MEDIA STATEMENT

2 May 2020

MEDICLINIC RESPONSE TO NATIONAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

Mediclinic can confirm that all patients requiring care will continue to be admitted to any of our facilities, as we are prepared and willing to assist any individual requiring care.

Over the past five weeks Mediclinic has only admitted emergency patients and managed many COVID-19 patients and will continue to do so. In line with the level four lockdown regulations, Mediclinic has taken the decision to slowly start scaling up elective admissions to the hospitals, in particular to accommodate key surgeries that have been delayed during the enforced lockdown.

As the safety of patients, staff and doctors is our highest priority, we consulted extensively with various professional societies (including FoSAS, SAOA SASA and RSSA) and admitting doctors. All the professional societies and doctors consulted were in favour of resuming elective work, and have agreed to the need for a careful and structured approach in doing so. Detailed position papers have also been published by some of these bodies recommending resource and capacity management, risk mitigation, case selection and clinical considerations during this phase of the pandemic and this information has been used to develop plans to manage patient admissions.

In order to ensure the safety of all concerned as far as possible, a decision was made (amongst others) that all patients who are being admitted electively require a pre-admission COVID-19 test. This decision does not impact admissions for emergency procedures or admissions for urgent medical treatment.

Mediclinic remains committed to playing a vital role in supporting the nation during this crisis. We believe that it is essential to co-ordinate all our efforts with those of other industry bodies to ensure the most effective response to the pandemic.

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