

Melomed Hospital Holdings

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Left: The old Gatesville Medical Centre
Below: The New Melomed Hospital Gatesville



Melomed Hospital Bellville



Melomed Hospital Mitchells Plain

25 Years of service excellence

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MELOMED HOSPITAL HOLDINGS started its healthcare journey over 25 years ago, when its visionary chairperson Mr Ebrahim Borhat, together with local community members led the initiative aimed at providing the highest levels of quality, private healthcare to previously disadvantaged communities in the surrounding areas by establishing Melomed Gatesville.

In the ensuing 25 years, Melomed Hospital Holdings has become the largest independent hospital group in the Western Cape through its three well established hospitals Melomed Gateville, Melomed Mitchells Plain and Melomed Bellville which will shortly be increased by the addition of Melomed Tokai as well as a new purpose built ultra-modern Melomed Claremont psychiatric facility. These two units will open in 2015 and 2014 respectively.

Having started with 210 employees in 1989, the Melomed Group is proud to have secured employment for over 1600 permanent employees and an additional 600 weekly sessional workers, most of whom come from the previously-disadvantaged communities.

It is an additional source of pride for the Melomed Group that its 25-year progress has been marked by some very significant milestones.

Essential services

In its desire to achieve its goal of providing affordable private healthcare to the communities surrounding its facilities, Melomed further provided essential emergency services to these areas which had formerly been underserved.

For the past 10 years Melomed Ambulances Services, the first private ambulance service to be permanently based on the Cape Flats, has responded to medical emergencies on a 24 hour basis 7 days a week. Today, with a fleet of modern ambulances, response and rescue vehicles, each manned by paramedics trained to offer basic, intermediate and advanced life support, and equipped with the most up-to-date medical emergency apparatus available, it continues to provide reliable emergency medical

transport assistance, first stabilising and then transferring even the most indigent of patients to an appropriate facility.

Advanced Cardiac care

In 2005 Melomed Gatesville's catheterisation laboratory (Cath Lab) was opened. This is in line with Melomed's policy of investing in state-of-the-art medical equipment as an important aspect of providing world-class healthcare.

This futuristic Cath Lab is equipped with a Siemens Axion Artis monoplane, flat-panel ceiling-mounted radiography C-arm, and is backed by the largest cardiac intensive care unit (ICU) on a single floor in the Western Cape.

In September 2009, the Melomed Hospital Group opened its flagship hospital, Melomed Bellville, situated on the corner of Voortrekker Road and AJ West Street, Bellville, offering an all-inclusive mix of medical specialities.

This 123-bed hospital, spread over six floors, is the epitome of contemporary elegance and medical efficiency together with modern innovations such as the digital entry of patient records, test results, diagnoses, X-ray reports onto the hospital's database in order to relay them to nurses and doctors for instant access at the patient's bedside or elsewhere on mobile devices. It boasts the latest in advanced patient information and medical care.

The Cath Lab at Melomed Bellville is similarly also equipped with a Siemens Artis Zee ceiling-mounted imaging machine.

The catheterisation facilities at both Melomed Gatesville and Melomed Bellville enables the

Melomed Group to offer a comprehensive range of vascular, neuro and cardio diagnostic and intervention procedures. Melomed Hospital Holdings, in conjunction with a multi-disciplinary team of cardiac specialists, is now able to offer the full range of "plumbing" services and "electrical" procedures to its patients such as the placement of stents and pacemakers in the Melomed Gatesville and Bellville Cath Labs.

The provision of such a comprehensive range of cardiac services on their doorstep represents a first for Cape Flats' communities.

Other Melomed accomplishments

In another first for the Cape Flats in terms of both state and private facilities, the Melomed Gatesville Oncology Unit was officially opened in May 2012. Staffed by a highly experienced and compassionate nursing team who work under the clinical leadership of the resident oncologist, the Melomed Gatesville Oncology Unit provides those suffering from cancer with a world-class facility within easy reach.

Melomed Renal Care, a service established at Melomed Gatesville and Melomed Mitchells Plain (located in Town Centre, Mitchells Plain), provides the full spectrum of dialysis treatment for renal care patients from surrounding Cape Peninsula communities. These ultra-comfortable, modern dialysis units are the first facilities of its kind on the Cape Flats.

The accessibility of facilities such as the Melomed Oncology Unit and Melomed Renal Care is of particular importance to patients who do not have access to private vehicles as it minimises the distances they need to travel on public transport after debilitating medical treatments such as chemotherapy

and renal dialysis when they may feel sick, tired or generally unwell.

Melomed's future plans

In a momentous earth-turning ceremony that took place on 26 March 2014, construction of the new Melomed Tokai Private Hospital commenced on a 10 000 square-metre site situated on the corners of Main and Keyser Roads, Tokai, just 20 minutes from the centre of Cape Town and within close proximity to the Blue Route Mall and on all major transport routes.

Melomed Tokai Private Hospital, a 148-bed acute private hospital, will be an enormous asset for the Southern Suburbs which is currently underserved with private hospital beds. The area does not currently have a cardiac facility that offers cardiac, neuro and vascular interventions and the hospital will provide vitally important facilities for the immediate stabilisation and treatment of critically ill cardiac and neurological patients.

The Melomed Hospital Group is very proud of the high calibre of specialists they have been able to attract to its facilities over the years, which includes but not limited to a range of super speciality services such as Cardiology, Pulmonology, Gastroenterology, Vascular Surgery, Oncology, Neonatology, Nephrology, Neuro-surgery, Neurology, Urology, and Paediatric Pulmonology. After the completion of the Melomed Tokai project and the Melomed Claremont psychiatric facility, Melomed will then be extending its footprint into the KwaZulu-Natal region with other exciting initiatives.

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