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GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECEIVES PPE DONATION

On Tuesday, 6 October representatives from Mediclinic Southern Africa handed over much needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the value of approximately R4 500 000, to the Gauteng Department of Health. This is the second in a number of planned donations to provincial health departments of health, with donations already provided to Free State in August and the balance being delivered in coming weeks. The cumulative total of Mediclinic donations across the various provinces will be approximately R15 000 000.

Jacob Mamabolo, Acting MEC Gauteng Department of Health explains the existing relationships, “In previous years, our partnership with Mediclinic has included assistance to address surgical backlogs such as cleft palate surgery within our region. The provision of the PPE during a time where many hospitals are under constant pressure to maintain safe, quality care is thus most welcome. It is fortunate that they were able to procure high quality PPE at the onset of the pandemic, which they are now able to share with us. It remains a key priority that we work together to meet the healthcare challenges that we continue to face in our region.”

“In a country that is still working together to fight the pandemic, this is just a small measure of the assistance we are able to bring to our partners in healthcare. The Gauteng province has experienced the largest number of infections, but together the public and private sectors have managed the demands on our facilities with professionalism and with courage. If we can recognise the important work being done by all healthcare workers – providing PPE is probably the most practical and valuable way to do so,” says Dr Shane Kotze, Hospital General Manager of Mediclinic Midstream. “We are happy that the MEC and Gauteng Department of Health were open to us when we approached them with this offer. We believe this is a practical way to support the different communities within Gauteng.”

The donated PPE was procured by Mediclinic but is now in excess of their requirements, creating the ideal opportunity to assist the Department of Health. The PPE includes coveralls as well as KN95 respirators, both of which are known to meet the strict quality requirements Mediclinic sets for their providers.

Dr Lehlohonolo Majake, Hospital General Manager of Mediclinic Heart Hospital concludes, “We know that expertise has been shared between all levels of the healthcare industry. Doctors, academics and other experts have worked together to create a climate that allows for the best possible treatment of patients. Mediclinic is proud to be associated with this donation. A simple gesture of mutual respect and appreciation.”

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