

Infection prevention and control management of Mediclinic Cape Town receives Quality Award

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Proud members of the Mediclinic Cape Town management team gathered in the hospital's boardroom on Monday, April 10 2017, to hear who had received the Katrin Kleijnhans Quality Trophy from the CEO of the Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa, Jacqui Stewart. It turned out to be the Clinical Risk Manager and her team, Karin Coetzee.

Mediclinic Cape Town is the second hospital in the Mediclinic Group to receive the award.

In presenting the award, Stewart encouraged hospital staff to use data generated by the accreditation programme for research and to entrench and share best practice. She said that it was an honour for her to present the award to the Mediclinic Cape Town team. The Quality Trophy is awarded to an individual, a unit, a department or a discipline in a healthcare facility that has made the most impressive or substantial contribution to quality improvement during the COHSASA accreditation process. The recipient is not selected by COHSASA but is chosen by peer review at the healthcare facility.

"This flame shaped trophy, echoing the COHSASA logo to inspire quality, honours the memory of our COHSASA colleague, Dr Katrin Kleijnhans, who died on 28 September 2016 after a long illness. It is intended that the trophy carry forward her legacy and encourage others to share her enormous passion for ensuring quality and safety in health care.

"We hope that after its initial presentation, the trophy will become an annual internal floating trophy, given to a deserving recipient at Mediclinic Cape Town in the future," Stewart said.



COHSASA CEO, Jacqui Stewart (left), hands over the Katrin Kleijnhans Quality Award to Karin Coetzee, clinical risk manager for Cape Town Mediclinic who received the award on behalf of her team. With them is the general manager of the hospital, Michelle Africa.

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The management team of Mediclinic Cape Town poses with the Katrin Kleijnhans Quality Trophy.

Mediclinic Cape Town general hospital manager, Michelle Africa, said she welcomed the opportunity that COHSASA afforded for the regular auditing of all departments to ensure that standards were maintained at the highest possible level. "We know we cannot be perfect 100% of the time, but we do our very best to try and achieve that!"

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