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MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko showering Tumisang Motsikwa with gifts after undergoing heart surgery at Bheki Mlangeni District Hospital this past week.

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Nurses are the heart and soul of the healthcare system

"Nurses are the heart and soul of healthcare system, true heroes who work tirelessly on the frontlines sacrificing their own comfort and well-being for the sake of their patients."

This was said by Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko, who together with the Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla led the International Nurses Day commemoration at Pholosong Regional Hospital in Tsakane, Ekurhuleni on Friday, 12 May 2023.

MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko said the International Nurses Day holds deep significance as the world recognises the indomitable spirit, unwavering dedication and compassionate care that nurses provide to individuals, families and communities every day.

"In the face of adversity, nurses stand strong, displaying remarkable resilience and courage. They are the ones who hold our hands when we are scared and offer comfort in times of pain.

"They also advocate for our rights when we cannot speak for ourselves. They are the reassuring presence in our darkest moments, the beacon of hope that guides us towards recovery," said the MEC.

This year the International Nurses Day is observed under the theme: "Our Nurses. Our

Future." The focus being on learning from the lessons of the pandemic and translating these into actions for the future that ensure nurses are protected, respected and valued.

The "The Our Nurses, Our Future" campaign shines the light on nurses and on a brighter future, moving nurses from invisible to invaluable in the eyes of policy makers, the public and all those who make decisions affecting the delivery and financing of healthcare.

Minister Phaahla said that government is encouraged by achievements within the nursing profession that are worth celebrating on International Nurses Day which are in relation to the impact they have on service delivery and in line with the International Council of Nurses.

"Some of the highlights worth celebration include the signing of a protocol agreement that allows the 10-designated provincial public nursing colleges to offer Diplomas (including Advanced Diploma in Midwifery and Postgraduate Diplomas), and Degrees, in their 44 campuses and 40 sub campuses," said the Minister.

In the province, the Gauteng Nursing College has four campuses mainly the Chris Hani

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Baragwanath in Johannesburg, Bonalesedi in Leratong Hospital in the West Rand, SG Lawrence in the Tshwane, Anne Lasky Campus next to Helen Joseph Hospital.

In addition, MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko said that it is equally important that investment is made in nursing education, nursing jobs, nursing leadership, safety of nurses, and health and well-being of nurses.

"These investments are pivotal to enable nurses to provide quality and positive experience of care. It also called upon the nurses to invest in self-education, health, and well-being in order to maintain lofty standards of nursing care," stated the MEC.



A total of 794 professional nurses who commenced their community service programme between January and April 2022 and completed between December 2022 and May 2023 have now been permanently employed by the Gauteng Department of Health.

OUR NURSES. OUR FUTURE.



Smile Week honours the legacy of Madiba



Twenty children from previously disadvantaged families are this week undergoing life-changing reconstructive surgeries. This involves surgical procedures for cleft lip and palate repair, a burns survivor who underwent a tissue expander surgery and another child who is undergoing a full ear reconstructive surgery.

All this is part of a partnership between the Smile Foundation and the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital (NMCH) as part of the Smile Week which runs from 7 to 14 May 2023.

The Smile Foundation is based in 11 Academic Hospitals around South Africa which include Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital, and has assisted over 4000 children with the gift of a smile. However, this is the first collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital, marking the physical manifestation of Madiba's vision to give children the healthcare they so desperately need.

In attendance during the launch of the NMCH Smile Week, the Gauteng Department of Health's Acting Head of Department, Lesiba Malotana said that the Department is pleased at the first collaboration between the NMCH and the Smile Foundation.

"We believe it is these kinds of Public-Private Partnerships that have the potential to scale up impact and to leverage on best practices, both in the public and private institutions which will in turn result in the delivery of quality services to communities.

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for longer to undergo the life-changing reconstructive surgeries to repair their cleft lips and palates. Now they will be getting their smiles much earlier," said Malotana.

Dr Pinky Chirwa, Clinical Director at NMCH said that the collaboration has brought much excitement to the hospital this week, as "this could not be achieved without our dedicated doctors, nurses, Allied and reception staff. The greatest honour is to serve a cause bigger than yourself."

In addition, Malotana said that the GDoH will "continue to forge strategic partnerships with the private sector and other organisations within the health sector as we seek to tackle the huge demand of services we are currently witnessing across our service platforms."



Experiencing eye problems? Seek help early!

Thulasizwe Lembede

In a bid to strengthen eye care awareness in neighbouring townships next to the hospital, the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital's (CHBAH) Clinical and Teaching unit recently conducted a community outreach campaign in Protea Glen, Soweto.

The awareness campaign was attended by more than 290 community members and 54 received referral letters to St Johns Eye Care Centre for further testing and treatment.

In addition to screening and referrals, the community members were also empowered with knowledge on signs and symptoms of common

eye conditions so they can identify and seek medical care before complications.

A Professional Nurse, Sarah Mogodiolo said that the St Johns Eye Care Centre sees a lot of patients with complicated eye conditions that could have been prevented or treated earlier and as a result we decided to embark on an educational campaign to empower people.

"Some of the symptoms of eye problems are redness, double vision, spots, itching burning and change in iris colour," explained Mogodiolo adding that there will be embarking on more similar sessions in other areas.

The eye centre offers a variety of in and outpatient services including Retina Corneal, Glaucoma, Orbit, Paediatric and Uveitis Clinics. It also offers laser for diabetic patients and spectacles.

"We also conduct surgeries such as cataract removal and ptosis correction. Some patients who need continuous eye drops and monitoring are admitted," explained Mogodiolo.

Members of the public with eye problems should seek immediate medical attention at their local clinics and if their conditions require further care, they will be referred to Community Healthcare Centres and hospitals with state-of-the-art eye treatment equipment.

Take precaution not to sustain burns this Winter

Thulasizwe Lembede



With the winter season fast approaching so does incidents of burns due to fires, gas heaters and other appliances as people try to keep warm.

In order to empower the public on how to prevent or manage burn wounds the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital's (CHBAH) Burns Unit has heightened their awareness drive.

One of the patients in the hospital's Burns Unit, Jeffrey Chauke from Moletsane in Soweto recalls the events that led to him becoming a regular visitor to the unit.

"My wife and I came back rushing from work, so that we can prepare supper for the children to eat. The stove was on with pots on it, and as I was about to start cooking pap, the electricity switched off. This led to us going to buy take-aways," he explained.

Chauke says that day they were woken up by the smell of smoke and the heat from the fire. "I then noticed it came from the stove, then

it clicked that we did not switch it off during loadshedding session," he recalled saying they tried to open the door but could not find the keys until he kicked it opened and he and his family managed to escape.

"We were taken by ambulance to Bheki Mlangeni Hospital and a day later, I was transferred to CHBAH in an unconscious state. My wife sustained injuries on her left hand and luckily the children escaped unharmed. Following treatment, I was discharged after 2 weeks and I am continuing with treatment as an outpatient.

"I come to the hospital regularly for cleaning of the wounds, changing of bandages and collection of medical treatment. I have nothing but praises for the health workers in the Burns Unit. They are very supportive, patient and share empowering information to us so we can heal quicker," said Chauke.

In giving advice to the community members, Chauke said: "We are often tired because of work responsibilities but please be extra careful with

electrical appliances and remember to switch them off during loadshedding. Also familiarise yourself with what to do after you are burnt as your reaction can contribute to the complication of your health."

Operational manager for the unit, Joyce Dlamini said they use all opportunities available to them to educate people about what to do once you are faced with a burn injury.

"Most of the community members when they get burnt, they use various ointments; eggs; cooking oil or soil on the wound and those make matters worse. The only thing that helps is to put the affected area under running water as this relieves the pain. One can then cover the wound with a clean cloth and seek medical attention at a nearest health facility," explained Dlamini.

The Bara burns unit offers comprehensive high care and is operated by a multi-disciplinary team which includes surgeons; nurses; dietitians; physiotherapists; speech therapists; psychologists and social workers.

BURNS AWARENESS

It is important to stop burning injury as it happens, as burns continue to worsen even after hot liquid or scalding occurs. For any emergencies, please call Emergency Medical Services EMS on: 10177 or 112.

In case of burns from fire make sure to:

- Immediately stop the burning by extinguishing the flames
- Cool the affected area with clean cold water
- Do not apply butter or ointments to the affected area
- Seek medical advice from your nearest clinic or hospital
- Keep flammable materials away from fire



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* Letter grammatically edited

Good day, Honourable MEC.

I want to make sure that we do not come to you when we only have problems but return to give accolades when it's due. I have no words to express gratitude for your intervention at the Gauteng Department of Health. I would like to single out Nozizwe Nonyane for the highest level of customer service there is in government. Please nurture this bright star. As women, we are known for that.. Thank you so very much. We have received our proof of payment. I am so sorry for the unbecoming behaviour of some of my colleagues it certainly doesn't represent me and my value system... truly saddened by it...Mbokodo ndiyabulela

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Clinical Psychology - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital

Forensic Pathology Officer (Level 7) - Springs Fps

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- Always follow instructions carefully and fill in Z83 with precision.
- 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>
- Study towards a Diploma in nursing in various specialties including critical care nursing, trauma and emergency nursing, amongst others at the Gauteng College of Nursing. For more info, please call: 011 644 8946



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