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Urgent Care Nelspruit Partners With Lancet Laboratories To Provide COVID-19 Screening and Testing
Testing costs at approved medical aid rates

NELSPRUIT, 18 March 2020 – With effect from Wednesday, 18th of March, Urgent Care Nelspruit will now offer COVID-19 screening and testing in conjunction with Lancet Laboratories, as an additional service to patients attending the facility. The service will be available to patients in line with private general practice and levies fees at medical aid rates.

“The decision to create the test site was borne out of the need to decongest the emergency centre at Mediclinic Nelspruit, that was becoming overrun with patients seeking testing for the corona virus. By moving potential COVID-19 patients out of the emergency centre to an alternative site for screening and testing, the emergency centre is better able to deal with the real emergencies that present at that facility for treatment” says Dr. Steven Holt.

The Urgent Care centre is adequately staffed with doctors, nurses and paramedics and will provide all normal medical services to patients, in addition to screening patients for COVID-19. Should the patient fulfil the NICD criteria for testing, the patient will be referred to the Lancet depot on site for full testing. In addition, the service will be available to patients who have visited their own doctor for screening and require testing and those referred by their doctor to the Lancet depot at the Urgent Care Centre.

“The Urgent Care doctor’s fee for screening and consultation is R577.50 for all cash and/or debit transactions. The medical aid rate will be charged as per individual medical aid for unscheduled consultation. Lancet COVID-19 testing – R990.00 for all cash and/or debit transactions or medical aid rate as per individual medical aid”, concludes Dr. Holt.

Contrary to earlier reports and communication circulating via social media platforms, Urgent Care Nelspruit is not an official NICD or DOH testing facility.

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