

Dear Free State Colleague

You are probably aware of the crisis in the Free State public sector regarding provision of ART. I have written a letter (enclosed) to the Minister, after the Society received reports that there is an escalating problem.

However, it is unclear how large and generalised a problem this is. We would like to hear if you have any personal experience of patients being turned away, any requests for rationing, or anything at all that stops people getting on to ART. The TAC has undertaken to filter this information, keep it confidential, and then send it on to the DoH. Please email anything you may think may help to Rebecca, at rebecca.hodes@tac.org.za, who will then summarise information for the Minister's use.

We have made such huge strides in ART provision, it seems a shame that bad planning may threaten it. Please send Rebecca anything that you think may help, as soon as possible.

Regards

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'F Venter', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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