

SAMHS INFO BULLETIN



SAMHS ANNUAL RESEARCH & ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS FOR THE 2013 SAMHS ACADEMIC DAY TO BE HELD DURING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013 (TBC) AT THE SAMHS TRAINING FORMATION, THABA TSHWANE

The SAMHS Research and Academic Conference is aimed at demonstrating that the provision of healthcare in a military provides an opportunity to maximise resources unique to the military that differs from the routine healthcare provision at civilian level.

The objectives of the conference are to:

- To provide an overview of the unique challenges faced by South African Military Healthcare Professionals (HCPs) and
- To identify priorities in providing healthcare support to the armed force community.

To this end, the Surgeon General of the SAMHS invites all SAMHS members and other identified participants to submit abstracts (to be followed by a written paper of the oral presentation) as well as abstracts for poster presentation in line with the identified theme of: *DOING MORE WITH LESS: overcoming obstacles to service delivery.*

By engaging members of ALL Directorates and Formations in the SAMHS to present at the conference, solutions to identified challenges unique to the military healthcare can be workshopped to determine its relevance to HCPs and the delivery of a world-class clinical service in the 21st century.

TOPICS: Presentations and research should include best practices (clinical protocols); methods to transform outpatient clinics; healthcare innovations; the integration of services; infomatics; the use of technology; procurement and distribution challenges and solutions; improvement in the wellness of members; mental health; methods to engage patients in their own care; human resource management including task shifting; ethno-cultural diversity; quality assurance; strengthening healthcare services; ethical guidelines; telemedicine; mobile technology for deployments; and so forth.

Further directives and support mechanisms shall be communicated at a later date.

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