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More multiple sclerosis treatment

THE Ministry of Health Ahmed Emad and Population has announced it will increase the number of hospitals that provide therapy for multiple sclerosis (MS) to 15. They will be distributed throughout the country. Currently only one hospital provides this therapy.

This came in a statement issued recently on treatment protocols the state's expense. It covered open heart surgery and included cut prices for normal stents and added pharmaceutical struts as part of the treatment in the state programme.

In addition to decisions on targeted therapies at state expense for patients with tumours, the re-evaluation of a patient's health every three months, instead of every two weeks, was approved.

Artificial limbs have also been added to the programme, the National Institute for Neuro-Motor systems providing patients with devices, according to Dr Khaled Megahed, official spokesman of the Ministry of Health. The statement also included a number of diseases to be added to the list of illnesses for treatment at state expense, such as hernia, enlarged prostate, and splenectomy.