Strategic Operational Plan Cardiovascular Disease
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Overview

- Burden of Cardiovascular Disease in SA
- Burden of NCD overall
- Disparity in Cardiovascular service delivery
Human resources in the CVD community

• Currently about 175 active, registered cardiologists in the country of which about 35 are in the public service/training centres
• Country training average of 6 cardiologists/year; to service a population of 54 million; of which only 8.8 (16%) million are insured.
• Majority serve only insured; ratio 1 cardiologist/ >1000 000 public sector & 1 cardiologist/50 000 private sector.
• Some provinces have no cardiologist serving the uninsured!
Human resources in the CVD community

• Average age of Cardiologists is in mid-50/s with almost no transfer of skills (PPP)
• Significant challenge for the sustainability of Cardiac care, training, teaching and research
• Required increase cardiovascular specialist numbers in public sector
• Posts are an enormous problem; most departments have between 2-4 funded fellow posts. ? Consultant Posts
Overview (Continued)

- Key elements of the strategic plan
- Proposed collaboration with DOH
Thank you