

SAPA NEWS

**DEAR SAPA MEMBERS**

Welcome to the new year! While things may have seemed quiet on our end, rest assured—we've been hard at work behind the scenes.

**EXCITING NEWS AHEAD**

We're thrilled to announce that our new digital platform will be launching by the end of this month! Keep an eye on your inbox for more details. To access CPD points, please remember to register and pay your fees once the platform goes live.

**CPD UPDATES**

As many of you know, the HPCSA has introduced updates to the CPD requirements for healthcare providers. Staying informed and maintaining your CPD status is more important than ever. SAPA is here to support you through these changes.

**SAVE THE DATE: SAPA CONGRESS 2025**

Our annual congress in Gqeberha is fast approaching—mark your calendars for 5–7 September 2025. We can't wait to welcome you! Early bird registration is now open at [www.sapa2025.co.za](http://www.sapa2025.co.za), with special rates available until 31 May 2025. The website also offers details on presenting your research and available accommodation in the area.

**INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY CONGRESS**

The International Paediatric Nephrology Association hosted a successful congress in Cape Town from 19–23 February 2025. This was the first time Africa hosted such a large-scale international nephrology event, and SAPA is proud to have supported this milestone in paediatric health.

**NEW STATEMENT ON BREASTFEEDING**

We're excited to share our latest statement on breastfeeding in South Africa, emphasizing the importance of supporting both mothers and infants. You'll be able to read this statement—and others—on our new digital platform once it's live.

**FEBRUARY WEBINAR ON BREASTFEEDING**

Our education team is hard at work planning monthly webinars. This month, we'll focus on breastfeeding in line with our latest statement. Please note that, due to public holidays in April and our congress in September, we won't be hosting webinars in those months. However, additional workshops are planned throughout the year to make up for this.

**STAY UPDATED ON GASTRO AND RSV SEASON**

As the gastro and RSV seasons approach, we encourage you to stay up to date with the latest management strategies. If you missed the January webinar on RSV, it's now available on our YouTube channel - be sure to check it out and stay informed on future developments.

**COLLABORATING WITH SAAPD**

SAPA is proud to be working closely with the South African Association of Paediatric Dentists (SAAPD). We look forward to continuing this collaboration as they develop new educational platforms.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to connecting with you throughout the year!

Warm regards, **The SAPA Team**

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