

New hospital to provide world-class care



Chairperson of Ahmed Al-Kadi Private Hospital Solly Suleman and MEC for health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo (centre) with members of the Elkadi family at the launch of the hospital.

THE new 164-bed hospital Ahmed Al-Kadi private hospital in Durban is complete and ready to cater for patients across a broad spectrum of the community.

The hospital, situated on King Cetshwayo Highway in Mayville, was built at a cost of R500 million and is an ultra modern healthcare facility, a culmination of an eight-year-long dream of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa (IMASA).

Pharmacist and prominent KZN businessman, Solly Suleman, was one of the key drivers of the project and said the hospital was built as a result of private hospitals in the CBD no longer being able to cope with the number of patients requiring treatment. IMASA's vision was to fill that gap with a hospital which

served all patients, regardless of race or religion.

The hospital has been named after prominent cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon Dr Ahmed Elkadi, who founded a number of Islamic institutions in the US, focusing on the needs of the underprivileged. The wards and operating theatres are ultra modern and the hospital also boasts a 80-seater conference centre which is open to the public for hire.

The hospital site is strategically positioned off the N3 highway, and is located in a safe neighbourhood within easy reach of other medical centres, hospitals and doctors' consulting rooms. Facilities include radiology, a 24-hour emergency casualty unit, a medical ward, a surgical ward, a pharmacy, a paediatric ward, a

day ward, an intensive care unit, high care, a maternity ward, a neonatal ICU, a general ward, four theatres, luxury private wards, medical suites, a renal dialysis unit, pathology (Lancet Laboratory), a Musallah (prayer facility), and an in-house laundry.

"What we realised very early on is that the R500 million needed to build and operate the hospital would require some innovative and imaginative thinking. So it was decided that, to cater for poorer communities, the association's Baytul Nur Trust would hold 26 per cent of the shares and private investors the rest. In this way, the hospital can be run on a private fee-paying basis equivalent to other private healthcare facilities, while the needs of the poor could be adequately addressed," said Suleman.



Unit manager of the ICU/High care, Tina Singh.



The reception area at the main entrance to the hospital.



One of the attractive, modern waiting areas.

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