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MEDIA ALERT

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES TO BE TRAINED FOR DIABETES MANAGEMENT

The Department of Health in collaboration with Novo Nordisk will host a public health nurses diabetes training workshop in a bid to help address the challenges of diabetes management at primary healthcare level. The first group of 120 nurses who are part of the 450 nurses to be capacitated in this three year period programme will be trained from 14th – 17th of May.

This workshop will bring together nurses from across the country and is also an initiative to celebrate the International Nurses Day which is celebrated annually around the world on May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. The theme for this year's celebrations for the International Nurses Day is Nurses: A Force for Change: Care Effective, Cost Effective.

This theme reinforces the fact that global health cannot be achieved without nurses' participation at all levels of the healthcare system. Hence the Department of Health and Novo Nordisk engage this initiative to capacitate our nurses to enable them to offer effective services to diabetes patients as diabetes is one of the most important diseases that needs to be managed more effectively.

The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla will open the training session tomorrow from 9:00.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event as follows:

Date: Thursday, 14 May 2015

Time: **9:00**

Venue: Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre (Boksburg)

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