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DR MANTO TSHABALALA-MSIMANG TO CHECK ON PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE REPORT ON THE KLEBSIELLA OUTBREAK

The Minister of Health together with the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health (Dr Manto Tshabalala-Msimang and Ms Neliswa Nkonyeni, respectively) will tomorrow, 18 August 2007, visit Mahatma Gandhi to check on the progress made since the release of the report on the *Klebsiella* outbreak leading to the death of new borns.

In 2005 a number of babies died following a *klebsiella* outbreak at one Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Durban. The Department of Health launched an investigation into the causes of death. The report was released to the public with infrastructure and other operational improvement recommendations being made by the Investigating Team.

They will then proceed to Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital where there have been serious tensions and complaints about the hospital management. This lead to the change of Hospital Management and the appointment of the new CEO, Mr. Gwala.

The Minister and the MEC will be visiting these hospitals from **07h00** to check on the improvements made and other corrective measures that have been implemented.

They will then proceed to the Women's Day event in uMzumbe where the Minister and the MEC will celebrate the Women's Month with the people of uMzumbe at Mleyi Sports Grounds from 09h00.

The media is invited to join the Minister and the MEC in their programme for the day.

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