



Challenges 2024

ASAIPA there for YOU!

Dear Colleagues,

In welcoming you to our first issue of ASAIPA News4U for 2024, it is already quite clear that this year promises to be quite different to the last few.

Looming national elections aside, we definitely haven't heard the end of the NHI Bill protestations.

And linked either directly or indirectly to this for us, as general practitioners in particular, will, no doubt, be ongoing deliberations on matters such as those sparked off by the Pharmacy-Initiated Management of Antiretroviral Therapy (PIMART) case, lingering Certificate of Need (CON) issues, and funding concerns surrounding the likes of low-cost benefit options and the impact these will have on general practitioners.

Once again ASAIPA will be upfront representing members' interests when and where necessary as we have done for the benefit of our members for years now.

Something to look forward for this year ASAIPA will be dealing with the funders on the development and implementation of Value Based Care. This will unlock a huge benefit to be derived from doctors and funders working together for the benefit of the patient.

More specific details on this will be featured in the next ASAIPA News4U: Watch this space!

Events to look out for in 2024 – please DIARISE!

ASAIPA Gauteng General Practitioners Forum (GGPF) Conferences

ASAIPA is a co-founder of the now well-established bi-annual GGPF CPD Conferences and in addition to a comprehensive exhibit of its services, is planning to play a more integral part in this year's two events at Gallagher Estate, Midrand, on 21 April and 13 October respectively. Speaker programme will once again feature important clinical practice updates interspersed with pertinent presentations on practice management and related issues.

Smart Health Summit

Following the success of last year's Digitisation in Healthcare-focused first South African Smart Health Summit convened at The Houghton, Johannesburg, in early June – much of which could be attributed to the vision and efforts of ASAIPA CEO Dr Unben Pillay – plans are already well underway for the second annual event to be held at The Marriott, Melrose Arch, Johannesburg on 28 and 29 June 2024. ASAIPA has partnered with the Africa Telehealth Collaboration (ATC) and dx5 to host this event with a focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IOT) and Mental Health.

ASAIPA National Medical Awards

Now fully established as a feature item on South Africa's healthcare calendar, the ASAIPA National Medical Awards project for 2024 is already in motion, culminating once again in a Gala Presentation Dinner on the final evening of the Smart Health Summit in Johannesburg on 29 June.

ASAIPA Charity Foundation Golf Day

Safe to say the ASAIPA Charity Foundation has become ASAIPA's "pride and joy" in meeting its objective of uplifting the well-being of the most vulnerable and marginalized communities throughout South Africa since inception two years ago. Key event in this regard has been the ASAIPA Charity Foundation Golf Day, scheduled once again for (hopefully) a brisk but sunny July day in Pretoria on a date and prestigious golf venue still to be advised.

While being the only fund-generating event of the year, ASAIPA is confident that players and corporates will again support worthy causes such as literally "putting food on the table" for residents of the struggling Sunfields Homes for physically and mentally disabled people in Balfour, Mpumalanga, as well as trolley loads of provisions and toddler-specific essentials for Pretoria's Surviving the Odds' Safe Haven toddler orphans.

ASAIPA Business

ASAIPA Chairpersons Meetings 2024: March and October (tba)

ASAIPA IPA AGM Meetings 2024: August (tba)

ASAIPA reminders...

All forensic enquiries can be directed to Tanya Muller at tanya@asaipa.co.za on our legal department's Mediation Help Desk

Renewal Dates – a reminder to members of annual statutory fee renewal dates for medical practitioners and practices. These are critically important and to this end we recommend that our doctors' receptionists/assistants also have them diarised to ensure that they are met:

DOH for dispensing licence: 28 February 2024

BHF for practice number: 31 March 2024

HPCSA annual registration fee: 31 March 2024

Warm regards,

ASAIPA

Communications Department