

## 8. THE WAY FORWARD



8.1 The implementation of Healthcare 2010 is an incremental, step-wise process. The steps will not be of equal magnitude or frequency. The speed of implementation will be governed largely by the need for major stakeholder participation and buy-in. In some instances, where consensus is reached rapidly, progress will be rapid. The re-

vitalisation of the rural regional hospitals is an example. In other areas the planning process may be more laborious.

- 8.2 The implementation of Healthcare 2010 is dependent on the enthusiastic support of all levels of management. A concerted effort will be made to ensure that they are kept informed and participate in the planning processes.
- 8.3 The Health Science Faculties of the Universities and Technikons have been identified as important partners in the provision of health care. They are required to play a major role in the restructuring of the tertiary health institutions.
- 8.4 The Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works is another key partner in respect of the provision of physical infrastructure. Their support is vital.
- 8.5 It is natural that the magnitude of Healthcare 2010 will generate uncertainty and in some instances resistance. The Department is resolute in its endeavour to provide “equal access to quality care” through Healthcare 2010. Nevertheless, the process will be managed in a sensitive and responsible manner. The benefits are already evident in small measure. As the impact of accessibility and service improvement grows there will be cause for patients and personnel alike to applaud the progress.