



Specialised Bone & Joint Infection Service

Life Vincent Pallotti Hospital

Bone and joint infections are complex to treat. Without expert management these infections may lead to disability and even death.

In South Africa, and globally, we are experiencing unprecedented levels of antibiotic resistance, complicating the successful management of bone and joint infections.

Patients suffering from an infection of their bone or prosthetic joint, incur huge personal and hospital costs and prolonged disability if not treated in the correct way. Expertise in treating bone and prosthetic joint infections is not widely available.

At Life Vincent Palotti Hospital we offer a multi-disciplinary team approach to treating bone and prosthetic joint infections. The team consists of orthopaedic surgeons (specially trained in managing orthopaedic infections), infectious disease physicians, microbiologists and specialist nurses and therapists. We follow international best practice standards and provide individualised care to achieve optimal outcomes.



We offer a holistic treatment experience:

- A multidisciplinary team:
 - Specialised orthopaedic surgeons, infectious disease physicians and a dedicated microbiologist
 - Specialised allied professionals: physiotherapists, dieticians, psychotherapists and occupational therapists
 - Specialised nursing staff and infection control practitioners
- A dedicated ward:
 - State of the art infection prevention and control measures
 - Ward access control for added security
 - Access to outside garden and balconies
- Dedicated orthopaedic theatres
- Dedicated orthopaedic radiology service such as CT/MRI scanning
- 36-bed rehabilitation facility

EARLY referral of infected bone and joint replacements to the right centre is always preferable in order to limit damage, limit costs and prevent the emergence of antibiotic resistance.

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