



HOWICK COMMUNITY MEDICAL CHARITABLE TRUST

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Applicants for financial assistance must be local residents within the Umgeni Municipality district who are in need of treatment for a medical condition where all other venues have failed [and due to financial restraints] cannot be rectified, (NO other financial assistance is available) within a reasonable period of time. Treatment should be in order to:

1. Preserve life,
2. Improve employability,
3. Relieve mobility pain and suffering
4. Cope with an emergency until an appropriate solution can be found.

The committee have the right to refuse any applicant and the amount of assistance is in the committee's discretion. Reasons will be given to the referring doctor.

Proof by a qualified medical practitioner must be furnished as to the condition, its severity and urgency; also efforts which have been made to rectify the conditions. Financial restraints, bearing in mind the criteria of the provincial almoners, which change from time, which construe financial needs.

Is other help being granted?

In an emergency situation a treating doctor and the matron on duty can certify the need and grant a temporary grant or loan, to be ratified by the committee within 24 hours and a permanent solution found.