

SAPA NEWS

DEAR SAPA MEMBERS

As we approach the midpoint of 2025, the winter season brings an increase in respiratory infections among children. We trust you're staying healthy and ready to provide the essential care our young patients need.

NEW DIGITAL PLATFORM NOW LIVE

We're excited to announce the launch of our new digital platform on the Glue Up app, effective 1 May 2025. This platform is designed to keep the paediatric community informed of the latest news and developments, and to facilitate interaction among colleagues.

We hope this next step will enhance the SAPA member experience and support our continued growth as an organisation. While there may be some initial adjustments, we anticipate that by this time next year, we'll be fully utilising the platform's wide range of features.

Please check your inbox for the registration link and membership fee payment details. If you missed the email, you can log in via our website at www.paediatrics.org.za and click on the Membership tab.

UPCOMING WEBSITE LAUNCH

In the coming months, we'll be unveiling a brand-new SAPA website. This will serve as a central hub for resources, event information and member engagement. Stay tuned for more details!

SAPA CONGRESS 2025 – EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDING SOON!

Mark your calendars for the SAPA Congress 2025, which will take place from 5 - 7 September 2025 at the Boardwalk Convention Centre in Gqeberha. Early bird registration is open until 31 May 2025.

This year's theme is 'Ubuntu – It takes a village to raise a child.'

The conference will bring together leading experts, researchers and practitioners in paediatrics from across South Africa.

Visit www.sapa2025.co.za to register, submit research abstracts, and explore accommodation options.

BREASTFEEDING ADVOCACY

Breastfeeding remains a cornerstone of child health. SAPA is committed to promoting breastfeeding as the primary route of nutrition and to ensuring compliance with Regulation R991, which governs the marketing of breast milk substitutes. We encourage all members to familiarise themselves with these regulations and stay updated through our digital platforms.

MONTHLY WEBINARS & CPD OPPORTUNITIES

Our education team is diligently planning a series of monthly webinars for 2025, with preparations already underway for an engaging line-up in 2026. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights and updates in paediatric care.

Please note that CPD points will be allocated exclusively to fully paid SAPA members. This ensures compliance with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) guidelines, which mandate that CPD activities be accredited, and that participants meet specific criteria to earn points.

To accommodate varying schedules, recordings of past webinars will be accessible on our YouTube channel, allowing members the flexibility to revisit sessions at their convenience.

We encourage all members to participate actively in these educational opportunities to enhance their professional development and to contribute to the advancement of paediatric healthcare.

COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

SAPA remains committed to collaborating with partner organisations and professionals across disciplines who work with children and young people. If you're interested in contributing to SAPA programmes or projects, please reach out via email or through our digital platform.

Stay warm and take care this winter.

Warm regards, **SAPA Executive Committee**

