# **DRUG ACCESS APARTHEID**

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Collective Voices for Cancer in South Africa

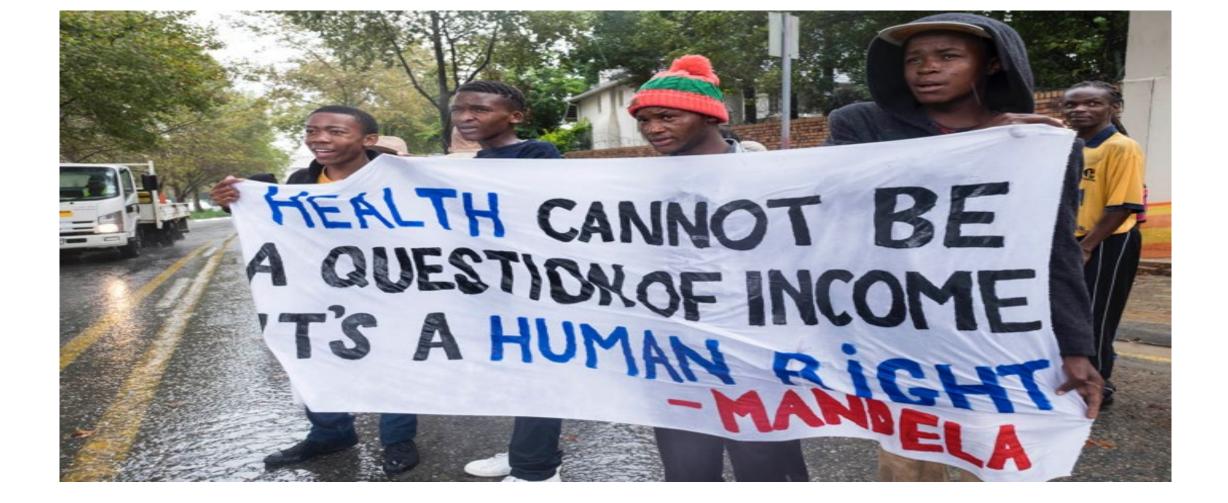
#### **SOUTH AFRICA**

#### TWO TIER HEALTH = most inequitable in world

#### For Cancer Services:

- Private sector service 16% of Population = 84% of Health Care Professionals
- Public sector service 84% of Population = 16% of Health Care Professionals





# RESEARCH: PATENT BARRIERS OF CANCER MEDICINES

- Patent status and length
- Affordability
- Accessibility

= Patents block generic availability, inequitable access for those who need most, high pricing

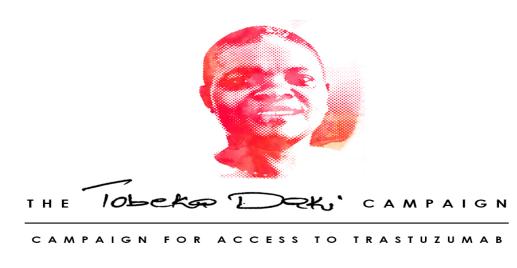


# 24 CASE STUDY MEDICINES: ACCESSIBILITY

- 21 Medicines available in private sector
- •7 are available in the public sector
- 10 are on WHO Essential Medicines List
- ONLY 5 on SA EDL



# Patent blocks equitable access and leads to excessive pricing





www.canceralliance.co.za | www.fixthepatentlaws.org



## TRASTUZUMAB 2018

ACCRUED SALES FOR 2017 = US\$ 88.2 BILLION ORIGINATOR HERCEPTIN® = \$ 33 037 CLONE HERCLON® = \$ 9041

ESTIMATE BIOGENERIC/BIOSIMILAR = \$ 243



## TRASTUZUMAB 2019

ORIGINATOR HERCEPTIN IV  $\mathbb{B}$  = \$ 22 770 CLONE HERCLON $\mathbb{B}$  = \$ 9041 SUBCUT  $\mathbb{B}$  = \$ 15 939

Biosimilar Mylan Ogivri ® IV = \$10360



# TRASTUZUMAB Activism

• 4 Feb 2016 Video linked with World Cancer Day -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI5AJa7\_pDY

• 17 March 2016 UNHLP picket -

http://www.unsgaccessmeds.org/johannesburglivestream

- 31 March 2016 Roche picket <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24JqRfXtWe8</u>
- 19 July 2016 International Aids Conference -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDJ\_pL5hWuE

- 27 September 2016 DTI March <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMDnyb6dh0I</u>
- 14 November Tobeka dies at home.



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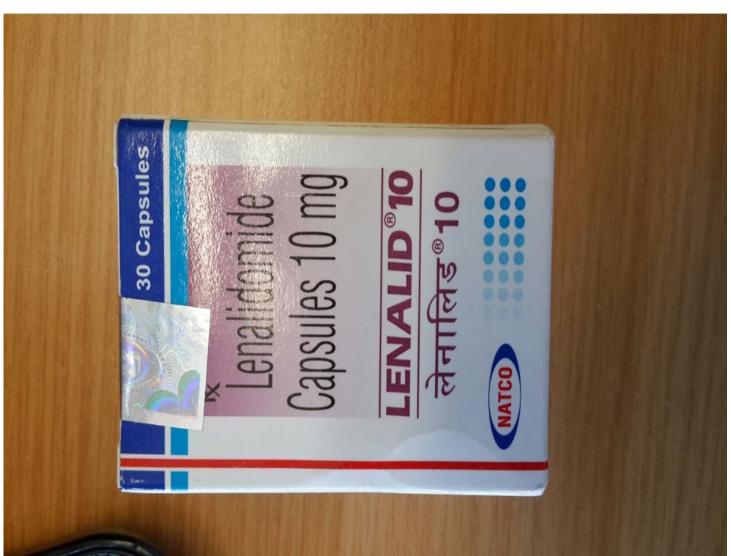
- 15 November 2016 Cancer Alliance motivates for the provision of trastuzmab in public sector.
- July 2017 Trastuzumab is added to the Essential Medicine List of SA for early breast cancer
- July 2017 Trastuzumab is recognised as a Prescribed Minimum Benefit for early breast cancer
- July 2019 Motivation for speedy approval of trastuzumab biosimilars
- October Biosimilar fact sheets and focus on cost and equity







## LENALIDOMIDE: Generic unregistered @ US \$408/month





# LENALIDOMIDE: **Registered product @ US \$6126/month**





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# THANK YOU!

## #LetsTalkAboutCancer

## Together We Can – It is not beyond us

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