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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **FIXING OF PET/CT SCANNER AT CHARLOTTE MAXEKE HOSPITAL RECEIVING URGENT ATTENTION**

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has assured the public on Tuesday that it has prioritised the fixing of the PET/CT scanner at Charlotte Maxeke Academic Johannesburg Hospital (CMJAH) which has experienced breakdowns in recent times.

The hospital's PET/CT scanner has had intermittent operational failures since the beginning of November due to faulty air-conditioning system in the oncology department.

Even though a new air conditioning system has been installed the machine could not be calibrated due to a burst water pipe on Monday (29 November) which led to flooding in some section of the hospital.

“We had hoped to have the machine back online today (30 November), and invite patients back for the service, but due to the burst water pipe that has not been the case. We have engaged the concerned patients. We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience.

“We can assure them that the matter is receiving urgent attention and as soon as all the technical issues are addressed, we will invite them back,” said MEC Nomathemba Mokgethi

MEC Mokgethi further added that there was a process already underway to procure another PET scan machine for the hospital to reduce reliance on one machine.

There will also be a dedicated catch up session for affected patients.

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