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Dear Sir,

I run the Rapid Access Lung Cancer clinic which provides prompt early diagnosis for patients with suspected lung cancer. This caters to needs of patients with suspected lung cancer in Southern Adelaide and patients from other regions attend this clinic because of prompt and efficient service.

This clinic has been running for 8 years. One of the important tests for staging of cancer is a PET scan (Positron Emission Tomography). We are still having to send public patients from SALHN to private PET scan facilities and to the RAH to complete staging before initiating treatment. This is a significant void in patient care in the south and results in delayed treatment for patients with lung cancer. I understand this occurs in disciplines as well (besides those with suspected lung cancer).

At present all the PET scanners are in or nearby the city centre.

Given the significant population growth in Southern Adelaide – it is only fair for patients to have access to state of the art facilities in the South. Flinders Medical Centre and its many departments have developed a well established cancer centre – the Flinders Cancer Centre which provides comprehensive care in patients with cancer.

We hope Infrastructure SA will address this unmet need in Southern Adelaide in the near future

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