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3rd Degree: Hospital Horrors

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More than 40 million South Africans rely on the public health system. But too many come out worse off than they were before.

This week 3rd Degree reports on a young mother's horrific experience, after her daughter was admitted to hospital for burnt hands. Days later her legs were amputated because she'd developed gangrene. But why was this potentially fatal condition allowed to develop – and why did medical staff not notice sooner?

In the Free State, a four-year-old was admitted into hospital for a dental procedure. She died, but her mother sat beside her, believing her to be alive, for a good six hours before anyone told her of the death. When she asked to see a doctor, nurses treated her with callous disregard.

3rd Degree asks: Why is our public healthcare system failing so many who put their trust in it?

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