

The local 2017 FHI results were released today at the Future of Health Summit 2017 in Johannesburg

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- *Future Health Index commissioned by Philips reveals that South African's perceptions of the current healthcare system are positive*
- *South Africans perceive that they have more access and greater integration of the healthcare system*

[Royal Philips](#) (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHIA [www.Philips.com](#)), a global leader in healthcare technology, today released the [Future Health Index \(FHI\)](#) ([www.FutureHealthIndex.com/report/2017](#))

Local findings indicate that South Africans generally evaluate their health positively, with the majority (80%) of the population reporting that they are in good health.

Healthcare professionals' perceptions of the health of the nation are likely driven by their perceptions of the overall healthcare system.

Despite the discrepancy between the South African general population and healthcare professionals' perceptions, the findings are consistent with global trends.

"Through the Future Health Index, we are examining current realities of how well the healthcare system is performing and how it is perceived by the population," said Dr. A. S. Chetty, Chief Executive Officer of Philips South Africa.

Where there are distinct gaps between reality and perception, it is harder to design a successful plan to address them. The FHI provides a clear picture of the current state of the healthcare system and the challenges it faces.

"The general population often have a perception that healthcare is integrated and people only find that it is not when they experience a problem," said Dr. Chetty.

Other key local findings include:

- Nearly half (46%) of the South African population think the health system in the country is unintegrated
- While both the general population and healthcare professionals in South Africa see the importance of the healthcare system, they do not see it as integrated
- South Africa's efficiency ratio, which compares the country's health expenditure to key health outcomes, is lower than that of other countries

The general South African population and healthcare professionals believe that connected care technology will improve the healthcare system.

These findings indicate that there is significant room for growth if investments are made. "Despite these challenges, the healthcare system in South Africa is still a work in progress," said Dr. Chetty.

The 2017 FHI highlights that it is not only important to adapt healthcare delivery across different health settings, but also to ensure that the healthcare system is integrated and efficient.

Only 33% of Healthcare Professionals in South Africa Believe the Overall Health of South Africans is Positive

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The local 2017 FHI results were released today at the Future of Health Summit 2017 in Johannesburg with the following key findings:

To download the 2017 FHI report in its entirety, please click [here](http://www.FutureHealthIndex.com/report/2017) (www.FutureHealthIndex.com/report/2017). For additional information, please visit www.FutureHealthIndex.com.

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Note to the Editor:

In partnership with an independent global market research firm, a survey was fielded from January 18, 2017 to February 1, 2017.

In South Africa, a combination of online, face-to-face (computer-assisted) and phone (computer-assisted) interviews were conducted.

- 203 HCPs (those who work in healthcare as a doctor, surgeon, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, pharmacist, etc.)
- 2,168 adults (margin of error at the 95% confidence level of +/- 2.1%). This sample was weighted to be representative of the South African adult population.

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Estimated Margin of Error is the margin of error that would be associated with a 95% confidence level.

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