

RE-ENGINEERING OF HEALTH SYSTEM TO ENSURE INTEGRATED CANCER CARE SERVICES



#LetsTalkAboutCancer #RightToHealth

CANSA is working with partners to convince the government and health authorities to recognise cancer as a priority disease, as the number of people in South Africa being diagnosed, is rising rapidly each year. It's important to increase the budget allocated to lowering the national cancer burden and also to train more cancer specialists, so that all patients have equal access to quality treatment and care.

What CANSA is Doing:

Lobbying for Support:

- We submitted suggestions for the draft, and are calling for the National Cancer Control Plan to be finalised, ensuring that affordable, quality cancer services (including treatment centres and equipment) are available and spread equally across all 9 provinces. Measures should be in place to lower the number of people diagnosed, through screening and education programmes to reduce cancer risk. The plan will also ensure that health professionals receive ongoing training and work closely together to improve referral of patients between phases of care and cancer services, without delays.
- We bring challenges that patients face to the attention of national and local authorities and media, to highlight the urgency of better organised, integrated cancer services. <http://www.cansa.org.za/kzn-celeste-serfontein-radiation-administered-too-late/>
- CANSA, together with Cancer Alliance, plays an active part in the process of influencing and amending the Patent Laws, so that more affordable medications are available to cancer patients. Read more: <http://www.cansa.org.za/patient-groups-march-for-access-to-medicines-in-south-africa/>

Providing Access to Affordable Screening, Education & Support:

- CANSA helps to provide affordable screening to enable early diagnosis, as well as educational programmes to reduce cancer risk in local communities through 30 CANSA Care Centres across the country, also making these services available to remote communities through Mobile Health Clinics. <http://www.cansa.org.za/reduce-your-cancer-risk/>
- We partner with local health authorities to provide screening and training to more people. Local patient navigators, are trained to guide patients through the healthcare system. <http://www.cansa.org.za/cansa-partnering-with-kzn-health-department-to-increase-cervical-cancer-screening/>
- CANSA Care Homes provide a place to stay for cancer patients living far away from treatment centres. <http://www.cansa.org.za/cansas-care-support/cansa-care-homes/>
- Patients, caregivers and loved ones are offered counselling, support groups and practical support through medical equipment hire, information to help cope with treatment and home-based care. <http://www.cansa.org.za/cansas-care-support/>

Please read information by the Cancer Alliance:
<http://www.cansa.org.za/uploads/caat7-toolkit-re-engineer-the-health-system-slides-v1.pdf>



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