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MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko this week visited Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital to oversee the rehabilitation of boilers to ensure that they are all working at an optimal level to increase productivity in the linen room.

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Sebokeng Hospital performs first brain surgery in over four decades

Sebokeng Hospital made history this week when it performed its first brain surgeries on two patients who have been suffering from subdural haemotoma (bleeding onto the brain). This major milestone in over four decades comes after the recent establishment of a Neurosurgery unit at the hospital. Previously, Sebokeng Hospital referred patients in need of brain surgery to Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (CHBAH).

The establishment of neurosurgery unit will see the reduction of the high prevalence of mortality and morbidity of traumatic brain injury patients in the Sedibeng District.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer of the hospital, Dr Fhatuwani Mbara said many patients who presented at the facility with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) were demising due to lack of immediate neurosurgical interventions.

"TBI patients were occupying ICU beds for a prolonged duration with no definite management plan because majority of the patients require different types of operations ranging from skull, brain and spine surgeries. "The newly established neurosurgical unit and the highly skilled team we have will ensure that we reduce head injury related deaths that are sustained by our patients, especially men of younger age groups," said Dr Mbara.

The first patient is a gentleman who experienced weakness on the right side of his body and was unable to walk or talk. The neurosurgery team did a craniotomy on him, stopped the bleeding and removed the blood clot. The operation took 2 hours to perform.

The second patient is a young man who was injured 3 months ago and had subdural haemotoma. A craniotomy was also done on him and the clot removed, however, his brain was severely swollen due to the injury. The team did a cranioplasty to protect the brain from potential physical harm.

The two patients have recovered well and will be discharged over the weekend to spend time with their families at home.

In addition, Dr Mbara extended the outmost appreciation to the Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo- Ralehoko and the CEO of CHBAH, Dr Nkele Lesia

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~MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko

for having worked tirelessly in expediting the establishment of neurosurgery unit at Sebokeng Hospital. It is now part of the academic platform for rotations of neurosurgery registrars.

FACTS ABOUT CHOLERA



HOW IS CHOLERA SPREAD:

By drinking water or eating food that is infected with cholera bacteria. This happens when an infected person handles food without washing their hands, or relieves themselves into a water source. Communities using unclean water for drinking or washing of eating utensils are at risk.

Over 200 TISH community members equipped with first responder skills

Koketso Maraba

There are 211 township, informal settlement and hostel (TISH) community members that have thus far been trained and equipped with critical skills to respond to commonly encountered emergencies.

This as the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH), through its emergency care learning institution, Lebone College of Emergency Care (LCEC) continues to take the free First Responder Training to communities. This week (Wednesday, 29 March) the programme went to Bekkersdal informal settlement in West Rand.

Tshepiso Maboe, a resident who participated in the training said that he was grateful to have gained his newly attained life-saving skills as he has encountered medical emergencies before and did not know how to respond.

"The First Responder Training has given me the skills I need to attend to burnt wounds, bleeding, seizures, and fractures. I believe that next time when I am faced with an emergency, I will be in a better position to deal with it," said Maboe.

Maboe is among the 211 people from Kwa-Masiza Hostel in Sebokeng (107), Meyerton Farm in Midvaal (53), and Bekkersdal informal



settlement in West Rand (51) who have to date undergone training.

Another participant, Sindiswe Mbanjwa said that the skills she has gained during the training has encouraged her to learn more about medical emergencies.

"I am currently unemployed, so this is the perfect opportunity for me to enrol as a student at the Lebone College of Emergency Care to further my studies and become a paramedic," said Mbanjwa.

The first responder training offers participants the opportunity to learn how to respond to commonly encountered emergencies such as trauma wounds and accidents as they wait for the emergency response team. The participants receive theoretical knowledge together with a Simulation First Aid Training during the session.

In many instances, Gauteng Emergency Medical Services personnel struggle to locate people in need of medical services while responding to calls. The training is being used to teach communities on the importance of giving

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accurate information and address to avoid delays when the crews respond to distress calls.

Tlou Moloto, Acting District Coordinator at the LCEC reiterated the point that the "First Responder Training also assists with shortening the waiting time between the community and paramedics".



New wheels bring smiles to owners

Elderly people at Eufeefes Oord Old Age Home in Nigel were left jubilant on Friday morning (31 March 2023) after Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko made a turn at the facility to deliver their new set of wheels.

This was part of the Gauteng Department of Health's (GDoH) continuous efforts to ensure that those who have registered and are on the waiting list for wheelchairs, get issued with the assistive devices to help them with their mobility. 11 wheelchairs were delivered at the old age home.

MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko was quick to point out that the Department is on a mission to localise healthcare services. GDoH's Therapeutic Services will continue delivering wheelchairs to the door step of qualifying people who are unable to travel to clinics to collect the devices due to their medical conditions.

"We are also ensuring that the elderly residents of this old age and others alike receive a basket of health services at the comfort of their own home," stated MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

"I'm so happy that my new wheelchair has finally arrived. For the longest time I have been using a wheelchair that couldn't fit properly when sitting. This new one will definitely give me room to sit comfortably and not strain my joints and back."

The Department has so far issued more than 4 600 wheelchairs in the 2022/23 financial year.

Elizabeth Roux (81), one of the recipients of the new wheelchair at Eufeefes Oord Old Age Home was left for words and expressed gratitude at being given an assistive device saying that it will bring much relief to her.

In addition, Gugulethu Nkosi who got delivery of her new wheelchair at her house this week, was elated to receive the assistive device describing the moment as changing from a regular car to a German machine.

"I'm so happy that my new wheelchair has finally arrived. For the longest time I have been using a wheelchair that couldn't fit properly when sitting. This new one will definitely give me room to sit comfortably and not strain my joints and back," said Nkosi.

Assistive devices are issued only after assessments have been made by qualified personnel at facility level. The patient condition/diagnosis determines the type of design of wheelchair for prescription. People who are in need of wheelchairs are advised to visit their nearest clinic for assessment so that those that qualify can be included on the list.

Gauteng health curbs order splitting practice

The MEC for Health and Wellness Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko has given an assurance that the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) continues to closely monitor the wrong practice by officials of splitting of orders to avoid going to tender.

“All purchases between the value of R500 000 and R1 million are forwarded to the Gauteng Provincial Treasury for verification and to ensure that they comply with Supply Chain Management prescripts.”

The MEC was giving oral responses during the sitting of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature earlier this week.

Already, 14 transactions from Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital were picked up by the office of the Auditor General South Africa (5) and the Gauteng Audit Services (9) respectively.

The Department had experienced substantial abuse of splitting of orders under the threshold of 500 000, however, all cases of abuse are being investigated by the Special Investigation Unit.

On the increasing of the threshold from 500 000 to R1 million by the Gauteng Provincial Treasury, MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko clarified that this is not a unilateral dispensation for GDoH but is applicable nationally.

“This was done to increase replenishment costs to reduce the turnaround time in procuring essential goods and services.

“There is an oversight process which entails the compilation of a monthly purchase order report to track any incidents of split billing. All purchases between the value of R500 000 and R1 million are forwarded to the Gauteng Provincial Treasury for verification and to ensure that they comply with Supply Chain Management prescripts.

“Furthermore, Quotation Adjudication Committees have been established in all health institutions,” assured MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

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Health department pursues prudent financial management

As part of efforts to ensure prudent financial management, the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) is in the process of finalising fixed and long-term contracts on various service delivery areas.

This was revealed by Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko when the Department recently presented the GDoH's 2022/23 third Quarter Performance to Gauteng Provincial Legislature's Health Portfolio Committee.

The MEC said that the process to advertise new tenders for various service delivery areas is currently at the Bid Specification Committee (BSC) stage and is envisaged to be completed in three (3) months.

In the meantime, to ensure continued and unrestricted healthcare services while long term contracts are put in place, the Gauteng



Department of Health has extended contracts of some suppliers and service providers.

MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko emphasised that the Department is committed to ensure that companies that have not delivered as per the service level agreements are not allowed to continue doing business with the Department. “Some of the companies have been barred due to failure to return undue payment, submission of fraudulent health certificates, fraud and corruption, non-performance and submission of fraudulent BBBEE certificates.”

The GDoH has in the third quarter of the 2022/23 financial year ensured orderly procurement processes resulting in no noted deviations from Supply Chain Management prescripts during the quarter.

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Centres of excellence for children with special needs

The centres are also gateway to highly specialised services that are required by children with special needs including neurodevelopmental paediatricians, neurologists, orthopaedic surgeons, neurosurgeons and child psychiatrists amongst others.

In addition to services rendered to children with special needs, the GDoH has established support groups within health facilities across the province. Currently, there are 22 support groups for children with special needs including cerebral palsy. These will increase in due course.

The groups meet once a month and are facilitated by rehabilitation teams. Parents are taught about their children's condition, how to manage them at home, coping skills and stress management. This empowers parents with skills to make a difference in their children's lives.

In Tshwane, these community based centres of excellence include Jubilee District Hospital, Stanza Bopape, Kgabo and Eersterust Community Healthcare Centres (CHCs). Laudium, Soshanguve and Cullinan CHCs are also in the process of establishing centres of excellence. Parents in Ekurhuleni can access these services at Nokuthela Ngwenya CHC, Tsakane Therapeutic Centre, Daveyton Main Clinic, Mary Moodley Clinic,

Itireleng Clinic, Crystal Park, Phola Park Clinic and Bertha Gxowa Therapeutic Centre.

Whereas in the Johannesburg district parents can get the services at Hillbrow, Discoverers, Alexandra, Chiawelo and Streford CHCs, as well as Mofolo and Zola Clinics. The team is in the process to establish a centre of excellence at Lenasia South District Hospital. In the West Rand, parents can visit Dr Yusuf Dadoo, Carletonville and Leratong Hospital, while in the Sedibeng district the services can be accessed at Johan Heynes CHC, Heidelberg, Kopanong and Sebokeng Hospitals.

Moreover, MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko this week established a new centre of excellence for children with special needs at the South Rand District Hospital.

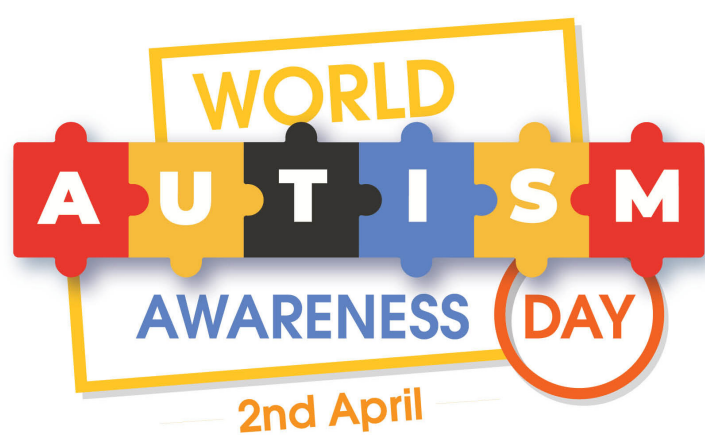
"I came across families of children who have been diagnosed with Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy and it made me realise that we need to improve our efforts as government to ensure that these angels get the best care there is.

"It is very important that we establish centres of excellence at all our health facilities, so that families can be closer to the services needed by their children in order to improve their health outcomes," said MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) is establishing centres of excellence to ensure a comprehensive and cohesive system for children with special needs in order to obtain better health outcomes.

These community based centres of excellence are a one-stop-clinic for children with Autism, Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy amongst others.

To ensure effective care and treatment for children with special needs, these centres offer a multidisciplinary approach, provided by a multitude of role players; case management, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, speech and audiology, psychology, social work, pharmacy, medical officers, family physician and dental practitioners.



SOME AUTISM FACTS

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) refers to a range of conditions characterised by some degree of impaired social behaviour, communication and language, and a narrow range of interests and activities that are both unique to the individual and carried out repetitively.

The level of intellectual functioning in individuals with ASDs is extremely variable, extending from profound impairment to superior levels.

1 IN 160 CHILDREN has an autism spectrum disorder.

Source: WHO



I'm not complaining but applauding a dentist by the name of Rebecca Ncube for the excellent work she is doing in the community of Winterveldt at Kgabo Clinic. She is dedicated, selfless, loving and serves the community with passion.

It is important that we applaud when we see good, as much as we complain when things go wrong. Thank you.

Jimmy
Kgabo CHC

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For any hospital or clinic complaints please contact the Gauteng Department of Health on the 24-hour customer line on.

- 0800 203 886 (Toll free number)
- patients.health@gauteng.gov.za or support@gauteng.gov.za
- SMS : 35023

Today, 29 March 2023 I need to give thanks to our government especially in Gauteng. For the past three decades I have made use of private hospitals and now I am back to making use of state facilities.

Edenvale hospital has outstanding clerks, nurses and doctors. The Clerks are helpful and never impatient. The nurses make you feel important. The different doctors work together during all my visits. The pharmacy staff is just brilliant, medication is always explained to me in full detail.

I hope and pray that we can get a complaint/suggestion box where patients can nominate staff for good service or complain. Please note I'm a very happy lady for services received at Edenvale hospital.

Desiree
Edenvale hospital

* Letter grammatically edited

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Chief Director Internal Control And Compliance (5-Year Fixed Term Contract Appointment - Central Office Johannesburg
Chief Director: Sedibeng Health District (Five-Year Fixed Term Contract Appointment Based On Performance) - Sedibeng Health District
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- Students who want to study towards a Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care (one year) or Diploma in Emergency Medical Care (two years) at Legbone College of Emergency Care. For more info visit: <https://lcoec.ac.za>
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