

TASK and Stellenbosch University Open New **Oncology Clinical Trials Unit** at Tygerberg Hospital, Bringing Hope to Cancer Patients

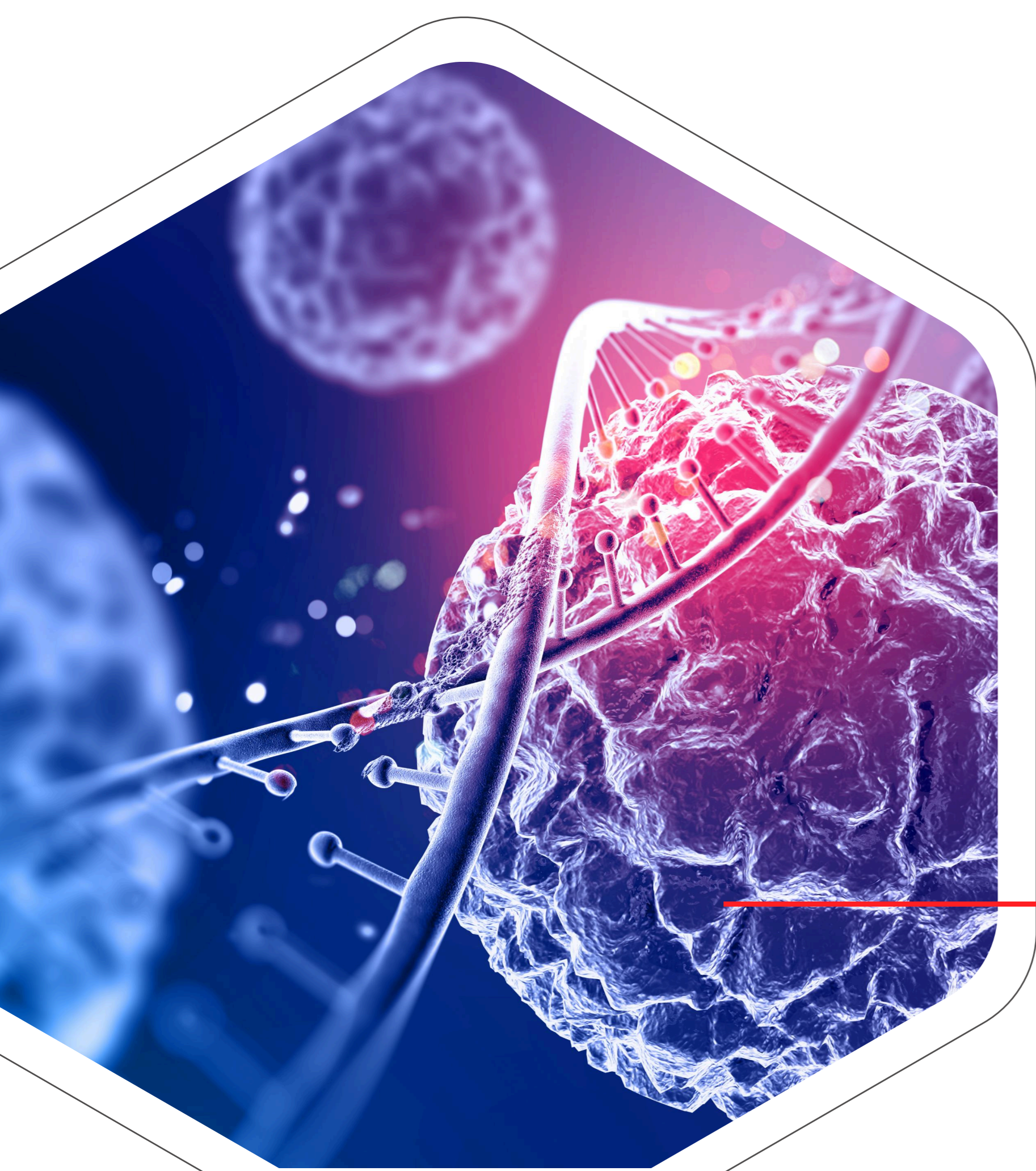
Cape Town, South Africa – April 2025 – TASK, a leading clinical research organization, and the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University are proud to announce the establishment of a new oncology clinical trials unit at Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town. This collaboration will significantly expand access to novel cancer treatments for patients in the Western Cape region.

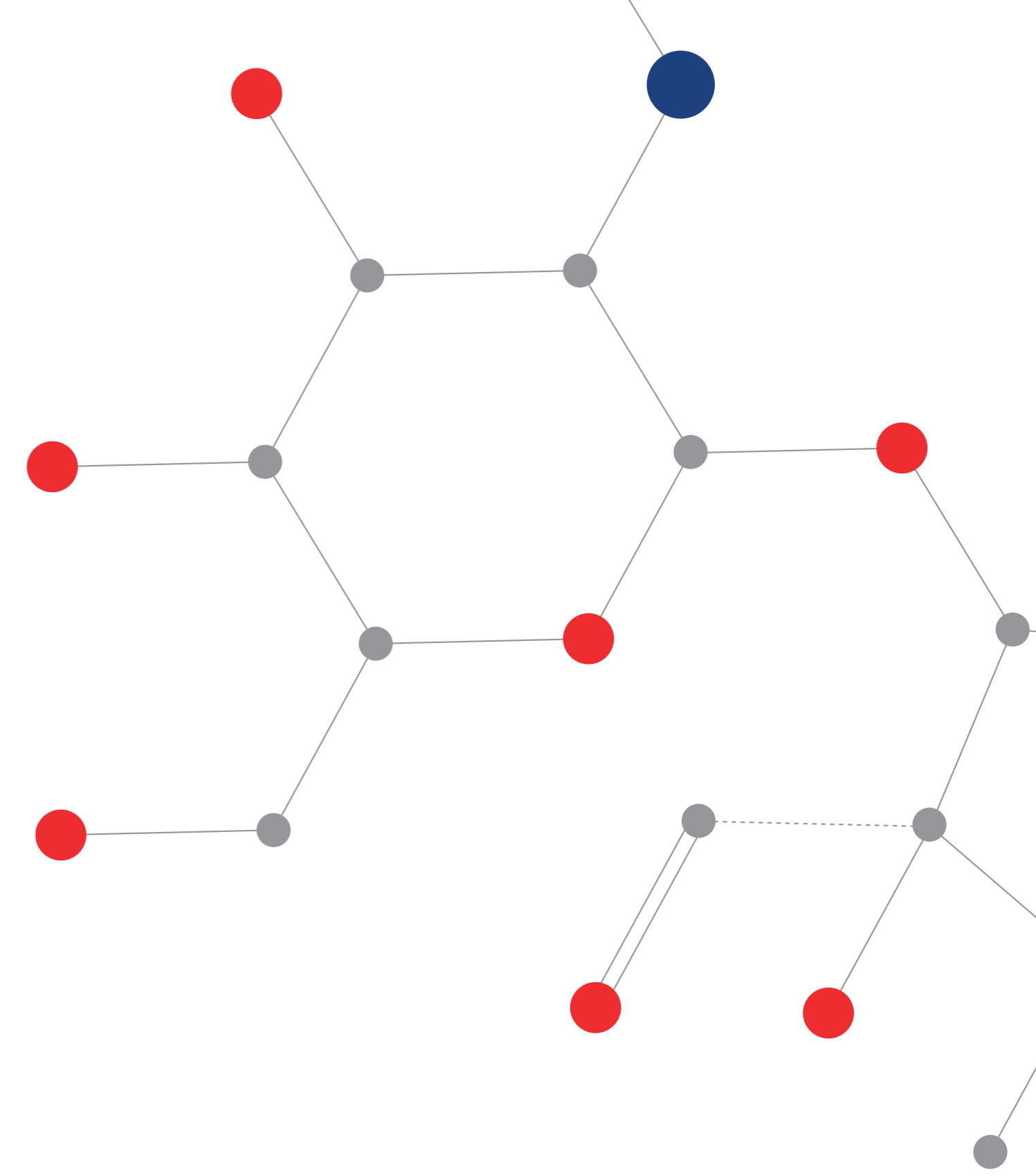
The new unit will focus on conducting innovative oncology clinical trials, bringing much-needed therapeutic options to patients facing cancer. TASK will bring its extensive expertise in clinical trial management to the collaboration, ensuring efficient and high-quality execution. Dr. Henriette Burger, a specialist oncologist at Tygerberg Hospital and head of the Radiation Oncology division at the FMHS, will serve as the Principal Investigator (PI) on the studies, providing expert patient oversight. To support the increased clinical trial activity, TASK will also provide additional clinical staff to work alongside the Tygerberg team. The collaboration will also allow the greater TBH oncology team to gain valuable experience and skills in clinical trial processes, which will directly increase their research capacity. most promising new treatments. This initiative is particularly vital in a region where healthcare disparities persist, ensuring that all patients, regardless of their socioeconomic background, could benefit from advancements in cancer research.

"This collaboration represents a significant step forward in our commitment to improving cancer care in South Africa," said TASK CEO, Johann de Bruyn. "By combining TASK's expertise in clinical trial management with Stellenbosch University's renowned medical expertise and Tygerberg Hospital's established infrastructure, we are creating a powerful platform to accelerate the development and delivery of cutting-edge cancer therapies."

Dr. Burger emphasised the importance of this collaboration for patients. "Access to clinical trials is crucial for patients facing cancer, particularly those who are reliant on the South African public health service, where treatment options are often limited by cost," she said. "This new unit will provide our patients with access to therapies that could significantly prolong their lives and contribute to the advancement of cancer research. We are continuously searching for ways to increase access to effective treatment for the diverse communities we serve at TBH. The ability to increase access to trials means offering hope where there was little before, and this is an incredibly important step forward."

The aim of this collaboration is to address the urgent need for improved cancer treatments in South Africa. Cancer remains a leading cause of morbidity and mortality, and access to innovative therapies is often limited. By bringing clinical trials directly to patients at Tygerberg Hospital, the collaboration aims to bridge this gap, ensuring that patients receive timely access to the most promising new treatments. This initiative is particularly vital in a region where healthcare disparities persist, ensuring that all patients, regardless of their socioeconomic background, could benefit from advancements in cancer research.





About the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University:

Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), established in 1956, is a self-driven hub of excellence situated at the foot of Cape Town's Tygerberg Hills. We aim to be the leading research-intensive health sciences faculty in and for Africa. Our mission is to facilitate transformative, life-long learning; to create, share and translate knowledge that enhances health and health equity; and to co-create value with and for the communities we serve. We are widely recognised for research in fields such as infectious diseases, reproductive health, mental health and neuroscience, non-communicable diseases, evidence-based healthcare, genetics, injury, rehabilitation and primary healthcare.



About TASK:

TASK is a global clinical research organization dedicated to advancing healthcare through innovative and ethical clinical trials. Our experienced scientists, clinicians, and regulatory experts deliver high-quality clinical research solutions that accelerate drug discovery and improve patient outcomes.

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