



## Pharmacy farewell function – Nelson Mandela Academic Clinical Research Unit (NeMACRU)

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On Wednesday, 25 March 2020, NeMACRU CRS staff organised a farewell function for their distinguished pharmacy staff member. It was a joyful occasion, as everyone had an opportunity to share their experiences and lessons learned from Mrs Zambodla, known as MaZet in the workplace. When MaZet completed her BSc degree at the University of Fort Hare in 1972, South Africa was still under the apartheid regime.

When she saw the health disparities in her area, the former Transkei, she was motivated to go back to university and enrol for a health qualification. In 1976, she completed her Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at the University of the North. When she joined the profession in 1977, there was a shortage of pharmacists in the country, especially in rural towns. She made the choice to stay in the Eastern Cape Province and serve her community. Over the years, she worked in most areas of the pharmacy profession.

She joined NeMACRU in 2018, as a Pharmacist of Record. She served with passion and she was always willing to share her experience with the young pharmacists. Her main focus was to make a difference and serve the people of the Eastern Cape Province. She always said, "Pharmacy is about service to people and God has trusted us to protect our people". As a young pharmacist, I was honoured to have worked with her and wish her a happy retirement after serving the people of the Eastern Cape Province for 43 years.



MaZet on her farewell day at NeMACRU CRS



NeMACRU CRS team that worked with MaZet



Colleagues sharing farewell messages