

NURSES
MONTH

May 2020



Nursing the world to health

We applaud your service



A SPECIAL THANK-YOU

To all our staff working at the Hospitals, Head office and from home during these difficult times, we want to thank you.

NURSES DAY

Cure celebrated International Nurses Day on the 12th of May. We would like to place some focus on the amazing nurses in the nursing industry.

Nothing can ever compare to the amount of hard work and empathy you show towards your patients. Thank you, for not just being a nurse, but a true hero.

CURE VALUES OUR PATIENT'S FEEDBACK



See how we rated nationally from April to June 2020!

✓ Service received from reception/admissions staff
93% Excellent

✓ Nursing care pre-operative and post-operative
96% Excellent

Discharge information
92% Excellent

✓ Ease of finding hospital location
90% Excellent

✓ Cleanliness of facility
96% Excellent

Likelihood of you to recommend our facility
95% Excellent



COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

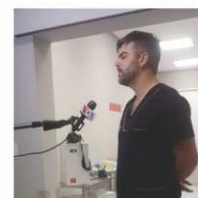


Cure is taking extra safety precautions for your safety. PPE has been issued to both doctors and staff, social distancing screens and floor circles allow for safety of our reception staff as well as fellow patients.

Screening of all staff and visitors conducted on arrival at the hospitals. Board Chairpersons are involved in any queries where a doctor or patient may need guidance and assistance.

Cure has implemented pre-op testing; reduced the number of patients to comply with physical distancing of patients; and implemented isolation and quarantine guidelines for staff.

INNOVATIVE DESIGN



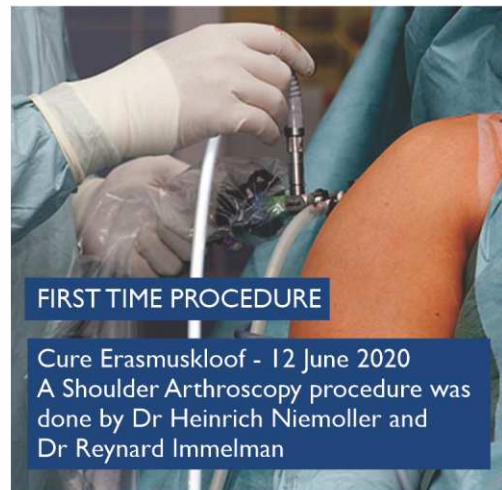
Dr Jano de Beer, a medical practitioner, with the expert assistance of anaesthetist Dr Estienne Neuhoof and electronic engineers Gerry Geel and Maritz Botha, are well on their way to performing their ventilation device, which can augment the capacity of a conventional ventilator tenfold, and at a fraction of the cost.

They demonstrated the device to News24 at the Cure Day Hospital Wilgeheuwel. A recording of this news worthy event was made by Voice of America and was broadcasted in 42 countries.



WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW DOCTORS

Cure has 50 new doctors on group level since April 2020.



Cure Somerset West

Please welcome Dr Mari Fourie to Cure Somerset! Dr Mari Fourie (Dentist), her dental assistant, Rosdene.



Great News

Mr Frank Lubbee, **patient 12 000** at Cure Somerset West! He was a patient of our General Surgeon, Dr DJ de Villiers.



Joy Scheffers, Liezl Muller, Stephanie King, Donovan Adams, Phildene Geldenhuys

Otoplasty surgery at Cure Midstream

Cure Midstream had the privilege of being part of Mienke Marx's life changing Otoplasty surgery as part of our community service project.

Dr Anton Smit (Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon) performed this procedure on a very excited Mienke Marx.

We extend a big thank you to everyone involved.



First time procedure - Cure Wilgeheuwel

Dr Manie De Wilde, Orthopaedic surgeon specialising in Hip/Knee and Shoulder Arthroscopies, has performed a Hip Arthroscopy at Cure Wilgeheuwel on Sunday, 31 May 2020. This was the first time a Hip Arthroscopy was performed in the Cure Day Hospital group.

One of the outstanding benefits with the technique he prefers is that it is less costly for the patient, uses less theatre time, reduces recovery time of the patient and is more effective and non-invasive.

The technique and the fact that the procedure could be performed in a Day Hospital, makes it a more effective solution for patients in need of this procedure.





WELCOME

Dr Neill van der Walt
Orthopaedic Surgeon

Cure Somerset West



WELCOME TO YOUR
NEW ROOMS!

Dr Heinrich Niemoller
Orthopaedic Surgeon

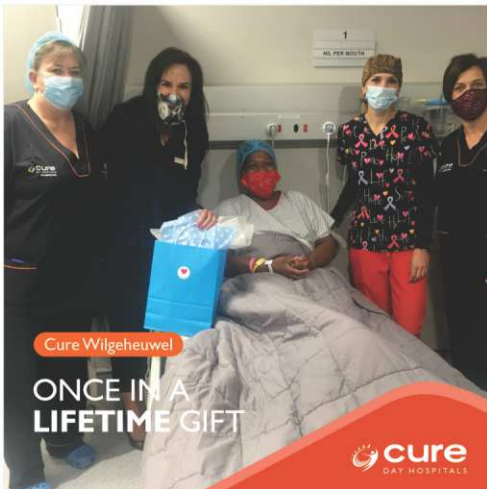
Cure Erasmuskloof



WELCOME

Dr. Dehan Struwig
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon

Cure Paarl



Once in a lifetime gift

Cure Wilgeheuwel participated in a pro deo case for a patient that was facing permanent loss of her sight.

The life changing procedure was performed by Dr Suzanne Smith (Ophthalmologist) and Anaesthetist (Dr C Liebenberg). The referring Optometrist also attended the procedure. (Leandra Lombard- DynamicVision)

We would also like to express a special thank you to the sponsors Ophtec and Alcon for sponsoring the products for this much needed bilateral cataract surgery.



Welcome to Cure

1. CURE FOURWAYS **Zama Nzimande:**
Reception and Admissions Clerk

2. CURE WILGEHEUWEL **Christa Hayes:** Enrolled Nurse &
Filla Du Randt: Registered Nurse

3. CURE BELLVILLE **Marisa van Zyl:** Registered Nurse

4. CURE BELLVILLE **Rukiyah Juma:** Registered Nurse



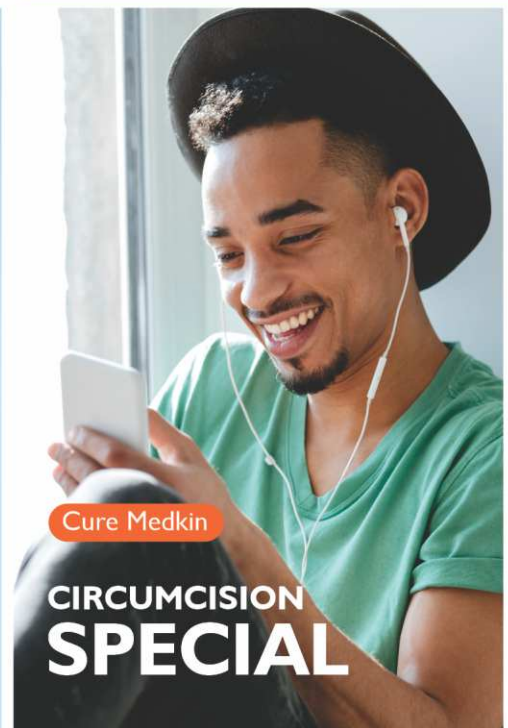
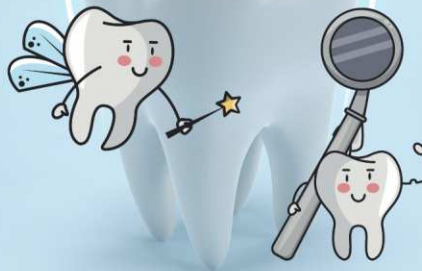
5. CURE HOLDINGS **Sajjaad Adams:**
New Creditors Clerk at Cure Holdings



Cure Midstream

CO-PAYMENTS TOO HIGH?

100% OFF ALL DENTAL &
MAXILLO CO-PAYMENTS,
APPLIES TO ALL MEDICAL
AIDS.

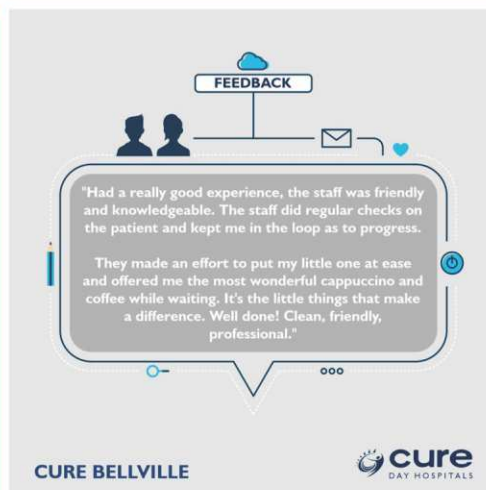


Cure Medkin

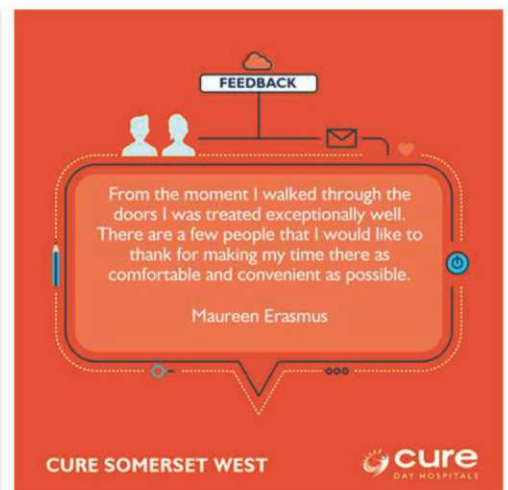
CIRCUMCISION SPECIAL



CURE ERASMUSKLOOF



CURE BELLVILLE



CURE SOMERSET WEST



In the month of May, we celebrated one of CURE's significant corporate values – UNITY.

CHALLENGES FACING EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALISTS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

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The current pandemic caused by the SARS Cov 2 Virus has had a devastating effect on ENT Practices around the world and South Africa has not been spared in this context. The effects of the pandemic have just exacerbated the decline in practice incomes due to low remuneration from medical insurances and a negative growth in our economy in South Africa.

Since the Lockdown was put into effect in March 2020, ENT Surgeons were prohibited from seeing elective patients in their rooms under Level 5 guidelines. This resulted in patients not having access to ENT's which resulted in various complications in patient management. This also resulted in significant loss of income for ENT Practices resulting in ENT's having to not pay staff salaries and seek payment arrangements for any debts. The irony of this situation, was that despite being in a medical crisis, many doctors were sitting at home with no work.

ENT Surgeons have been particularly at risk due to the fact that the SARS Cov 2 Virus mainly infects the upper and lower airways. This has resulted in increased risk to the doctor and staff at the time of consultation as well as during Aerosol Generating Procedures in theatre.

The ENT Society of South Africa put out guidelines to support its members through this crisis. This included a set of clinical guidelines under Levels 3 and 4 of the Lockdown which would ensure safety of the patient and staff. These measures have resulted in reduced numbers of patients seen at more prolonged intervals in consulting rooms, so as to ensure social distancing is observed.

Pre screening and temperature checks of patients are required, and rooms are cleaned between patients to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

Surgical procedures that have been deemed necessary by the surgeon have been approved to proceed as long as certain criteria have been fulfilled. All patients requiring ENT Surgery during the pandemic should self isolate for 7-14 days prior to their procedure and have a Covid PCR test 48-72hrs prior to their procedure. The Covid situation in that particular hospital should be monitored closely, and elective procedures should be postponed if bed space is required to assist in Covid response.

These measures that have been introduced have resulted in a good balance between essential patient care and reducing exposure of patient and staff to the SARS Cov 2 Virus. It is in my opinion that despite the fact that we are facing a medical pandemic, no patient should be denied access to healthcare for other serious medical conditions. Patients needing to see their doctors for urgent medical conditions should take these measures into cognisance and proceed to make the necessary appointments. Patients requiring essential surgery should also take comfort in the fact that if your doctor or hospital feels that the risk of Covid exposure outweighs the benefit of your procedure – you will be informed that your procedure needs to be postponed.

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