

Commitment to ensure ongoing cancer treatment - 24 August 2025

Department of Health 2025/08/24 - 22:00



The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has acknowledged the recent judgment delivered by the Gauteng High Court regarding the provision of radiation oncology services to cancer patients.

The Department is currently in the process of carefully studying the ruling to fully appreciate its contents and implications. Once this review has been concluded, the Department will determine and communicate the appropriate course of action.

In reaffirming its commitment to ensuring access to quality healthcare services, the GDoH has already taken significant steps to improve cancer and oncology treatment across the province.

Recognising the urgency of addressing long waiting times for radiotherapy, the Department allocated funds to outsource radiotherapy services to private healthcare providers. This initiative prioritises patients with prostate and breast cancer, who previously faced delays.

To streamline care, patients are assessed at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital and Steve Biko Academic Hospital before being referred to private facilities for treatment. Upon completion, they are reintegrated into the public health system, ensuring continuity and comprehensive care.

As the beginning of August 2025, 563 patients were receiving radiation oncology care through private partnerships, while 1 076 patients had completed treatment by end of July 2025.

Infrastructure development is also underway, with new radiotherapy centres being constructed at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital and Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital. These facilities are expected to significantly expand treatment capacity and improve accessibility for patients in underserved areas.

In addition, the Department has invested in upgrading medical equipment across its facilities to improve diagnostic accuracy and treatment precision.

The GDoH remains committed to engaging all relevant stakeholders in addressing matters affecting patient care. These ongoing efforts underscore the Department's dedication to building a responsive, equitable, and people-centred healthcare system that meets the needs of cancer patients with urgency, dignity, and compassion.

RELATED NEWS

No related news

Audiences
Life Events

Announcements
Warnings
Images
Videos
Projects
Events
Publications
Exam Papers
Surveys

Institutions
Partners
Municipalities
Disclaimer

0800 22 88 27
USSD number:
*134*47472#
Email address:
support@gauteng.gov.za
hotline@gauteng.gov.za
Address:
55 Marshall Street,
Marshalltown, Johannesburg
Gauteng 2001 South Africa

