

Media Advisory

To: Editors & Health Journalists
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Return of the Second Group of Cuban Trained Medical Students

A second group of 281 students who are part of the Nelson Mandela/Fidel Castro (NMFC) Medical Training Programme are arriving at OR Tambo International Airport on 13 July 2018. This brings to approximately 570 students who have since arrived in the past few days. **The expected arrival time is 16H45.**

- Eastern Cape 24
- Free State 39
- Gauteng 29
- KwaZulu/Natal 107
- Limpopo 13
- Mpumalanga 35
- Northern Cape 07
- North West 27

The NMFC Medical Training Programme aims to improve Human Resource workforce capacity and strengthen the health care system in South Africa, which contributes towards the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on health.

Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi and Deputy Minister Joe Phaahla will welcome the medical students, who are returning for their final sixth year of study as part of the integration process into the South African health system.

There will be a media briefing at 16h00 addressed by the Minister and Deputy Minister. In that media briefing there will be an opportunity to interview the Cuban professors who were responsible for the training of the students.

Members of the media are invited to attend a media briefing, as follows:

Venue: OR Tambo, International Airport,

Date: 13 July 2018

Time: 16h00

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