

## **Ministry of Health observes Rehab Week**

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Under the theme “Improving Lives through Diverse Rehab Services”, the Health Ministry’s Rehabilitation division and private practitioners, today launched Rehab Week 2010 at the Rehabilitation and Audiology Departments at the Bartica Hospital, Region 7.

The activities began with a road march along First and Second Avenues, Bartica and attracted staff of the Bartica Hospital, concerned citizens in support of the departments, and students from St. Anthony’s Primary, and the Bartica and Three Miles Secondary Schools.



**Health workers and citizens of Bartica, Region 7, participating in the road march in observance of Rehab Week 2010**

Following the road march, a mini-fair was staged on the lawns of the hospital and showcased the various services provided at the institution, which include audiology, physiotherapy, and occupational and speech therapy.

Other activities planned for this week include television and radio programmes, newspaper articles on rehabilitation services, a street outreach, open days at individual departments and the opening of the rehabilitation department at the Fort Wellington Hospital, Region 5.

These activities are intended to create awareness about the available rehabilitation services and where they are located.



**Residents visiting one of the health booths at the health fair**

Rehabilitation providers in Regions 2, 3, 9 and 10 would also be participating and have planned their own activities.

These include visits to health centres, open days, lectures for rehabilitation practitioners and ambulance attendants, the available services, blood drives and awareness presentations to the public.

Rehab week is an annual event and is aimed at promoting the value and importance of rehabilitation, highlighting the various aspects of the services provided and giving recognition to professionals who provide these services.

Rehabilitation services are offered at hospitals in all the Administrative Regions, except Region Eight, and at the Ptolemy Reid Rehabilitation centre and Palms Geriatric Institution, in Georgetown.

These institutions provide inpatient and outpatient services to persons who experience debilitating illnesses and attention is given to persons who need physiotherapy, occupational, speech, audiology, orthotics, prosthetics and vocational training.