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Braamfontein, 2017

Dear Mr O'Connor

RE: GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL: Request for information on "intersex"

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for Access to the record of a Public Body as per Section 18 (1) of the promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act no 2 of 2000).

Replies are provided according to the numbering in your correspondence.

D. Particulars of record

1. Description of record or relevant part of the record:

A. The definition of intersex that is applied by the hospital.

The term "intersex" is outdated and no longer used. Groote Schuur Hospital and Red Cross War Memorial Childrens' Hospital follow the International Classification of Disorders of Sex Development (DSD).

B. The details of doctors who make decisions regarding identification of children born in the hospital as intersex etc .

Doctors work in multidisciplinary teams at Groote Schuur Hospital and Red Cross War Memorial Childrens' Hospital. Teams may include gynaecologists; endocrinologists; geneticists; urologists; plastic surgeons and social workers.

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C. Any training conducted or arranged by the hospital in respect of the health care treatment of persons with DSD, including the date and content of the training.

Ongoing training is included in *integrated teaching programmes* in different departments conducted at the Groote Schuur Hospital and the Red Cross War Memorial Childrens' Hospital. This includes, inter alia, departments of Gynaecology; Genetics; Endocrinology; Urology; Plastic Surgery and Social Work.

As part of integrated teaching and training programmes, specific dates and content of training are not available.

D. Any and all records related to counselling offered to parents of children and any counselling offered to those children once they are of an appropriate age. In particular, the content of the training and the providers of the service.

All patient records are confidential, release to third parties is only possible with authorised consent from patients or their legal representatives.

Providers of the services are members of multidisciplinary teams at Groote Schuur Hospital and Red Cross War Memorial Childrens' Hospital, and may include combinations of endocrinologists; geneticists; gynaecologists; urologists; plastic surgeons and social workers.

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E. The qualifications of and training provided to the counsellors referred to in paragraph D.

Counsellors include professional medical and other clinical personnel at the Groote Schuur Hospital and the Red Cross War Memorial Childrens' Hospital. This includes, inter alia, gynaecologists; geneticists; endocrinologists; urologists; plastic surgeons and social workers.

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An abstract recently submitted to the Society for Endocrinology; Metabolism and Diabetes of South Africa (SEMDSA), is attached. Additional published information on DSD can be obtained directly from SEMDSA.

Yours sincerely

DR R KIRSTEN

Manager Medical Services

GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL

Date: 6th December 2011

ABSTRACT FORM – DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT – 30 APRIL 2007

TITLE:

A REVIEW OF THE GENITAL DISORDERS CLINIC AT RED CROSS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**AUTHOR(S):
(and PLACE OF WORK)**

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ABSTRACT BODY:

There are few recent reports of disorders of sex development (DSD) in Africa. Studies have examined series of patients with a particular condition in a defined population group. Previous reports have noted the relatively high incidence of ovotesticular DSD in Southern Africa.

Aim: Review the local experience with disorders of sex development.

Method: Folder review 1980 - 2006.

Results: 216 records reviewed

- 30% 46XX
 - 43% CAH, 53% 46XX ovotesticular DSD, 4% 46XX testicular DSD
- 40% 46XY
 - 55% Hypospadias, 17% AIS, 3% gonadal dysgenesis, 11% undescended testes, 4% micropenis, 8% other
- 28% karyotype not documented
- 2% other
 - 3 patients mosaicism, 1 47XXY
- 38% did not keep last recorded appointment
- 7% of children have biopsy proven ovotesticular DSD
 - 44% of the children studied are Black South Africans
 - 39% 46XX – of whom 35% proven ovotesticular DSD
 - 15.6% of all Black South Africans ovotesticular DSD
 - Children with confirmed histology (n=16)
 - 81% of all children have 46XX karyotype
 - 87% of Black South African children have 46XX karyotype

Discussion:

A relatively high incidence of ovotesticular DSD is noted, as is the predominant 46XX karyotype. The service has a limited capability for diagnosis of undervirilized boys. We are not able to comment on long-term outcome.

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