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CHRIS HANI BARAGWANATH HOSPITAL USING THE CLUSTER APPROACH TO ADDRESS SURGICAL BACKLOGS

The Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (CHBAH) is working with various hospitals within its cluster to reduce surgical backlogs and long waiting times.

The onset of COVID-19 pandemic last year has led to many planned surgeries being put on hold as the health system was repurposed to focus on the coronavirus.

The non-essential surgeries were rescheduled as determined by the COVID-19 risk calculator used by the hospital theatre vetting committee.

These affected various elective surgeries which include knee, hip, cataract, maxilo facial, urology, tumor and sepsis amongst others.

As part of efforts to address the backlogs, the facility is now referring surgeries to other hospitals within its cluster, such as Thelle Mogoerane in Voloosrus, Ekurhuleni and Leratong Hospitals in Kagiso, West Rand.

Furthermore, the Bheki Mlangeni District Hospital has also increased its theatre capacity to accommodate more surgeries from CHBAH.

Patients on waiting lists as at 30 July 2021 for various categories

DEPARTMENT	July
General Surgery and Trauma	
UNIT 1	182
UNIT 3	46
UNIT 4	76
UNIT 5	100
VASCULAR	22

Plastics Surgery	150
ENT	
Elective Cases waiting	133
Tonsils Cases	35
All cancer and emergency cases are done without waiting	
Orthopaedics	
knee	1042
Hip	749
Tumour & Sepsis	27
Spine	208
Paediatrics Surgery	1048
Obts & Gynae	804
Cataract	2572
Maxillo facial	14
Neurosurgery	72
Urology	235

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