



Tshwane District Hospital

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Glaucoma Week

In association with the Islamic Association of South Africa during the Glaucoma week 06 -12 March 2011

Tshwane District Hospital launched a Glaucoma week awareness on 08 March 2011. The campaign was aimed at educating, screening and treating patients with glaucoma.

Glaucoma is an eye disease that involves damage to the optic nerve. This nerve helps to send signals to the brain. High pressure

in the eye is a contributor to this disease and the pressure in the eye can damage the optic nerve and lead to a reduced visual areas which may later cause blindness.

People who are at risk of this disease include people who are over the age of 40 years, diabetes, regular steroid use and previous eye injury.

Glaucoma develops slowly over several years and many



people don't realise that they have the disease until they lose some or all of their eyesight.

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Special points of interest:

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Editorial

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Headcount for glaucoma Week

Activities of the day included a formal launch including a workshop on glaucoma, stalls for handing out information broucher on

glaucoma. At least 140 clients were screened for glaucoma during the campaign week.



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