

# Femoral Head Donation Program in KZN

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# Challenges



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- ❖ KZN has the second highest number of covid cases
- ❖ Our donating hospitals are covid designated hospitals
- ❖ Staff movements between wards
- ❖ Lack of access to the hospitals – lack of training, visibility and implementation
- ❖ No elective surgeries – lack of femoral heads being donated
- ❖ Doctors and patients delaying procedures
- ❖ Unable to reach our targets

# Progress



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- ❖ We started the program with 4 hospitals, and we now stand at 9
- ❖ Next phase will be all Lenmed hospitals, Howick, Nu-Shifa, Ethekewini and La Verna in Ladysmith
- ❖ Following that, St Augustine's, The Bay, Life Empangeni, Melomed and Shelly Beach
- ❖ Presently we are in negotiations with the Mediclinic Group

# Victories



- ❖ We started this project in mid 2019 with just four hospitals now have a target of 21!
- ❖ Now that we are back to level 1, access to the hospitals for training and implementation is allowed
- ❖ We are able to exceed our targets
- ❖ Success fully launched the Organ and tissue donor memorial garden
- ❖ Increased awareness on social media with Hero 777
- ❖ We will continue to grow the femoral head donation program here in KZN



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