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~ MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko

## Bertha Gxowa centre for victims of GBV and rape gets an upgrade

Three examination rooms, two counselling rooms, trauma and procedure rooms and showers that are user friendly to persons living with disabilities, these are some of the upgrades the Bertha Gxowa Clinical Forensic Medical Services Care Centre (CFMS) for victims of gender-based-violence and rape has undergone to provide comprehensive services and counselling to survivors.

MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko on Friday, 26 April 2024 officially opened the upgraded centre as part of the Gauteng Department of Health's (GDoH) commitment to combatting violence against women and children.

The centre has been a vital resource in the community since its establishment in November 2011 and is now equipped to provide comprehensive healthcare services starting from medical examinations to psychological counselling in a single secure location.

"The goal for renovating this facility was to create a state-of-the-art facility that would cater to the specific needs of survivors of GBV. It is designed to provide inclusive and comprehensive patient management, ensuring that vulnerable populations, including children and people with disabilities, receive the necessary care and support.

"It is our responsibility to provide a safe haven

for survivors and ensure that they receive the care and assistance they deserve, and this renovated facility signifies a new chapter in our collective efforts to support and empower those who have experienced unimaginable trauma," said the MEC.

The facility will now improve access to care for people living with disabilities and will promote privacy and provision of services to patients with dignity. It also has a one-way mirror room which will be used for history taking for children and people utilising sign languages.

The GDoH has 27 designated CFMS facilities across the province with qualified clinicians that provide counselling, medical examinations and treatment, post-exposure prophylaxis and are able to refer victims for psychosocial support and give follow up dates.

In addition, MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko said that the care center also demonstrates the Department's response to President Cyril Ramaphosa's call to intensify efforts in addressing the GBV pandemic.

"We urged all stakeholders and community members to unite in the fight against GBV. We must break the silence surrounding this issue and engage in open and honest conversations about the root causes and consequences of



MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko together with Pristem Global Diagnostic's CEO, Lars Beykirch and Pristem Diagnostics SA's CEO, Yvonne Motsisi on Tuesday (23 April) officially opened the second radiology diagnostic centre located in a township and the first one in Soweto (Maponya Mall) by the Pristem Diagnostics SA.

The radiology diagnostic centre is part of efforts to bridge the gap in ensuring that disadvantaged communities have equal access to high quality medical imaging services, particularly those in townships. It is equipped with an innovative and scalable radiology solution developed by Pristem to address a conspicuous need for quality diagnostic services within South Africa's healthcare space which will ultimately have a meaningful impact on disadvantaged communities.

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violence. Let's challenge harmful stereotypes, dismantle gender norms, and foster healthy relationships built on mutual respect," urged MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

# Over 2 350 medical interns and comserve professionals placed at health facilities

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has welcomed 2 356 medical interns and community service professionals who have been placed across hospitals, clinics and community health centres (CHC) in the province.

These interns and community service professionals include medical doctors, pharmacists, clinical psychologists, dieticians, dentists, environmental health practitioners, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and hearing therapists, diagnostic radiographers and nurses.

MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko welcomed these professionals on Thursday, 25 April 2024 at the Hope Restoration Ministries in Kempton Park, Ekurhuleni.

"As you embark on your internships and community service, I want to encourage you to pledge to make a difference in the lives of patients. Take the time to listen to their concerns, offer a comforting word, and provide the best care possible. Your passion, skills,



and commitment have the power to transform lives and restore faith in our healthcare system.

"Let us embrace the challenges that lie ahead with determination and compassion. Through our collective efforts, we can create a healthcare system that is characterised by excellence, empathy, and patient-centered care. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the well-being of our community and inspire others to join us in this noble cause," said the MEC.

Nishal Kalan, a community service doctor at the Alexander CHC said that he is thrilled to be working with chronic and acute patients as well as emergency patients as his interest lies in family medicine.

"I am interested in helping our communities at a primary level and I look forward to serving various

patients who visit our centre for health services," said Kalan.

Liezl Lamprecht, a community service nurse who is placed at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital said that she looks forward to gaining more experience in the field.

"In my career as a nurse, I am looking forward to gaining more experience and learning expand my skillset in general," said Lamprecht.

The placement of these interns and community service professionals in health facilities is crucial for the healthcare system in Gauteng and contributes to ensuring that the provision of comprehensive and specialised care meet the increasing demands of the province's population.



## MALARIA AWARENESS

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female mosquitoes (Anopheles mosquitoes) and can lead to death if not treated on time.

If you have any of the following symptoms after visiting a malaria endemic region: fever, headache, general body aches and pains or body weakness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or flu symptoms visit your nearest healthcare facility or doctor.

### SYMPTOMS OF MALARIA



Chills



Headache



Fever



Nausea



Muscle Ache

## Malaria awareness taken to informal settlement communities

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female mosquitoes (Anopheles mosquitoes) which can lead to death if not treated in time. It is most prevalent in most tropical and subtropical areas of the world, with most deaths occurring in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In an effort to ensure that communities are informed about this preventable and curable disease and to mark World Malarial Day (25 April), the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) on Friday, 26 April 2024 visited the Jerusalem informal settlement in Boksburg, Ekurhuleni to conduct to advocacy and education on the prevention, treatment and symptoms of Malaria.

Malaria affects over 650 million people annually worldwide with over 2 million people



dying from the disease. In Gauteng, between January and December 2023, a total of 1 339 Malaria cases and 15 deaths were reported.

In order to empower communities with the knowledge to prevent complications that lead to unnecessary deaths posed by Malaria infection, the MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko engaged with the community of Jerusalem informal settlement on the prevention, screening and treatment services offered by the GDoH.

"It is high time we turn our attention to the fight against malaria to ensure that our communities, particularly those who travel to endemic provinces and countries in Sub-Saharan Africa countries are empowered to avoid unnecessary

complications and death caused by this infection.

"Prevention remains our strongest weapon in the battle against Malaria. Simple measures such as regular use of mosquito repellents, wearing of long trousers and long sleeve shirts, being indoors between dusk and dawn, sleeping in air-conditioned rooms or in a room with a fan and sleeping in insecticide treated nettings can significantly reduce the risk of infection," said MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

The GDoH has five travel clinic clinics across the province which offer Malaria prevention services which include chemoprophylaxis for people who travel to malaria-endemic areas. Four of these are for the public and they include Laudium Community Health Centre, Yusuf Dadoo Hospital, Bertha Gxowa Hospital and the GDoH Head office at Commissioner Street in Johannesburg.

The symptoms of the Malaria disease include fever, headache, general body aches and pains, joint pains, nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms may include flu symptoms, especially cough, yellowness of the eyes and dark urine. It is important that people who experience these symptoms after travelling to endemic regions to visit their local clinic to get tested and treated for malaria.

This year, World Malaria Day was observed under the theme "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world" as part of efforts to raise awareness about malaria prevention and source funds for treatment of malaria.

# 15 year jail sentence for EMS attacker welcomed



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MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko has welcomed the conviction of 15 years direct imprisonment handed by the Pretoria Magistrate's Court to a 25-year-old male, Matome Tumi Sepesu on Wednesday, 24 April 2024.

The successful conviction follows a robbery incident which occurred in the Nellmapius area, east of Pretoria in July 2023 where the Gauteng

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) crew was hijacked, kidnapped, assaulted and robbed of their personal cell phones and other working tools while responding to what appeared to be a distress call.

Out of four suspects involved in the incident, one has been successfully convicted and sentenced to a 15 years' imprisonment. The other three suspects are still on the run and the police investigation is still underway.

"This conviction sends a strong message to criminals who are targeting healthcare workers when they are discharging their duties trying to save lives of communities. Our teams have been subjected to senseless attacks in some of the communities which have made it rather difficult for them when they have to respond to emergencies," commented Nkomo-Ralehoko.

Meanwhile, the Gauteng EMS suffered two other attacks this week. On Wednesday, 24 April around 10pm in Rieger Park, Ekurhuleni, two suspects robbed paramedics and fled with a PTT radio used for dispatching calls. The incident happened while the crew was responding to a medical call and treating a patient at the back of the ambulance.

The second incident happened at Eersterust in Mamelodi, in the early hours of Thursday morning (25 April) around 01:30am. The crew was also busy treating a patient when the suspect stole a cell phone of one of the paramedics. Fortunately, the suspect was apprehended by the police through the assistance of the community and CPF. The phone was also recovered. The suspect appeared at the Hatfield Branch Court in Pretoria today and was released on bail with the next appearance set for 02 May 2024 at the same court.

The Gauteng Department of Health continues to plead with communities to play an active role in the protection of healthcare workers and to work with law enforcement agencies to stop continuing attacks on healthcare workers because they have negative impact on the provision of healthcare services.

## Newly appointed Clinic Committees to use their diverse skills to better serve their communities



*I pride myself in being able to turn a complaint into a compliment. I achieve all this by engaging with the clinic staff and the community to understand their needs and concerns."*  
~ Ashley Louw

Koketso Maraba

Communities can now rest assured that their health concerns will be addressed promptly as the newly appointed clinic committee members such as Ashley Louw and Sydney Makgai take on their roles as overseers of their facilities at the Noordgesig Clinic in Soweto, Johannesburg, and Helga Khun Clinic in Palm Springs, Sedibeng.

Louw and Makgai are part of 1 444 clinic committee members across 370 public clinics in the province who were recently appointed to improve the quality of service and patient experience of care at their local clinics.

Louw explained that the community entrusted him to become part of the clinic committee because he already serves as a ward committee member and is part of the City Power service delivery task team. So, together with his knowledge, skills, and experience, he is believed to be able to serve his community's health needs. As a well-known community leader, Mr. Louw hopes to use his skills to improve the queue management system at the clinic to reduce



patient waiting times and since the winter season is upon us, patients will now be allowed to start entering the clinic at 06:45 for comfort and safety.

"I have decided to be part of the committee because I understand this community and our challenges. I am a good listener and so I pride myself in being able to turn a complaint into a compliment. I achieve all this by engaging with the clinic staff and the

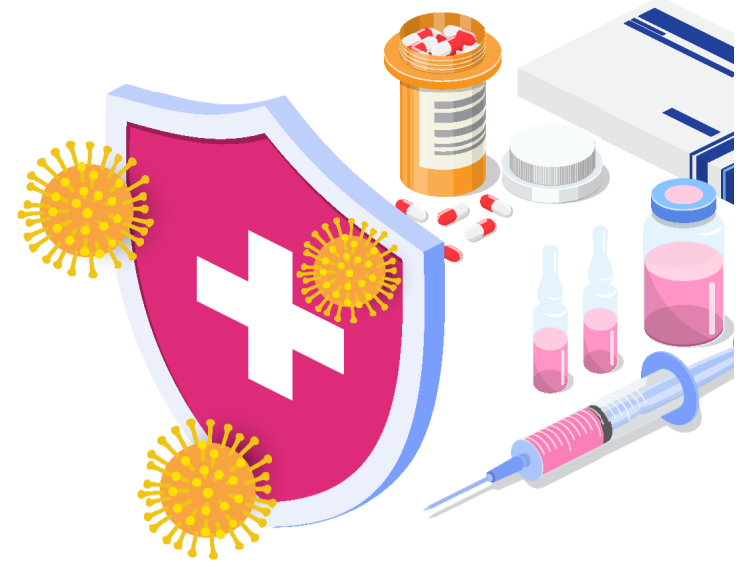
community to understand their needs and concerns," expressed Louw.

Makgai, who has been an advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS in his community was nominated for the stellar work he has been doing between the patients and the clinic. His knowledge and passion stems from living with HIV, while his motivation is rooted in his job as a health advocate at the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC), and his position as the provincial sector representative in the Gauteng Aids Council.

"I want to assist my community greatly by enhancing the trust between the patients and the clinic staff. The 'I Serve With A Smile' initiative will also play an important role in improving the staff's morale and overall attitude towards patients, for a better patient experience of care" said Makgai.

The Clinic Committees will play a vital role in ensuring effectiveness and efficiency in the governance of public clinics through public participation, assisting in addressing health needs of the communities they serve, and ensuring accountability and effective management of the facilities.

# IMMUNISATION PROVIDES PROTECTION AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASES



Immunisation helps prevent various diseases, as well as stimulate a child's immune system to fight against illnesses later in life.

Immunisation is free and available at all government clinics.



## YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS TO US!

### Praise for Bertha Gxowa for exceptional care

Dear Ms Lebo Khumalo,

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the exceptional care and support I received during my recent stay at Bertha Gxoea Hospital. The dedication and commitment of you and your team to providing top-notch healthcare services are truly commendable.

Thanks to the excellent care I received under your leadership, I am feeling much better and well on my way to recovery. Your leadership and expertise have played a significant role in my healing journey, and I am truly grateful for all that you do for your patients.

Thank you once again for your outstanding assistance and for ensuring that I received the best possible care. Your efforts have made a real difference in my life, and I am deeply appreciative.

Warm regards, Funi

### Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital has improved

Since my last admission in 2006/2007, after 18 years, I was admitted to Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital from many chronic Mess, noticed that the upkeep of the hospital maintenance, cleanliness, and medical services has improved to 100 percent.

The ward I was in, Ward 38, was neat and cleaned almost 10 times a day. The floor, toilets, and food were all up-to-date. The sisters/nurses on duty ensured all surfaces were cleaned and the bedding changed daily. The beds at Ward 38 were new and electric. And those are just some of the improvements.

I thank the hospital staff for their warm care. And a big thank you to Dr GV Naidoo for accurate diagnostics.

\* Letter grammatically edited

Madhan Vallabh of Lenasia South

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Staff Nurse - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Professional Nurse General - Pn-A2 Grade 1-2 (Re-Advertisement) - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Professional Nurse Specialty - Advanced Midwifery & Neonatal Nursing Science/ Neonatal Nursing/ Child Nursing/ Critical Care Nursing (X3posts) - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Professional Nurse Specialty- Critical Care Nursing (X 7 Posts) - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Operational Manager Specialty (Pnb3) - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Operational Manager Nursing: Grade 1 - Pna6 (General) Surgical Wards (X1 Post) - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Operational Manager Nursing (Specialty) Pnb-3 Advanced Midwifery And Neonatology (X1 Post) - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Medical Specialist Grade 1 To 3 (Obstetrics And Gynaecology) - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Permanent Medical Officer - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Sessional Medical Officer - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Sessional Medical Specialist - Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital
Radiographer - Far East Rand Hospital
Enrolled Nurses - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Enrolled Nursing Assistants - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Professional Nurses Speciality: Critical Care , Theatre, Trauma ,Oncology, Advanced Midwifery, Nephrology And Neonatal Nursing - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Medical Officer Grade 1, 2 And 3 Sessional Post (20 Sessions) X2 - Forensic Medical Services
Professional Nurse General (Pna2) Grade 1 - South Rand District Hospital
Professional Nurse Grade 1 Pnb-1, Grade 2 Pnb-2 (Operating Theatre Nursing Science) - South Rand District Hospital
Clinical Programme Coordinator (Quality Assurance) - South Rand District Hospital
Professional Nurse Grade 1 Pnb-1, Grade 2 Pnb-2 (Paediatric And Child Nursing) - South Rand District Hospital
Specialised Services Auxilliary Officer - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Assistant Manager Nursing (Vertical Transmission Programme) - Johannesburg Health District
Assistant Manager Nursing Art Programmme - Johannesburg Health District
Chief Clinical Technologist (Neurophysiology) - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Secretary - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Clinical Technologist (Nephrology) - Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Medical Registrar Anaesthetics - Helen Joseph Hospital
Medical Officer Anaesthetics - Helen Joseph Hospital
Medical Registrar Internal Medicine - Helen Joseph Hospital
Medical Officer Grade 1 Internal Medicine - Helen Joseph Hospital
Medical Registrar - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
Medical Registrar - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
Medical Registrar - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
Pharmacist Assistant Basic Grade 1- 3 - Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Medical Officer Grade 1 - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
Medical Registrar - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
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Medical Officer Grade 1 - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital

Medical Officer Grade 1 - Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
Assistant Manager Nursing (Hts Programme) - Johannesburg Health District
Medical Registrar: Internal Medicine - Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital.
Periodic Medical Officer (Diagnostic Radiology) - Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Assistant Manager Nursing - Johannesburg Health District
Finance Controller - Weskoppies Hospital
Periodic Medical Specialist: ENT - Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Medical Specialist Grade 1-3 - Tara The H. Moross Centre, Sandton
Periodic Medical Officer (Accident And Emergency) - Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Pharmacy Supervisor Grade 1 - Johannesburg Health District:
Medical Officer (Internal Medicine) - Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Periodic Medical Specialist: Internal Medicine - Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
2 X Dental Specialist Grade 1/2/3 In Maxillofacial And Oral Surgery (Periodical Contract Post) Twenty (20) Hours Per Week Respectively - Wits Oral Health Centre
Medical Registrar - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital
Deputy Director: Monitoring And Evaluation (Re-Advertisement) - Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Registrar - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, Charlotte Maxeke Hospitals And Rahima Moosa Mother And Child Hospital
Medical Registrar - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital
Medical Officer Grade 1 - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital
Medical Registrar - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital
Clinical Psychologist Grade 1-3 - Tara The H. Moross Centre, Sandton
Sonographer (Ultrasound Radiographer) Sessional X 2 - Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Registrar - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (CHBAH)
Medical Officer Grade 1 - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (CHBAH)
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Assistant Manager Nursing (PHC Speciality) - Johannesburg Health District (Sub District G) Stredford
Operational Manager (General) Night Supervisor - Sebokeng Hospital
Registrar (Medical) - Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital
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Pn-B3 Operational Manager Nursing Specialty - Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital
2x Dentist Grade 1/2/3 (Periodical Contract Post) 13 Hours Per Week Respectively - Wits Oral Health Centre
Deputy Director Therapeutic & Medical Support Sivities Grade 1 - Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (CHBAH)
Registrar (Medical) - Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital
Medical Specialist - Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital
Clinical Manager: (Medical Services) - Kalafong Provincial Tertiary Hospital

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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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