

Rehab Rapport

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WCRC Rehabilitation



Committed to providing patients, family members and staff with Up-to-Date News and Developments regarding our Rehabilitation Service and The Move to our new hospital!! Your questions, remarks & contributions are most welcome. (Submissions can be forwarded to Teresa Weppenaar, Administration (Conradie site) or Helen Sammons & Elsje Scheffler (KBH site).

MOVE TO NEW HOSPITAL BECOMES A REALITY

The Department of Health is proud to announce that construction of our new, state-of-the art Rehabilitation Hospital in Lenteguur, Mitchells Plain, is fast nearing completion. Early in September 2004, the current rehabilitation services situated on the Conradie- and Karl Bremer hospital sites will be moving to our new hospital, where we will continue to provide excellent rehabilitation services to the entire Western Cape Province & neighbouring Northern- & Eastern Cape Provinces. **The two amalgamated services are known as the Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre (WCRC).**



This is the new Indoor Hydrotherapy and Gymnasium building.



Reception area of one of the three new Therapy blocks.

This R99 million specialised hospital has been custom-built and is specifically designed to meet the rehabilitation needs of persons with Spinal Cord Injury, Stroke, Head injury, Amputation or any other condition requiring high intensity, interdisciplinary rehabilitation. The WCRC is a unique facility – one of its kind- and one of which the people of the Western Cape can be proud!

What will happen to the current in-patients during the move of the hospital in September 2004?

Moving an entire Hospital complex is not a simple task and the safety and well-being of our patients is our primary concern. Those patients that *can* be discharged to their families will go home for a 2-3 week “holiday-period” (**Friday 27th August as the last date of discharge**). Your Doctor and other Team members will discuss this with you beforehand. **Re-admission of in-patients will take place again from Sunday the 19th of September 2004.** Those patients that cannot go home will be carefully moved to the new hospital site using Ambulance and Patient Transport under the supervision of our Doctors, Nursing staff and other Team members.

What will happen to the Out-patient Clinics during this time?

The last Out-Patient Clinic will be held on 27 August 2004. From 30 August – 17 September all Out-Patient clinics will be closed. The Out-Patient Department will re-open at the new hospital on 20 September 2004 and will be open Mondays through to Fridays.

How do I contact the WCRC to make a Clinic Booking or to Refer a patient?

The new contact telephone number of the WCRC, as from 20 September 2004 is 021 – 370 2300

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to discuss the matter with your Doctor, Social Worker or other Team members.

You are also welcome to contact the Management of the Hospital at any time at 021-530-6602

Hospital Manager & Head of the Institution:	Ms Jenny Hendry	(082 420 5692)
Clinical (Medical) Services:	Mr J van Rooyen	(082 376 9244)
Nursing Services:	Ms M Smit	(083 943 3666)
Therapeutic Services:	Ms C Roux	(084 751 9927)
Administration:	Mr A de Reuck	(082 376 9243)

Hospital Management would like to appeal to all Staff to give their fullest co-operation during the “packing and moving” in August / September to ensure that everything proceeds as smoothly as possible. All Wards / Sections will shortly receive a “move schedule” detailing the exact dates of each stage of the relocation.

We would also like to re-assure all our patients and family members that YOU remain our highest priority. We are committed to providing the best possible service to YOU, our client. We trust that you will be patient during the process of moving and hope to have resumed normal services by the end of September 2004.

**Jenny Hendry
DEPUTY DIRECTOR &
Head of the Institution**

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