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World Cancer Day Commemoration – 4 February

Pretoria: The Department of Health urges South Africans to go for regular cancer screening and testing for early detection, prevention, risk reduction and successful treatment. This is because over one third of cancers are preventable, which means we can reduce our cancer risk.

The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo will, on Saturday, 04 February lead a Cancer Awareness Outreach Programme in collaboration with Pink Drive Organisation as part of the World Cancer Day commemorative activities.

The World Cancer Awareness Day is held annually on the 4th of February to raise awareness, improve education and increase access to life-saving cancer treatment to all citizens.

The 2023 Cancer Awareness Day will be commemorated under the theme: “**Close the Care Gap**”, which recognises the power of working together between government, private sector and civil society in order to make a difference and real progress in reducing the global impact of cancer.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally. Lung, prostate, colorectal, stomach and liver cancer are the most common types of cancer in men, while breast, colorectal, lung, cervical and thyroid cancer are the most common among women. The burden of cancer continues to grow globally, exerting physical, emotional and financial strain on individuals, families, communities and health systems.

A range of health services will be offered on the day, including: Mammograms, Pap smear, and Clinical Breast Examination.

Members of the media are invited to join the event scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, 04 February 2023
Venue: FWC Hospice, Corner Harmony & Retief Street, Hursthill - Johannesburg
Time: 09h00 – 15h00

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