



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**TO: All Media**

**ATT: News Editors, Health Reporters**

**For immediate release**

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### **SEMI-ELECTIVE PROCEDURES CONTINUING AT STEVE BIKO ACADEMIC HOSPITAL**

Steve Biko Academic Hospital is continuing with semi-elective theatre cases, and as of the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 out of the 21 theatres in the hospital, ten were operational; six for urgent elective cases and four for emergency. This is because of pressure related to increase in trauma emergencies and other alcohol related emergencies accompanied by a rise in number of COVID-19 cases since Level 3 Lockdown.

Elective cases that are cancelled can be done post COVID-19 pandemic as most are for training purposes rather than life saving.

170 operations have been cancelled or deferred since the lockdown on 27 March at the Steve Biko Academic Hospital.

	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
General Surgery	5	10	56	40
Orthopedics	4	2	12	8
Paediatrics	0	3	6	6

Gynaecology	3	0	7	8
<b>Total</b>	12	15	81	62
*March is from the 28 <sup>th</sup> while June figures are up till the 17 <sup>th</sup>				

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