

## Latest accreditations awarded by The Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa Cohsasa (NPC)

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Following the Covid global pandemic, there has been an increase in the number of healthcare facilities seeking quality improvement training and accreditation programmes. While many hospitals had placed such improvement initiatives on hold during the height of the pandemic, they are now entering such programmes in higher numbers.

A recent investigation by Cohsasa showed that hospitals that had quality initiatives and accreditation in place were more easily able to withstand the rigours of the pandemic and maintain consistent, good service to patients.

The following facilities have been accredited by The Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa (Cohsasa) signifying that patients attending these facilities can expect to receive safe, quality care.

Cohsasa is a not-for-profit company (NPC) based in Cape Town.

Name of Hospital	Location	Award Given
Cureday Hospitals Medkin	Pretoria, Gauteng	Three years accreditation
Extension 2 Clinic	Gaborone, Botswana	Two years accreditation
Mediclinic Emfuleni	Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng	Four years accreditation
Mediclinic Highveld	Trichardt, Mpumalanga	Four years accreditation
Mediclinic Midstream	Centurion, Gauteng	Three years accreditation
Mediclinic Newcastle	Newcastle, KZN	Three years accreditation
Mediclinic Potchefstroom	Potchefstroom, NW Province	Four years accreditation
Mediclinic Worchester	Worchester, W Province	Four years accreditation
Msunduzi Hospice Assoc.		Four years accreditation
Several hospitals had interim surveys to che	eck that standards were being maintained	
Mediclinic Muelmed	Pretoria, Gauteng	Interim - Maintained
Mediclinic Vereeniging	Vereeniging, Gauteng	Interim - Maintained
Mediclinic Durbanville	Durbanville, W Province	Interim - Maintained
Drakenstein Palliative Hospice	Paarl, W Province	Interim - Maintained
Mediclinic Brits	Brits, NW Province	Interim - Maintained
Cure Day Hospital		
Bloemfontein	Bloemfontein, Free State	Interim - Maintained

A Cohsasa accreditation award means that a healthcare facility has entered a rigorous quality improvement programme and has been assessed against, and complies with, standards recognised by the International Society for Quality in Health Care External Evaluation Association (IEEA), the global body overseeing accreditation and quality improvement programmes in healthcare organisations in 70 countries around the world.

Cohsasa itself is accredited by the IEEA as are its standards. Cohsasa is the only accrediting body for healthcare facilities in Sub-Saharan Africa recognised by the IEEA.

Healthcare facilities that initially enter the programme and meet standards are awarded two-year accreditations and as the journey in quality improvement continues, awards of longer duration are given. A four-year accreditation award from the Council should signal to patients that a facility has sustained an excellent level of standards over a significant period of time.

All facilities that receive an accreditation award must undergo an interim survey halfway through the period to ensure that standards are being maintained.

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