

Summary of Health Issues in South Africa

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A shortage of CT scanners is still a problem at both Provincial and Public hospitals. This is delaying the early diagnosis of cancers. Startlingly only 31% of woman surveyed were aware of the necessity of a PAP smear. A third knew the reason for the test is to detect cervical cancer. One fifth of woman of woman did not know the necessity of breast examination and mammograms to detect breast cancer, a high killer.

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South African emergency centres private included are staffed by clinical officers and those starting their careers. Clinics in the rest of Africa are largely managed by clinical officers, who can provide a higher care than a nurse. South African training skimps on emergency care in their facilities. Two to three day courses offered usually focus on resuscitation only.

The result of such is reduced mortality, morbidity and cost.

This needs urgent attention.

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