

## KZN SPECIALIST NETWORK NEWSLETTER

The executive of the KZN Specialist Network would like to welcome all our members to another year and we wish you all the best for 2020.

### IMPORTANT UPDATES

#### GEMS NETWORK ARRANGEMENT

Following upon the arrangement between GEMS and selected Hospital Groups regarding the EVO patients, the executive of the KZN Specialist Network met with the GEMS executive to discuss accessibility of hospitals outside of the network to both doctors and patients in KZN.

Of particular concern was the exclusion of the Life Group and JMH hospitals in this network arrangement. The CEO of GEMS made it clear that all hospitals chosen to be part of the EVO network were within last 50km of non-network hospitals. We are still awaiting their relook of certain areas including Isipingo, Chatsmed and Mt Edgecombe hospitals.

#### POLMED DAY CLINICS

Following disclosure that POLMED will charge a co-payment if patients are not admitted to a designated Day Clinic in KZN, the KZN Specialist Network executive has communicated with POLMED management who have promised to look at each case separately. If no Day Clinics are available in an area, patients will be allowed access to selected regional hospitals without co-payments.

#### CRIMINAL ARREST OF DOCTORS

Following the highly publicized incidents in Johannesburg, where medical colleagues on suspicion of medical negligence, were arrested and treated as common criminals, the KZN Specialist Network released a joint press statement with several other organizations, raising our concern at the procedure and protocols followed. We will continue to engage the HPCSA and the Minister of Health in this regard.

#### MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION

All members are advised to renew their membership of R1500 p.a. on the 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020. An email will be sent to all members prior to the payment date as a reminder and will include the various payment options available.

Members who have not paid their 2019 fees, kindly note that the 31st January 2020 is the final deadline for you to make the outstanding payments.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The KZNSN Telkom landline is still inoperable. We have tried numerous avenues to get the matter resolved but it is taking time. We requested that members email the network regarding any matters or contact Tania directly on 0710050087. We will keep you informed of when this matter is resolved.

*For any queries or comments, please contact our offices via email to [info@kznspecialist.co.za](mailto:info@kznspecialist.co.za)*

### SAVE-THE-DATE

18 February 2020

**KZNSN First Academic  
Meeting for 2020**

25 March 2020

**KZNSN Annual Golf Day  
@ Mt Edgecombe  
Country Club**

21 July 2020

**KZNSN Multidisciplinary  
Coding Workshop**

24 October 2020

**KZNSN Annual  
Conference  
@ SS Elangeni Hotel**

### KZNSN 2020 MEMBERSHIP

**FEE OF R1500 DUE ON THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020.**

**MEMBERS 70 YEARS AND OLDER ARE  
EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT PROVIDED THAT  
THEY EMAIL A COPY OF THEIR IDENTITY  
DOCUMENT TO THE NETWORK.**

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