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HASA QUALITY SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE 2026

30 SEP – 2 OCT 2026 | SANDTON CONVENTION CENTRE

QUALITY SUMMIT PROGRAMME

Day 1: Wednesday, 30 September 2026

07:00 – 08:15	Registration	
08:30 – 08:45	Welcome and opening. <i>Doctor Riaad Moosa</i>	
08:45 – 09:15	Better outcomes and improved efficiency in clinical practice? The case of AI in South African healthcare. <i>Professor Jennifer Chipps (University of the Western Cape)</i> <i>Professor Keymanthri Moodley (Stellenbosch University)</i>	
09:15 – 10:15	Redefining patient vulnerability: The impacts of neurodivergences and trans-gendering. <i>Andile Ncube (Tekano)</i> <i>Doctor Marisa Roets (Life Healthcare)</i>	
10:15 – 10:45	Tea	
10:45 – 11:30	Strengthening nursing capacity: Addressing critical skills needs and system bottlenecks. <i>Hendrica Ngoepe (HASA)</i> <i>Doctor Mirriam Matandela (National Department of Health)</i> <i>Professor Sharon Vasuthaven (University of the Western Cape)</i> <i>Doctor Elize Powell (Mediclinic)</i> <i>Doctor Matilda Tshabalala (South African Nursing Council)</i>	
11:30 – 12:15	Major incident management and response: Ensuring a national co-ordinated response. <i>Mande Toubkin (Netcare)</i> <i>Doctor Anban Pillay (National Department of Health)</i> <i>Doctor Robyn Holgate (Mediclinic)</i>	
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:30	Abstract finalist presentations	
14:30 – 15:30	Improving the patient journey: Understanding experiences across the continuum of care. <i>Doctor Michelle Meiring (University of Cape Town/PaedsPal)</i> <i>Elzaan De Villiers (Mediclinic)</i> <i>Khuselwa Dyantyi (Section 27)</i>	
15:30 – 15:45	Tea	
15:45 – 16:30	The right patient in the right place at the right time: Integrating care and resource utilisation. <i>Doctor Vuyane Mhlomi (Quro Medical)</i> <i>Doctor Kim Smith (Mediclinic)</i>	
16:30 – 17:15	The cost of doing everything: Futility and finality of patient care. <i>Doctor Melanie Stander (HASA)</i> <i>Professor Nadiya Ahmed (Mediclinic)</i> <i>Leigh Meinert (DignitySA)</i> <i>Doctor Michelle Meiring (University of Cape Town/PaedsPal)</i> <i>Doctor Lungi Nyathi (Alignd)</i>	
17:30 – 18:30	Networking Cocktail Session	

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DAY 2: Thursday, 1 October 2026

08:30 – 08:45	Welcome and opening. <i>Doctor Riaad Moosa</i>	
08:45 – 09:15	A civil society view of healthcare in South Africa. <i>Sasha Stevenson (Section27)</i>	
09:15 – 10:15	The role of interlocutors in solving complex problems. <i>Mark Heywood (University of Cape Town)</i> <i>Melanie Da Costa (Netcare)</i> <i>Brian Currin (Concentric Alliance)</i> <i>Yacoob Abba Omar (Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection)</i>	
10:15 – 10:45	Tea	
10:45 – 11:15	Health sector reforms in South Africa: Evaluating financing models for universal health coverage in the post-apartheid era. <i>Professor Susan Cleary (University of Cape Town)</i>	
11:15 – 11:45	The affordability crisis: How rising costs, aging members and declining participation are reshaping the entire healthcare value chain. <i>Paresh Prema (Alexforbes Health)</i>	
11:45 – 12:15	Realising the health market inquiry recommendations: Progress, challenges and the road ahead. <i>Mapato Ramokgopa (Competition Commission)</i>	
12:15 – 12:45	GEMS' population medicine programme: Policy insights and learnings. <i>Doctor Claude Ndlovu (GEMS)</i>	
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30	Who owns the total cost of care? The role of hospitals, healthcare professionals and policy reform in delivering value. <i>Doctor Tebogo Phaleng (Insight Health Solutions)</i> <i>Doctor Simon Strachan (South African Private Practitioners Forum)</i> <i>Melanie Da Costa (Netcare)</i> <i>Thoneshan Naidoo (Health Funders Association)</i> <i>Doctor Natalie Benjamin-Damons (South African Society of Physiotherapy)</i>	
14:30 – 15:15	The pros and cons of employment of specialists by private hospitals. <i>Doctor Ziyanda Mgugudo-Sello (The South African Medical Association)</i> <i>Doctor Atiya Mosam (Mayibuye Health)</i> <i>Doctor Nkateko Mnisi (South African Medical Association Trade Union)</i> <i>Doctor Karisha Quarrie (Life Healthcare)</i>	
15:15 – 15:45	Tea	
15:45 – 16:15	Psychological safety in hospitals: Are we doing enough? <i>Doctor Rachel Moore (Mediclinic)</i>	
16:15 – 17:00	Beyond the certificate of need judgment: Solving South Africa's healthcare access challenge. <i>Neil Kirby (Werksmans Attorneys)</i> <i>Alex Van Den Heever (University of the Witwatersrand)</i> <i>Russell Rensburg (Rural Health Advocacy Project)</i> <i>Patience Ntshane (Gauteng Department of Health)</i>	
19:00	HASA Gala Awards Dinner.	

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DAY 3: Friday, 2 October 2026

08:30 – 08:45	Welcome and opening. <i>Doctor Riaad Moosa</i>	
08:45 – 09:15	Sustainability and regulatory reform of medical schemes. <i>Christoff Raath (Insight Actuaries)</i>	
09:15 – 09:45	Predictive AI: Implications for hospitals, funders, and the future of South African healthcare. <i>Ismail Rasool (Discovery Health)</i>	
9:45 – 10:15	Tea	
10:15 – 10:45	Precision at the point of care: What agentic AI means for managed care compliance in value-based healthcare transition. <i>Luis da Silva (HealthBridge)</i>	
10:45 – 11:15	The missing link: How patient-held health records can reduce hospital admission errors and improve clinical handovers. <i>Doctor Liza Street (Mammoth)</i>	
11:15 – 11:45	Connected cancer care: How real-time interoperability is changing the economics and experience of oncology in South Africa. <i>Clinton Philip (Altron)</i>	
11:45 – 12:15	Whose data is it anyway? Patient data and digital health. <i>Professor Victoria Bronstein (University of the Witwatersrand)</i>	
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 13:45	The state of medical schemes: Emerging trends, challenges and opportunities. <i>Doctor Musa Gumede (Council for Medical Schemes)</i>	
13:45 – 14:45	Climbing mountains: Reaching excellence in difficult circumstances. <i>Doctor Bhavna Patel (University of Cape Town)</i> <i>Doctor Shaheem De Vries (Groote Schuur Hospital)</i> <i>Doctor Nonkululeko Boikhutso (Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital)</i> <i>Doctor Sue Tager (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre)</i> <i>Professor Binu Luke (Desmond Tutu School of Medicine)</i>	
14:45 – 15:15	Critical lessons for private healthcare from the capture of Tembisa Hospital. <i>Jeff Wicks (Author of "The Shadow State: Why Babita Deokaran had to die")</i>	
15:15	Chairman's wrap and announcement of the new HASA Board.	
15:30	Chief Executive Officer vote of thanks.	