

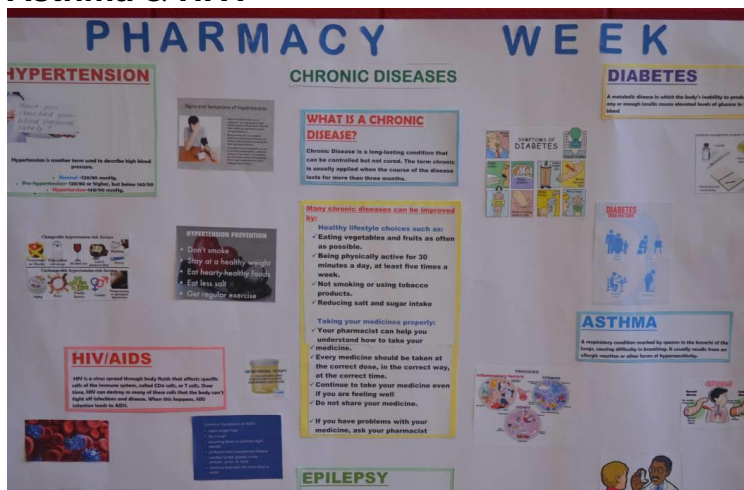
PHARMACY WEEK 2015 AT KING EDWARD VIII HOSPITAL

The 9 Pharmacy Interns together with Pharmacy Supervisor Mrs A. Smith and Assistant Pharmacy Manager Ms C. Pakkiri organized and co-ordinated a programme to coincide with Pharmacy Week- CHRONIC DISEASES: Take Control.



THE TEAM

The aim was to inform and educate patients and staff at our health facility regarding common chronic diseases encountered by many individuals. To this end, the Interns prepared informative posters pertaining to the following diseases- Hypertension, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Asthma & HIV.



They spent a busy week conducting interactive talks at various satellite pharmacies at King Edward and presenting token prizes and refreshments to the patients during question and answer time.



Another component of the King Edward Pharmacy Week was to include a Wellness Programme aimed at all sectors of staff employed by the hospital. Old Mutual and GEMS were approached to offer Wellness testing eg Glucose & Cholesterol testing ,Blood Pressure Monitoring,BMI ,VCT and Eye Screening. Other stakeholders eg Nedbank, Old Mutual and Virgin Active were also present. These activities had not been done previously during Pharmacy Week and proved to be a resounding success to tie in with this years theme of Chronic Diseases.



Over 500 staff members underwent Wellness testing and approx 350 staff had eye screening with a large number being referred for further testing and prescribing through GEMS .



A Pharmacy Staff day held on 4 September encouraged the majority of the staff to attend a function hosted by the Pharmacy Interns. Much information was exchanged during their Topic Presentations. There was plenty of interaction during the question and answer sessions for prizes on offer and a slideshow of Pharmacy Week photographs was also presented.

All the preparation and hard work by all individuals involved, resulted in an enjoyable and successful Pharmacy Week at King Edward VIII Hospital

