



Pharmacy month

Edenvale Regional Hospital Pharmacy initiated a week-long campaign during Pharmacy Month in order to put the spotlight on the pharmacy profession and show our patients and staff our role in quality healthcare provision.

The theme for this year was:

As Pharmacy Month is meant to focus on the pharmacy profession and



show our patients and staff what we are able to offer, we implemented the following initiatives to create awareness:

- For the opening of our campaign, on Monday the 16th, a representative from Cipla provided training to pharmacy staff on vaccination. Topics that were covered: the various vaccines available from Cipla and the importance of vaccination. This session was beneficial in continuing our professional development.
- Our community service pharmacist and pharmacist intern conducted a daily 5-minute presentation to our patients on the topic of "Let's Talk about Vaccines". They provided valuable information on the importance of vaccination. They also briefly discussed a few of the various vaccines available and the importance of each. They had posters to serve as visual aids to support their presentation.
- Our staff advised our patients on the importance of vaccination and alleviated any doubts or fears that they may have. Patients were encouraged to utilise the knowledge of the pharmacy team for any vaccine-related queries.
- We set up a kiddie's corner with chairs and a table where our little patients could colour in pictures while they waited with their parents/grandparents/guardians to receive their medication. We prepared a lovely vaccine-related activity booklet for our young patients to have fun and, at the same time, learn about vaccines while they visited our pharmacy. We also gave them treats (cookies, candies, lollipops, chips) throughout the week.

- We had a coffee station where our patients could enjoy a hot cup of coffee and some cookies to go with it. We also provided our patients with fruit and water.
- Lastly, just for the spirit of pharmacy week, we also had a dress code for the remainder of the week. Each day we wore a different colour to show our unity as a team. On Friday we celebrated our unique and beautiful heritages by dressing up in traditional attire.
- The campaign was a great success overall and it was met with great enthusiasm from staff and patients alike.



Our OPD decorated in bright colours to celebrate Pharmacy Month



Pharmacy team dressed in red and blue with white coats for the opening of the Pharmacy Month campaign; Angelique Scharneck (Cipla) joined us on the opening day



Our community service pharmacist, together with pharmacy staff, presenting to the patients on vaccination



Our pharmacist intern presenting to the patients on vaccination



The coffee station for our patients to enjoy hot coffee, delicious cookies, fresh fruit and refreshing water



The kiddie's corner that had vaccine-activity books, colour pencils, crayons, and treats for our little visitors



Pharmacy staff dressed up to celebrate their beautiful cultures and heritages