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## PRESS STATEMENT

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### **ALERT! POWER SHORTAGES TO AFFECT ADDINGTON HOSPITAL**

The Department of Health wishes to alert the public and relatives of patients currently admitted at Addington Hospital that there is a planned electricity outage on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007. This power outage will affect certain hospital services; however, contingency plans have been made to ensure that in-patients receive all the care they need.

We would like the public to note the following;

- The electricity outage may affect the switchboard of the hospital and in this case people are asked to use an emergency number; **031-332 8983**;
- We also want to inform those who may want to visit their relatives that the lifts will be affected and it would be recommended that visits be deferred to the next day;
- Other services such as Intensive Care Unit and others will not be available on the day but plans have been made to refer patients to other institutions within eThekweni.

The planned outage will be expected to last between 08h00 and 16h00. We would like to urge the public to heed our request so that everything goes smoothly.

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