

**Gross corruption, the abuse of power,
and a culture of impunity
continues to hinder access to
life- saving cancer treatment in KZN**

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Division of Revenue Act, Act No. 10 of 2014

“to enable provinces to plan, manage, maintain and transform health infrastructure in line with national and provincial policy objectives”

Health Professions Training and Development Grant (HPTDG)

training health professionals on the public health service platform.
Expected outputs of the grant Indicator

National Tertiary Services Grant (NTSG)

additional costs associated with provision of these services including cross border patients.

Health Facility Revitalisation Grant (HFRG)

accelerate construction, maintenance, upgrading and rehabilitation of new and existing infrastructure in health including health technology, health infrastructure through public-private partnerships
enhance capacity to deliver health services

2009 (Grant Funding) Modernise the Addington Radiotherapy & Oncology Department

2 Varian Rapidarc Linear Accelerators purchased.

Tecmed Africa was authorised service provider for Varian and was also listed on the Treasury database.

As per law, 5 year maintenance contract must accompany the contract

Total amount R153 million, inclusive of R26 million maintenance contract.

Findings: KZN DoH corruptly procured the services of KZN Oncology

HoD Dr Mtshali and Chief Financial Officers failed to comply with Department's Health Technology Services procedures & prescripts of Treasury Regulations & PFMA when appointing KZN Oncology to conduct repairs on oncology equipment

KZN Oncology did not have the necessary experience to repair oncology equipment

KZN Oncology's fees were higher than that of Tecmed

Although KZN Oncology was not an accredited service provider on National Treasury database, it appeared on the KZN provincial database.

The person normally tasked to approve medical technology contracts in Health Technology Services was requested to 'sign off' & 'certify' work rendered by KZN Oncology.

The abandoned patients

Initially, 20 patients needing radiotherapy were denied treatment due to non-functioning radiotherapy equipment. Many succumbed to the cancer.

Majority were female diagnosed with cervical cancer

Patients experienced long delays for appointments (up to 3 months for a 1st appointment which were regularly cancelled/re-scheduled

Patients waited anxiously for that call from IALCH.

Further delays experienced for histology results, other imaging scans due to non-functioning radiology equipment

The abandoned patients

Costs & inconvenience of travel:

Patients travel long distances (Northern KZN & Eastern Cape) for appointments, yet are not seen by doctors or do not receive treatment they came for.

Patients experience great pain when they travel. Medication received inadequate to relieve their pain.

Critical issues highlighted by patients:

Patients not informed about their health status and facts about the dysfunctional health service.

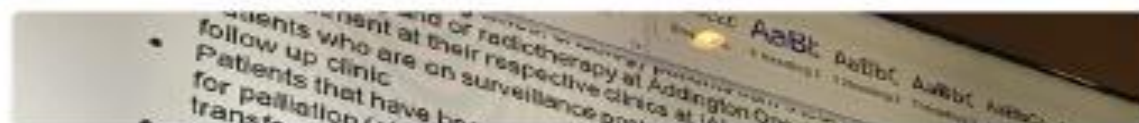
Although doctors are conscientious, they are exceedingly stressed by their inability to offer life-saving treatment because of malfunctioning equipment.

* Desperate need for palliative care facilities and expertise in cancer pain management



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#oncology-hearing



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Throughout the #oncologyhearing, Gumede has emphasised that younger patients are prioritised, because they have a better chance at recovery. "I'm 71 years old. Are you saying that I should avoid KZN should I be diagnosed with cancer?" asks cancer expert Prof Michael Herbst.



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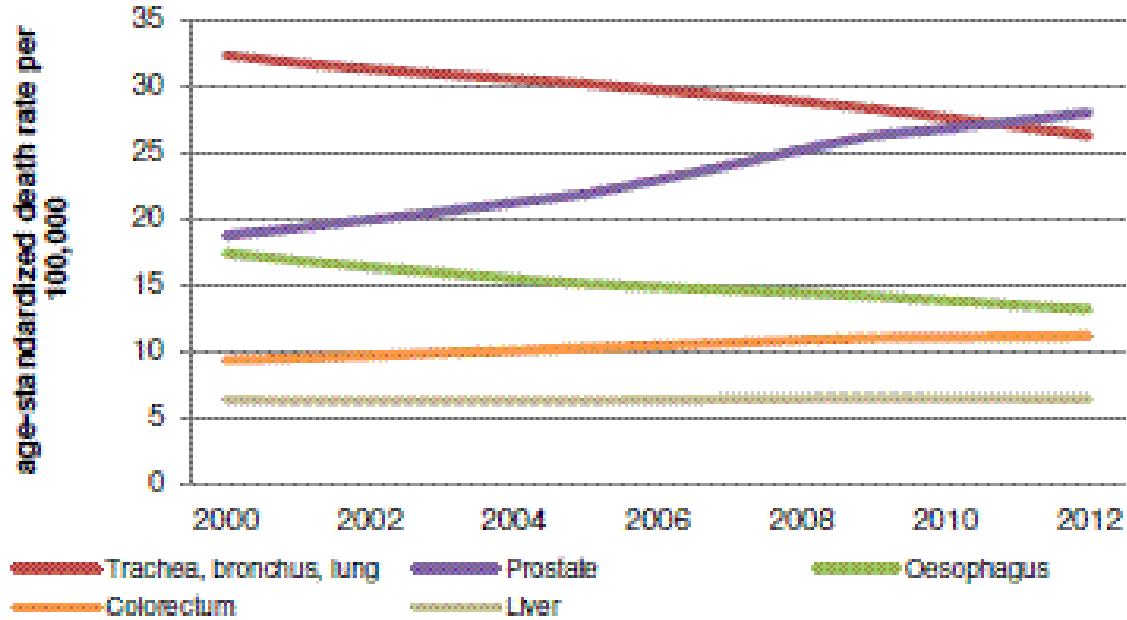
Replying to @Bhekisisa_MG

Who implemented such a protocol - administrators or health professionals? Are patients informed that their treatment is delayed because a younger patient needs to be treated? @SAHRCommission If Gumede is a health professional, he has just breached the @HPCSA_ Ethical Rules!

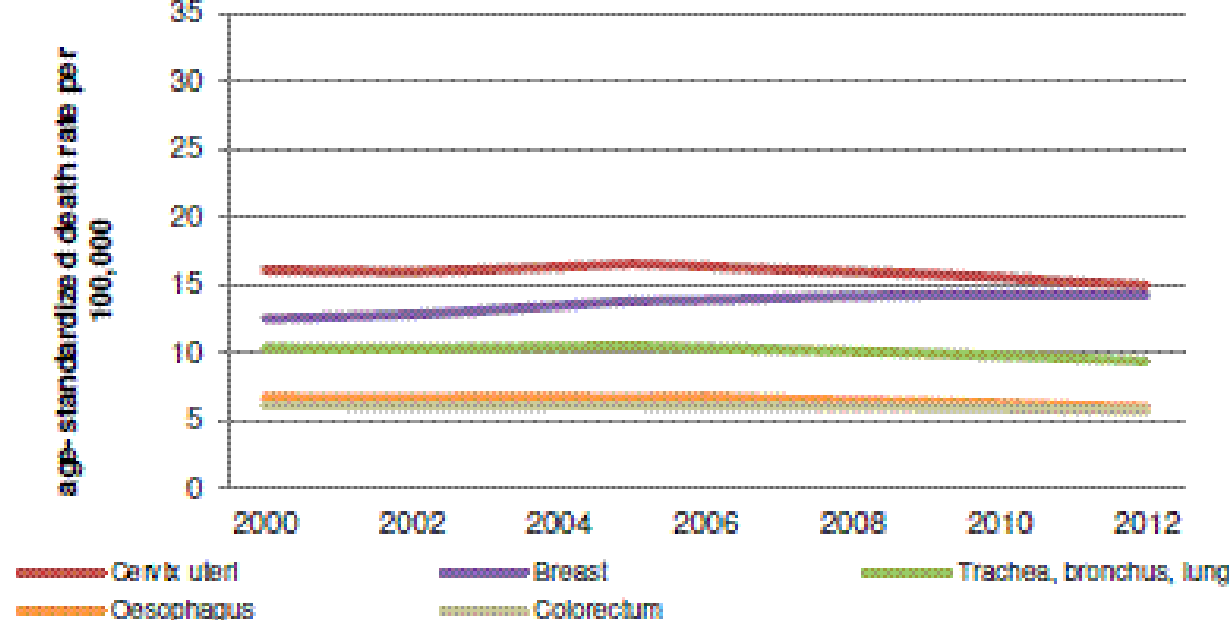
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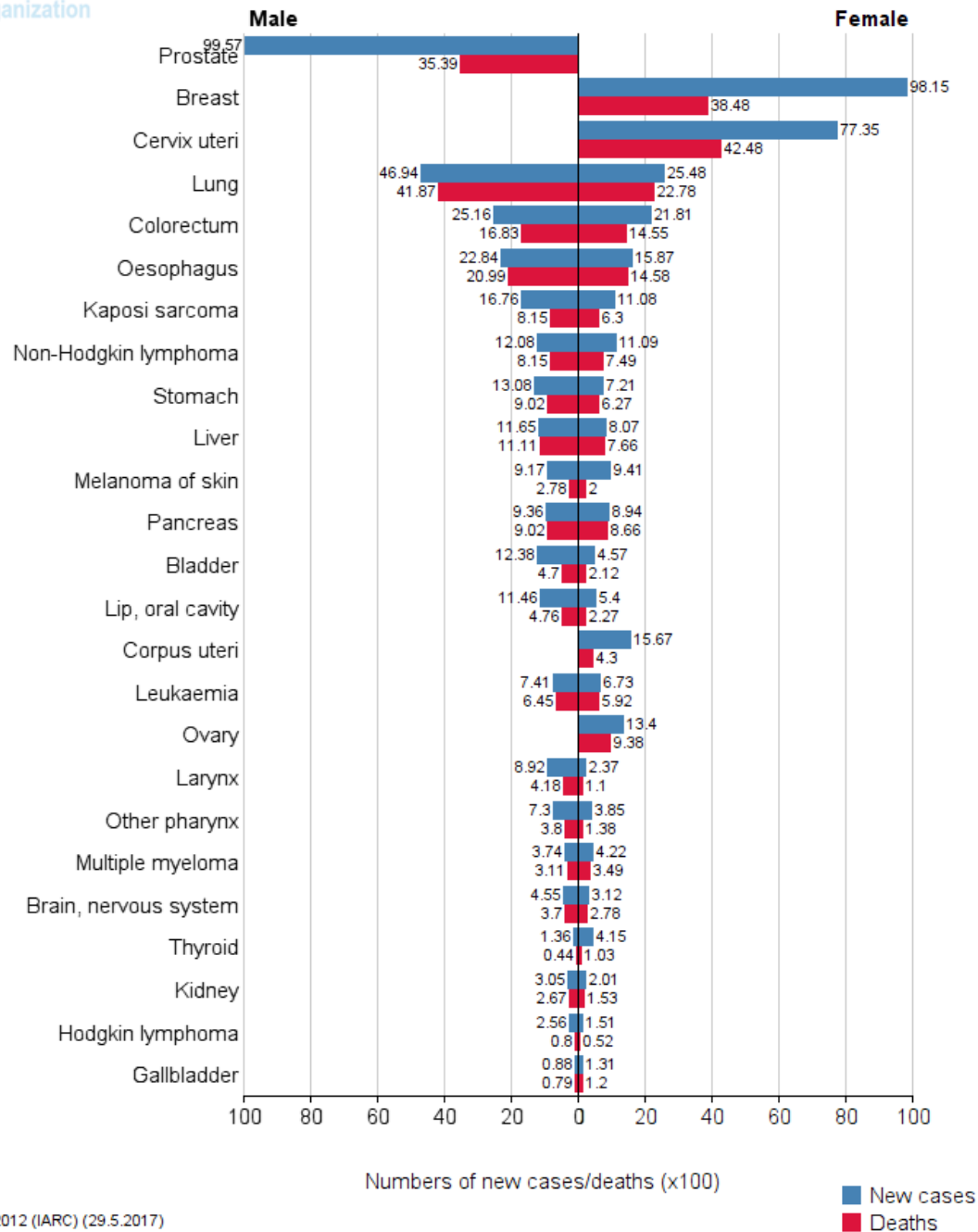
Age-Standardized Cancer Mortality Trends

Males



Females





OAG: Specialised Audit Services' Forensic Investigations & Special Performance audits

Nature of Assignment	Department/ Municipality/Entities	Investigation Subject and Phases	Investigation Team (OAG & Co-sourced firm)	Investigation Fees
Investigation Period: 1 April 2014 until 31 March 2015				
Performance Audit	KZN Department of Health	Purchase of medical equipment from Independent Development Trust Phase 1	OAG Team- KPMG	704,208.64
	Independent Development Trust KZN Health	Existence of medical equipment purchased from Independent Development Trust Phase 2	OAG Team- KPMG	310,458.02
Performance Audit/ Controls reviews	KZN Department of Health	National Health Laboratory Services: Phase 2	OAG Team- KPMG	311,379.46
Forensic Investigation	KZN- Department of Health	All Medical Equipment Procurement: Phase 2	OAG Team- KPMG	480,057.27
Forensic Investigation	KZN- Department of Health	Support of criminal investigation: Phase 3	OAG Team- KPMG	1,087,622.63
Performance Audit	KZN Department of Health	Techmed Medical Equipment: Phase 1	OAG Team- KPMG	604,607.23
Forensic Investigation	KZN Department of Health: Oncology Investigation	All Medical Equipment Procurement: Phase 2	OAG Team- KPMG	3,010,431.38

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENT

DATE : 11 NOVEMBER 2016

Cases with SCCU in contravention of the Public Finance Management Act

Particulars of the Matter	Quantum/Amount Involved
The State v Legodi Boshielo & 2 others – Project Mobile Classrooms - Department of Education - Limpopo	R70 million
The State v Mogotlane and Nemavhola- Project Mankele Bridge - Department of Roads and Transport - Limpopo	R79,5 million
The State v Mveli and Others- Project Department of Education - North West	R16 million
The State v Sbu Ndebele and Others - Project Tasima - Department of Transport - Pretoria	R42.5 million
The State v Savoy and Others- Project Intaka- Department of Health - KZN	R70 million
The State v .Energy Utility Services (Pty) Lt and Others – Project Eskom – Western Cape	R65 million
The State v Steven Jonkers and Another- Project Bus Contractor - Department of Transport - Northern Cape	R14,5 million
The State v Scholtz and Others - Project Trifecta - Department of Social Development - Northern Cape	R200 million

<http://www.intakatech.com/news/intaka-tech-signs-maintenance-services-agreement-department-health-kwazulu-natal/>



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1 Intaka Tech signs a maintenance services agreement with the Department of Health of Kwazulu-Natal

October 1, 2015

Intaka supplied and maintained 23 GGS units at various hospitals in Kwazulu-Natal. Upon termination of the initial agreement, ownership of 23 GGS units installed at the Hospitals was transferred from Intaka to the Client. A GGS unit had previously been installed at Rietvlei hospital under a separate agreement, where ownership remained vested with Intaka. During such time, the GGS units supplied sufficient medical oxygen and medical air to meet the Hospitals' requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

IMPLEMENTATION OF IAEA PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR CANCER CONTROL

- **Cancer control planning:** WHO Guidelines
- **Cancer Information/Registration :** Use in planning & decision-making
- **Prevention:** Reduce cancer risk factors.
- **Diagnosis & treatment:** Facilities, resources, services & referral systems
- **Early detection:** Screening & early diagnosis
- **National radiation medicine capacity :** Future plans
- **Palliative care & patient support infrastructure:** radiotherapy, opiates & quality of life
- **Education & training in cancer:** Human resources development at national level
- **Indicators to monitor & evaluate cancer :** Control interventions
- **Civil society :** NGO's in cancer control

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