Promotion Committee, Nursing College and everyone who ensured that the commemoration of World Aids Day went according to plan. It was concerning to hear that...
Everyday is quality day at St Aidans Hospital, this was proven when we had our first Quality Day, Open Day and HCT Launch on 2 December 2010. The event proved to be a great success as all attendees and participants were excited about the day and their inputs towards the event. Teams worked tirelessly on their quality improvement projects which were showcased and judged on the day.

All quality improvement projects were of good quality and it showed that all teams worked really hard in order to impress the judges. Our guest speaker, was Mrs. A. Khathi. A Provincial Deputy Manager in charge of Quality Assurance. Appointed at DOH Head Office since 2001, Mrs. A. Khathi has all the expertise regarding Quality Assurance and Batho Pele. She gave a speech which emphasized the importance of giving our customers a quality service. Mrs. A. Khathi quoted a few negative stories about the Department of Health which were reported in the media. She said “all health workers should work hard in changing the negative perceptions about public service.”

Mrs. A. Khathi was accompanied by Mrs. N Ngcobo Ethekwini District Quality Assurance Coordinator. She together with her team of judges were actively involved in the judging of the stands which were showcased on the day.

The first prize winners for the day was the Rehabilitation team, the second prize winners was the Theater Team and the third prize winners were the Ophthalmology Clinic Team. All other departments who participated achieved a certificate of participation.

Mrs. N Ngcobo congratulated all winners and those who participated, for their effort and dedication in putting up their projects. She also encouraged team work in order for projects to be sustainable and successful. The hospital choir graced the events with joyous songs. School teachers and children from schools surrounding St Aidans Hospital also attended. HCT was officially launched by Mr. V.R Dlamini, who also announced names of the HCT Committee members.
Male and female plastic Wards enjoyed their end party on 14 December 2010. It was a remarkable day for the staff members as they planned and co-ordinated their own year end party. The co-ordinating team worked hard in order for the day to be successful.

Everything went according to plan. This showed that through team work and commitment, you can achieve your set goals. All staff members present, enjoyed their year end party.
The Eye Clinic Staff organized a beautiful Christmas party for their glaucoma support group on 7 December 2010. The glaucoma support group is an eye clinic staff initiative which was officially launched on 3 December 2008. Since it was launched, the support group has grown stronger and its membership has increased.

The eye clinic staff contributed financially in order for the year end party to be a reality for their support group. Interviewing one of the patients, she said “I am very happy to be part of this support group because it is educational and I get to interact with people who have glaucoma like me, so we share our experiences and I have made a number of friends through the support group.” St Aidans Management is very proud of the great initiative taken by the eye clinic staff. The support group has proved to be sustainable as it was also celebrating two years since it was launched in December 2008.

We hope to have more support groups which will assist patients to share their experiences and get more education on their different illnesses.