

R1,2 MILLION RAISED FOR NEW ICU AT RED CROSS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

One month into a public appeal to raise the last R10 million for the R100 million-plus expansion and upgrade of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital and the R1 million mark has just been surpassed.

The project will see significantly improved intensive care services delivered to critically ill and injured children from in South Africa and the rest of the African continent. Capacity will also be greatly increased, addressing the desperate need for more beds to treat some of the country's sickest little patients.

With the lion share of the funding already secured for the building of this life-saving unit, the Children's Hospital Trust – the official fundraisers for the Red Cross Children's Hospital – have made an emotive appeal to the public to help them raise the final R10 million to complete the building. R1 243 715 million of this target has now been reached, so there is still a way to go to reach the final target of R10m by the end of June.

Currently the 22-bed PICU at the Red Cross Children's Hospital is the largest ICU for children in Africa.

It provides emergency care for critically ill or injured children from all over South Africa as well as other African countries. The demand is driven by the increases in surgery requirements and escalations in detection of serious illnesses. In essence, the demands on this unit are higher than its capacity to deliver.

"Thanks to the generosity of the South African community, we are slowly but surely inching our way towards our R10 million goal. This project will enable this life-saving unit to help heal thousands of young children so we appeal to all of you to please donate to help us to complete the bigger and better ICU brand new ICU. Even a small donation can make a huge difference," says Louise Driver, CEO of the Children's Hospital Trust.

Construction on the unit began in October 2015 and is expected to be completed by October 2017. The 22-bed facility will increase to 39 bed spaces, and will include an urgently needed 10-bed High Care Neonatal Unit as well as isolation cubicles.



Photo: L-R: Zoe Brown (Radio DJ & TV Presenter) & Cadi Chloe de Jager, 8-year-old past patient and champion for the ICU campaign

The high care unit and the isolation cubicles will ensure optimal treatment through better infection control, which is critical in ICU.

The expansion and upgrade will also create more comfortable and supportive spaces for parents as well as breastfeeding mothers. Currently, family members have no privacy or space between life-saving equipment as they sit vigil at their child's side. Increased space will also mean that staff, who work very long hours saving lives in tough conditions, will have adequate support facilities.

The Children's Hospital Trust works in collaboration with the Western Cape Government: Health. The provincial government will contribute R30 million towards the ICU.

BEATING LYMPHOMA



Progress Report on "The Newspaper Challenge" to SoundWaves Health Clinic in the January 2016 Edition:

A volunteer assigned by "The Newspaper" visited the SoundWaves Health Clinic in Gordon's Bay for consultation. A full Body Scan indicated the presence of Lymphoma and the relevant Bio Resonance (Frequency) Therapy Treatment Programme was suggested:

Cleanse and detox the liver; detox the blood from heavy metals; kill viruses, bacteria and parasites, molds and fungi in the body. This paved the way for treatment. A dietary style especially for cancer patients was also recommended. Then the weekly hour-long therapy sessions commenced. Each time, the Frequenciologist Charl de Villiers ran a test scan to search for changes in the body or body systems, and to check the Lymphoma itself. This meant a consistent update of the volunteer's precise condition with every visit.

THE FINAL OUTCOME?

After 10 weekly treatments all traces of Lymphoma have disappeared. The blood tests indicate no markers of any tumours or cancers - and the volunteer is overjoyed by the results. Given the option to consult an oncologist, the volunteer had decided against conventional treatment. The added bonus of course is: no nausea; no vomiting; no hair loss; no burns; no lingering after effects; no invasion by foreign substances. Worldwide, sound waves (frequencies) are used very successfully to fight sickness – and yes, even cancer. (If you find that hard to believe, please go and Google it and see for yourself).

The volunteer had live up to end of the bargain by following the dietary prescriptions for cancer patients, avoid man-made medication, avoid supplements/food containing a given list of harmful ingredients, exercise and cut down on stress.

Feeling healthier than ever before, our volunteer faces each day with an overall sense of well-being. The volunteer has shed about 3 kilograms since eating healthier food – and intends to keep it up!

Patients suffer devastating side effects during, but also long after, conventional cancer treatment, i.e. radiation burns; agonizing pains; headaches; chronic fatigue; vomiting; diarrhoea; impairment of vision/hearing – just to name a few. By then it becomes extremely difficult to help them effectively with Bio Resonance Therapy.

The greatest weapon against all illness is Early Detection. The sooner a tumour, cancer, etc is detected, the quicker you can fight it. The volunteer was willing to prove that. The 3D NLS Scanner used by SoundWaves Health Clinic has identified tumours so small that conventional scanners would not detect them. These have been effectively treated and are monitored at regular intervals. None have reappeared as yet.

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SPYGLASS SYSTEM

IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD FOR MEDICINE

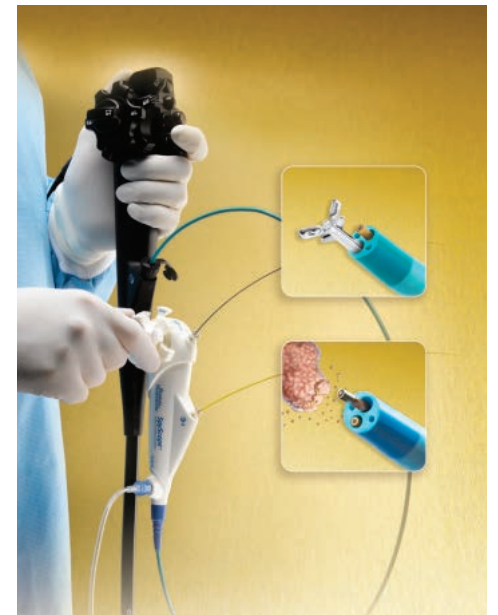
The SpyGlass DS Direct Visualization System may sound like something out of the latest James Bond movie, but it is actually new medical technology that was recently introduced at a private hospital in Cape Town.

The technology was acquired by the Digestive Diseases Centre (DDC) of UCT Private Academic Hospital, and is designed to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of patients suffering from a range of pancreatic and biliary disorders. According to Professor Eduard Jonas, a surgeon who practises at the DDC, the SpyGlass enables doctors to directly and more accurately visualise these systems.

"The technology significantly enhances our diagnostic capabilities in enabling direct visualisation of lesions," observes Prof Jonas, who is also the head of the Surgical Gastroenterology/Hepatobiliary Unit at the University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital.

"Establishing the precise nature of indeterminate strictures in the biliary and ductal systems has been a long-standing challenge. The Spyglass is particularly valuable in that it allows us to better investigate indeterminate bile duct strictures. It also offers more options for the management of difficult bile duct and pancreatic stones."

Prof Jonas explains that the SpyGlass DS System is a refinement of an earlier device, offering better image quality with



four times higher resolution and a 60% wider field of view. It also offers a channel which enables devices and guidewires to be passed through it. Such devices may include, for example, a biopsy forceps for directed biopsies of diseased tissue under direct vision, and laser technologies that are able to break down difficult biliary and pancreatic stones.

According to Lieselle Shield, general manager of UCT Private Academic Hospital (UCTPAH), the new SpyGlass technology is not available to patients in public hospitals in the Western Cape at present.

Shield says that the SpyGlass, which is manufactured by Boston Scientific in the United States, is an important advance in the field of hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) and academic medicine in the Western Cape.

"Technology such as this strengthens UCTPAH's position as a centre of learning excellence and will serve to advance our medical knowledge, particularly as it will be applied in a limited resources context and in our populations with their unique disease profiles."

"Furthermore, Spyglass ensures that UCTPAH will remain at the cutting edge in the management of HPB diseases in South Africa. We applaud the DDC for taking the initiative to partner with the hospital to introduce this cutting-edge medical technology," concludes Shield.