

MEDIA STATEMENT

THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2021

GAUTENG HEALTH REMINDS PATIENTS OF DIVERSION OF CHARLOTTE MAXEKE ACADEMIC HOSPITAL SERVICES TO OTHER FACILITIES*

The Gauteng Department of Health wishes to advise the public of the diversion of Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH) services to other hospitals across the province as the facility remains closed.

Patients are advised to be in touch with the Gauteng Citizens Relationship Management (Hotline) on 0800 22 8827, 0800 428 8364 or email to <u>hotline@gauteng.gov.za</u> or <u>support@gauteng.gov.za</u> on how they can get access to services that are normally rendered at the hospital.

Diversion of services is as follows.

SCHEDULED SURGERIES

a) Elective Surgery

All elective surgery or procedures are postponed for the period of the closure of the hospital. These will have to be rebooked once the facility is operational again. Patients are advised that in case of an emergency they should go to their nearest health facility for assistance.

b) Caesarean Surgeries and Antenatal Services

All patients that had planned caesarean surgeries at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital should go to the Discoverers Community Healthcare Centre a day before the date. This clinic is located at number: 39 Clarendon Drive, Discovery, in Florida. West of Johannesburg. All antenatal services will be offered at Rahima Moosa Mother & Child Hospital.

c) Gynae Surgery

All patients booked for gynae surgery will be individually contacted. They will be operated at South Rand Hospital by the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital team.

d) Gynae Clinics

CMJAH will continue to provide gynae clinic services at South Rand Hospital. All booked patients will be directly contacted and given appointment dates.

Ophthalmology (eye) services

All ophthalmology (eye care) services are referred to St John Eye Hospital, close to Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital.

Medical Oncology (Chemotherapy)

Patients that have a prior booking for medical oncology should to report at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital on Wednesdays or Fridays.

Patient who require haematology treatment should also report to Chris Hani Baragwanath Haematology Clinic. The clinic is between Hospital Street and Corner clinic street, behind the mortuary.

New medical oncology patients should send an email to <u>jhboncology@witshealth.co.za</u> or call 0114884911

Division of Nephrology (Renal / Dialysis)

The Renal services are offered at the following facilities: -

- Booked patients who are on IVI cyclophosphamide treatment should attend outpatients clinic at Helen Joseph Hospital on Tuesdays. - Haemodialysis patients to attend allocated shifts at Helen Joseph Hospital.

All patients who were admitted at CMJAH are seen by consultants at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital in Soweto, Bertha Gxowa Hospital in Germiston and Helen Joseph Hospital, in Auckland Park.

Patients who require emergency care, should go to their nearest hospital's Emergency Department and will be referred to available renal services.

Medication collection and treatment

To collect medication, present your medical script and your hospital card at nearest hospital pharmacy. For treatment, please call your nearest hospital or the designated hospital for further assistance on treatment.

On Collection of medication by transplant patients, they can collect their immunosuppressive medication at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital on Thursday morning.

Patient with repeat scripts to collect at a hospital closer to their place of residence.

Those who require new scripts can obtain their scripts from renal Outpatient Department on Tuesday at Helen Joseph Hospital.

Outpatient transplant clinic operates on Thursdays at 08h00 at Chris Hani Baragwanath Renal Unit and Immunosuppression can be collected at the same time.

General renal outpatients' clinic is on Tuesday at 08h00 at Helen Joseph Renal Unit. Peritoneal dialysis patients will be seen on Wednesdays at 08h00 at Helen Joseph Renal Unit.

We wish to apologise for the inconvenience caused to the patients and community at large and also appreciate the overwhelming support that has been coming through from various quarters.

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