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Nkandla road accident claims the lives of 4 patients

The KZN MEC for Health Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and the KZN Health HOD Dr Sibongile Zungu are expressing their most heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the four female patients who passed on in a road accident in Nkandla last night.

The patients were being transported in an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Planned Patient Transport Bus (PPT) from Ngwelezane Hospital back to Ekombe Hospital and Nkandla Hospital, where they had been referred from.

Six other patients were also critically injured and 10 sustained serious injuries while 40 sustained minor injuries in the accident.

The cause of the accident is now the subject of a police investigation. The deceased have been transported to the Nkandla forensic pathology mortuary. Their names will be announced once their next of kin have been informed.

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