

Cape Argus

Injection of R50m boosts hospital

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CAPE Flats patients will enjoy improved health-care services after a private hospital's multi-million-rand upgrade.

The Melomed Gatesville hospital has opened a new wing providing more private wards, a bigger intensive care unit and state-of-the-art equipment. The revamp is estimated to have cost R50 million.

Melomed spokesman Randal Pedro said that among the new features was a radiology department with MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) facilities and a 26-bed cardiac ICU.

Another phase of construction was under way. Once this was complete, the hospital would have a new paediatric ward, renal facility and oncology facility, as well as additional beds and consulting rooms.

Health MEC Theuns Botha, who opened the new wing, said neither the provincial Health Department nor the government could achieve increased wellness working alone.

"It is essential that the provincial government seeks out and builds creative partnerships with actors in the private sector, in civil society, in other spheres of government and internationally. This approach is consistent with the government's vision of an open opportunity society for all in the Western Cape."

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