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Pharmacy Month 2025: Edenvale Hospital Pharmacy



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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. We focused on the chosen theme for the year of "Think Health, Think Pharmacy - One Profession, Many Roles". This aligned with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) global campaign.



Fatema Mia, a pharmacist at the Edenvale Hospital Pharmacy, assisted in the planning of the campaign

We implemented a number of activities to cater to patients of all ages as well as show appreciation towards pharmacy personnel.

The following was implemented:

- **Staff Training:** Our team had amazing training sessions from various companies, helping us to grow professionally and keep abreast with the latest information available. Trainings were conducted by NBI, Sanofi, Novartis, and Fresenius. Refreshments and goodies for staff were also generously supplied.
- **Healthy Treats for Patients:** Every day, we handed out water and fresh fruit to our patients because as pharmacists we know that good health starts with small acts of care. We approached various companies to supply some water, snacks and paraphernalia for patients. We also received sponsorships from people in the community who are eager to give back to the community and show goodwill. This was greatly appreciated by the patients.
- **An information table** was set up on site for one of the days. This was generously sponsored by Angelique Scharneck from Cipla who joined us on-site, offering information, education, and even snacks and water for our patients.

- **Colourful Dress-Up Days:** For the spirit of pharmacy month, we had a dress code where a different colour was suggested for each day of the week. This added an element of fun and also showed our unity as a team. Friday's theme was cultural dress-up which tied in beautifully with our hospital's Heritage Day celebrations. An added highlight for our unit was that two of our staff members won "Best Dressed" across the entire hospital!
- **Kiddies Corner:** A kids' table was set up where our littlest visitors had their own fun space with snacks, colouring sheets and play dough which they really enjoyed.
- **FIP World Pharmacists Day – 25 Sept:** We closed the celebrations with a bang, dressing up in blue and white and gifting our entire team goodie bags packed with treats and surprises – a small token of appreciation for the amazing work they do every day. These were kindly donated by Maisha Medical, Aurogen, and Adcock Ingram. Bayer also generously sponsored a delicious lunch to say thank you to our dedicated team.



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- The pharmacy was brightly decorated in colourful balloons and posters to highlight the celebration of Pharmacy Month.
- What a celebration! It was full of learning, fun, colour, and appreciation and it perfectly captured how pharmacy really is one profession with many important roles.



Edenvale Hospital Clinical Manager, Dr Hlomile Mlahleki (middle right), and Edenvale Hospital Pharmacy Manager, Mrs Rudzani Negondeni (middle left), together with the pharmacy team. The posters are displaying the various roles that pharmacists can hold