

ANNEXURE A

Level 1: District or equivalent hospital

Services provided are level 1 care. Level one care entails that care is provided by General Practitioners, Medical Officers and Primary Health Care Nurses. The hospitals have between 30 and 400 beds. The hospitals do not employ permanent specialists, but specialists are required to do training visits.

Level 2: Regional or equivalent hospitals

Hospitals at this level receive referrals from, and provide specialist services to, a number (fluctuating from region to region) of level 1 hospitals. Most care will be at level 2 that requires the expertise of teams led by specialists. This includes general surgery, orthopaedics, general medicine, paediatrics and gynaecology, radiology and anaesthetics. There may also be some level 1 services provided.

Level 3: Central or equivalent hospitals

These hospitals function as highly specialised referral units for the other levels of hospitals and provide a high cost, low volume service. These hospitals employ high technology with highly trained staff.