

## **COMPULSORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION, HOSPITALISATION OR TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/INFECTIONS**

### **Description**

If a doctor thinks that you could be suffering from a communicable (contagious) disease, the doctor may insist that you must undergo a compulsory medical examination, hospitalisation or treatment at a place chosen by the doctor.

### **Steps to follow**

The doctor may:

- refer you for treatment, hospitalisation or further examination
- examine you
- prescribe treatment
- admit you to a hospital or other place of isolation determined by the doctor, to remain under medical supervision and receive treatment
- discharge you from the hospital or institution once you have been declared free of the communicable disease or infection.

### **Legal framework**

This service is provided in terms of the [National Health Act, 2003 \(Act 61 of 2003\)](#) [pdf].

### **Service standard**

You will remain in the hospital or institution until you are free of the communicable disease or infection that may endanger other people's lives.

### **Cost**

The service is free at public health facilities.

### **Forms to complete**

There are no forms, but a referral letter will be needed.