

MEDIA STATEMENT:
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Reported shortage of medication in KwaZulu-Natal

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health can confirm that it is, indeed, experiencing a shortage of certain pharmaceutical stocks. These shortages have been confirmed with suppliers through standardised management protocols.

The current shortage of medicine is in both private and public sector; however the impact is felt more in the public sector because of volumes/numbers involved.

Regrettably, medicine shortages or stock-outs are of international concern, and medicines that are in short supply locally are also in short supply internationally.

Urgent remedial activities with suppliers are underway to address the identified challenges. The stock-out and shortage of medicine is a matter of great concern and the KZN Department of Health is doing all it can to try and remedy the situation.

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