

2008 Hasa Awards



When the Walter Sisulu Paediatric Cardiac Centre for Africa (WSPOCA) was named winner at the Excellence in Healthcare Awards in Sandton, the audience screamed and cheered as the CEO of the centre, Lynda Bleazard, danced her way to the stage to receive the first prize of the HASA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2008. Well done to all involved. The award was in recognition of the sterling work the Walter Sisulu Paediatric Cardiac Foundation does in raising money not only to promote equity in but also to ensure needy and poor kids with heart ailments access life-saving treatment and surgery for free.



WINNER: Walter Sisulu Paediatric Cardiac Centre for Africa

From right Dr Robin Kusley and Lynda Bleazard, CEO of the centre.



Representatives of the overall winners. From right are Lynda Bleazard and partner and Dr Robin Kusley and partner with matron of Isipingo hospital (left) and partner.

THE TWO RUNNERS-UP POSITIONS WENT TO:

eThekweni Hospital and Heart Centre



Directors of eThekweni Hospital and Heart Centre, a new Durban hospital, Dr Ekhim Mfi (right) and Abdul Ramkisoa.

Category: Establishing world-class medical services or technology

ETHEKWENI HOSPITAL AND HEART CENTRE

In September 2007, eThekweni became the first hospital to sign a 'One GE Healthcare' contract in South Africa, putting it at the forefront of cardiology related technology. This state-of-the-art information technology allows the diagnosis of the disease at the earliest possible stage. The digital hospital concept requires that all systems - from theatre booking, radiology images, test results and administration - are linked. The level of integration is such that a doctor will be able to view and interpret radiology images, in his rooms, as they are being performed. At the patients' bedside, portable computers on wheels (COWs) will replace paper charts as the preferred means of monitoring a patient's progress. Doctors and nursing staff will do their rounds with a COW, to digitally record patient details. Prescriptions will be entered into the computer and will print out almost instantaneously in the pharmacy. By providing a rapid response to patients' needs, eThekweni Hospital will strive to deliver more efficient services, which will, in turn, reduce hospital stay and result in better patient care.



Netcare Unitas Hospital



Deputy Nursing manager of Unitas, Estelle le Roux, receives the award.

Category: Marketing the industry

NETCARE UNITAS HOSPITAL

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Kurt Rommel-Care and Mkhosi Mbatia

2008 Hasa Awards Finalists

Category: Promoting equity/Keeping healthcare affordable

THE PRETORIA EYE INSTITUTE

The Pretoria Eye Institute has demonstrated, its expertise and social responsibility with the Eye Care Awareness Week from 8 to 12 October 2007, a training workshop for school health nurses, screening of 75 children for eye diseases and free cataract surgery for 408 blind patients who could not afford the surgery. Mpumalanga were transported and accommodated with meals at the expense of the institute and its donors.



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Category: Involvement in and/or service to a local community

ISIPINGO HOSPITAL

The hospital became involved in various community projects, even providing learning space for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to acquire skills. These students have either basic training, and some experience working in homes for the aged. The matron oversees mentoring and helps them access further professional education. Moreover, this exposure assists these semi-skilled learners to upgrade their nursing skills.



MILNERTON MEDI-CLINIC

The Community Intervention Centre (CIC) has been providing free trauma and crisis intervention for the Blaauwberg community for seven years. Up to 200 trauma cases a month are assisted. This outreach is undertaken in full co-operation with the South African Police Service, providing them with trauma support either on-site or at their trauma rooms. Cases include rape, suicide, domestic violence, attempted suicide, murder, armed robbery, family crises, death and severe medical trauma and child abuse. Crisis intervention cases include stillbirths, motor vehicle accidents, trauma after operations, depression, resuscitations, hijackings, deaths and cash in transit heists victims.



Category: Public/Private sector co-operation

NETCARE KROON HOSPITAL

The purchase of a new Somatom Emotion CT Scanner by Netcare Kroon Hospital has benefited both private and public patients. The public hospital also benefits, as its patients utilise the radiology department at Kroon. This is a good example of how the public and private healthcare sectors can supplement each other.



Hasa congratulates all its members on their efforts to achieve excellence in healthcare delivery. Thank you to the winners and finalists, whose work was showcased at the Awards ceremony.