

Mater Hospital- G10

Rwandan Community in Queensland



Facts:

- Land of a thousand hills
- Rwanda is the first country in the world to have a female majority parliament- Girl Power!

Q1- Health system in Rwanda

- Priorities- Rich, Politicians and those with a high socio-economic status received the best care
- Centers- Limited centers, so people relied on traditional practices- natural herbs (traditional healers- Abapfumu)
- Preventative Care- Limited access to preventative care- education, and community health centers



Q 2- Expectations brought to Aus

- Scanning- The health system to do a thorough scan, and depict all possible illnesses, foreseeable and unforeseeable
- Confidence- Absolute certainty in the system
- Preventative Care- No more sickness, the notion of death from sickness would be gone for good



Question 3- Surprises

- Appointments- Very surprised that you could not rock-up to some of the medical practice centers without an appointment
- Payment- Certain treatments not covered by the system, a big surprise and shuttered dream
- The role of GP and Nurses in Australia



Question 4- Disappointments

- Waiting Periods- What is considered to be unreasonable waiting periods in light of the technology and advanced practices in the western world
- Control- Patients have more control of their health, Medical practitioners do not decide on final matters
- No treatment for certain conditions

