

Memorial Service of Sicelo Sindelo on 01 May 2018

Dear Sicelo

I remember well when we interviewed you for the position as study nurse. You were different from other applicants: a cool guy with dreadlocks, a quiet person who knew his way and also his value. You were subtle about your qualities and you did not jump into the first row for attention. Very much appreciated!

It did not take you long to get the grip of the job as a study nurse at CIDRI and within a few months you had a central role within the team in which you fit in very well from the beginning: the TB vaccine trial, the drug-resistant tuberculosis household study, and last year the predict study, you were on top of things!

You belonged to the free generation, were a proudly South African man, and your mission was to work in the community, for the community. This was very well reflected in the household contact study. You visited the homes of the MDR patients and invited the family members to come to our clinic to be screened for TB. With your knowledge of Khayelitsha and your dedication to your work we finished the study in record time. Thank you for working with us!

When we met last a few weeks back, I took the picture below of you and part of the team. I wanted to show my new Swiss colleagues the study group at CIDRI. I never thought that this would be the last photo of you and it is now hanging above my desk at work in Zürich in remembrance of you. Us as health care providers know how fast life can end and how vulnerable we are. Every day can be the last.

But your tragic loss of life is hard to accept and my thoughts are with you, your family, your friends, and your colleagues every day.

Rest in peace my friend! Yours, Fred

