



# PATIENTS' RIGHT TO HEALTHCARE

## #LetsTalkAboutCancer #RightToHealth

CANSA has a strong advocacy role, educating and creating awareness among the public on cancer control issues, as well as influencing policy makers and legislation, to ensure a better outcome for those with cancer in South Africa.

A patient's right to healthcare is a fundamental component of this and we advocate for upholding of patients' rights as laid out in the Patients' Rights Charter and as enshrined in the Constitution of South Africa, on an ongoing basis.

### Some initiatives in place to promote Patients' Rights:

- We train staff and volunteers to become more effective advocates for cancer control in their communities - identifying where patients' right are not being met and working with the advocacy team to address at grassroots and/or national level.
- Educating patients who make use of our services on their rights
- Providing financial support to research projects that give patients a voice: <https://www.canceralliance.co.za/photovoice-cancer-patient-stories/>
- Providing a service to cancer patients that is respectful of them and their rights
- Working with Cancer Alliance to add our voice to prioritising patients' right to healthcare
- Access our Position Statement - Patient Rights and Caregiver Rights: <http://www.cansa.org.za/files/2017/01/Position-Statement-Patient-Rights-and-Caregiver-Rights-January-2017>

Please read info by the Cancer Alliance -  
<http://www.cansa.org.za/files/2017/05/Toolkit-Priority-3-Patients-Right-to-Healthcare-PPT.pdf>

As we are all touched by cancer, we need to strive to promote a patient-centered approach to care in our country.



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