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Partnerships for Public Health:
Sculpting a Healthier Future Together

6 - 9 April 2025

Western Cape, Goudini Spa, Worcester



18th Annual Public Health Conference

PROGRAMME BOOK



Welcome to PHASA 2025

The Public Health Association of South Africa (**PHASA**) hosts an annual conference, with the aim of engaging public health practitioners from around the country, region and world to share their experiences and research, discuss topical public health issues, and mentor public health students and young researchers.

This year's theme: *'Partnerships for Public Health: Sculpting a Healthier Future Together'*

Public health practitioners, programmes, and systems work to create more effective and sustainable solutions to public health challenges, based on the best available evidence and focusing on equity, social justice, and community engagement. This calls for new and innovative approaches to bridge the gap between research and action, and highlights the importance of partnerships between researchers, policymakers, and communities.

The **2025 PHASA Conference** provides an opportune setting for engaging with the most recent public health research and evidence, for rethinking current models of research translation, for identifying barriers and opportunities for change, and for exploring new strategies for knowledge exchange and dissemination.

Join fellow public health experts, academics, researchers, students, non-governmental organisations, and civil society members at this year's annual PHASA Conference; as we transform the ways we think about and approach priority areas of public health research, policy, and practice, to ultimately improve health outcomes for all.



Programme Schedule

Sunday, 6 April 2025				
08:00 - 11:00	Organised sessions			
	The Selection and Rational Use of Medicines by the Essential Drugs Programme (EDP) of the National Department of Health Venue: Boland			Getting the green light: How to manage Conflict of Interest in health research Venue: Badsberg
11:00 - 12:00	LUNCH			
12:00 - 15:00	Organised sessions			
	Advancing knowledge for district health system strengthening: emerging themes from the South African Learning Alliance for the DHS (SALAD) Venue: Boland	Achieving Good Governance and Management in the South African Health System Venue: Hanepoot	Managing the transition to NHI in South Africa: Key lessons from CUPs proof-of-concept sites Venue: Barlinka	The Role of Healthcare in a Climate Crisis: Local Case Studies and a Global Issue Venue: Badsberg
15:00 - 15:30	TEA			
15:30 - 17:00	Organised sessions			
	An Introductory Master Class on Machine Learning for Personalised Public Health Venue: Boland	Occupational Exposures and Lung Cancer: Safeguarding Workers Venue: Hanepoot	Beyond the Clinic Walls: COPC as a Key to Health System Strengthening Venue: Barlinka	Is the South African Health System Inclusive to People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities? Findings from the Rosemary Collaboratory Project. Venue: Badsberg
17:00 - 18:30	Organised sessions			
	An Expert Panel Discussion on Machine Learning in Public Health Venue: Boland	Partnerships and co-design processes for health & gender equality: insights for programme implementers, researchers & funders. Venue: Hanepoot	Uniting Voices for Health Equity: A Collaborative Initiative to Strengthen Community-Oriented Primary Health Care in Rural Ntabankulu, Eastern Cape Venue: Barlinka	One rural voice - Collaboration to strengthen rural health advocacy and service delivery Venue: Badsberg
19:00	OPENING RECEPTION Venue: Marquee			

Monday, 7 April 2025				
08:00 - 10:00	PLENARY 1: Keynote address Partnerships for public health: Sculpting a healthier future together			
10:00 - 11:00	TEA & POSTER PRESENTATIONS PP1. Child & adolescent health and HIV Venue: Poster Gallery			
11:00 - 12:30	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	NCDs	Maternal & women's health	Pandemic prevention, preparedness and response	Digital health & communication
	Venue: Boland	Venue: Hanepoot	Venue: Barlinka	Venue: Badsberg
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH & SIG MEETINGS			
	Quality SIG Meeting	Dental Public Health SIG Meeting	Occupational and Environmental Health SIG Meeting	
	Venue: Hanepoot	Venue: Barlinka	Venue: Badsberg	
13:30 - 15:00	ORAL PRESENTATIONS + ORGANISED SESSION			
	Child health	HIV & TB	Community engagement	Partnerships in creating consolidated health data: learning & strengthening health systems using data led quality improvement interventions
	Venue: Boland	Venue: Hanepoot	Venue: Barlinka	Venue: Badsberg
15:00 - 16:00	Annual General Meeting			
16:00 - 17:00	TEA & POSTER PRESENTATIONS PP2. Health service quality, and Human resources for health Venue: Poster Gallery			
17:00 - 18:30	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	Comm. Diseases	Occupational and environmental health	Health services quality	Medicines & health technology
	Venue: Boland	Venue: Hanepoot	Venue: Barlinka	Venue: Badsberg



Tuesday, 8 April 2025				
08:00 - 10:00	PLENARY 2: South Africa's National Health Insurance Act and the path to Universal Health Coverage			
10:00 - 11:00	TEA BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS PP3. Oral health and communicable diseases Venue: Poster Gallery			
11:00 - 12:30	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	Mental health Venue: Boland	Rural health Venue: Hanepoot	Primary health care Venue: Barlinka	Health information Venue: Badsberg
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH			
	Public Mental Health SIG Meeting Venue: Hanepoot	Climate, Energy & Health SIG Meeting Venue: Barlinka	Health Promotion SIG Meeting Venue: Badsberg	
13:30 - 15:00	ORGANISED SESSIONS + ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	Strengthening Public Health Leadership in Africa: A Masterclass Venue: Boland	Accelerating efforts towards SDG 3.4 target: What can we learn from WoW! healthy lifestyles initiative? Venue: Hanepoot	Health is a Human Right: Uniting Public Health Voices for a Free Palestine Venue: Barlinka	Public health education, training and research Venue: Badsberg
15:00 - 16:30	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	COVID-19 Venue: Boland	Adolescent health Venue: Hanepoot	Intersectoral collaboration Venue: Barlinka	Health financing & economics Venue: Badsberg
16:30 - 17:00	TEA BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS PP4: Womens health and health management Venue: Poster Gallery			
17:00 - 18:30	ORAL PRESENTATIONS			
	Service delivery Venue: Boland	Climate change & health Venue: Hanepoot	Health equity and evidence practice Venue: Barlinka	
19:00	CONFERENCE DINNER & PHILA AWARDS Venue: Marquee			



Wednesday, 9 April 2025			
08:00 - 10:00	PLENARY 3: Thirty Years of Oral Health in the New South Africa: A Reflection		
10:00 - 11:00	TEA BREAK & SIG MEETINGS		
	Health Information & Technology SIG Meeting Venue: Hanepoot	Health Policy & Systems Research SIG Meeting Venue: Barlinka	
11:00 - 12:30	ORGANISED SESSIONS		
	The Treatment Gap for Alcohol Use Disorders in three sites in South Africa – evidence for action Venue: Boland	Child-directed marketing of unhealthy foods, obesity and health in the South African context Venue: Hanepoot	Community Participation in a plural health system under the National Health Insurance Venue: Barlinka
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH & CLOSING		



PROGRAMME

Day 1: SUNDAY, 06 April 2025

07:00 – 08:00 REGISTRATION

08:00 – 11:00 ORGANISED SESSIONS

The Selection and Rational Use of Medicines by the Essential Drugs Programme (EDP) of the National Department of Health

Olwethu Mambinja

Venue: **Boland**

Getting the green light: How to manage Conflict of Interest in health research

Leslie London

Venue: **Badsberg**

11:00 – 12:00 LUNCH

12:00 – 15:00 ORGANISED SESSIONS

Advancing knowledge for district health system strengthening: emerging themes from the South African Learning Alliance for the DHS (SALAD)

Karessa Govender

Venue: **Boland**

Achieving Good Governance and Management in the South African Health System

Lilian Dudley

Venue: **Hanepoot**

Managing the transition to NHI in South Africa: Key lessons from CUPs proof-of-concept sites

Harsha Somaroo

Venue: **Barlinka**

The Role of Healthcare in a Climate Crisis: Local Case Studies and a Global Issue

Neo Tsotetsi

Venue: **Badsberg**

15:00 – 15:30 TEA

15:30 – 17:00 ORGANISED SESSIONS

An Introductory Master Class on Machine Learning for Personalised Public Health

Wim Delva

Venue: **Boland**

Occupational Exposures and Lung Cancer: Safeguarding Workers

Nisha Naicker

Venue: **Hanepoot**

Beyond the Clinic Walls: COPC as a Key to Health System Strengthening

Fatima Peters

Venue: **Barlinka**

Is the South African Health System Inclusive to People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities? Findings from the Rosemary Collaboratory Project.

Faith Chabedi

Venue: **Badsberg**

17:00 – 18:30 ORGANISED SESSIONS

An Expert Panel Discussion on Machine Learning in Public Health

Wim Delva

Venue: **Boland**

Partnerships and co-design processes for health & gender equality: insights for programme implementers, researchers & funders.

Nikki Schaay

Venue: **Hanepoot**

Uniting Voices for Health Equity: A Collaborative Initiative to Strengthen Community-Oriented Primary Health Care in Rural Ntabankulu, Eastern Cape

Zimbini Madikiza

Venue: **Barlinka**

One rural voice - Collaboration to strengthen rural health advocacy and service delivery.

Celene Coleman

Venue: **Badsberg**

19:00 OPENING RECEPTION

Venue: **Marquee**

Guest speaker

Gender Based Violence and Health/Wellness programmes in the Cape Winelands district

Mr Clint Jacobs, Deputy Director - Violence Prevention Unit of the Department of Health and Wellness, Cape Winelands District Office

DAY 2: MONDAY, 07 April 2025

08:00 – 10:00 **PLENARY 1**

Session Chair: *Dr Lwando Maki*, President: PHASA

Keynote Speaker

Partnerships for public health: Sculpting a healthier future together

Prof. Ntobeko Ntusi, President & CEO of the South African Medical Research Council

10:00 – 11:00 **TEA BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

PP1. Child & adolescent health, and HIV

Session chair: *Maria Jose*

Venue: **Poster Gallery**

- 1.1 Determinants of childhood undernutrition in Sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review and meta-analysis
Hannah Ricci
- 1.2 Achieving consistent Total Remaining on ART (TROA) growth at Witkoppen Clinic - A healthcare facility where a processing fee is required for patients to receive services
Florence Muvirimi
- 1.3 HIV prevalence, care and treatment among adolescent girls and young women in South Africa: the impact of the My Journey Programme
Nelisiwe Ndlovu
- 1.4 Risk Factors of Acute Malnutrition among Children under Five Years in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: A Facility-Based Study
Meshack Mzamani Mathonsi
- 1.5 How Phillip Moyo CHC managed to record reasons for patients missing their appointments to improve their TROA performance
Miles Matlala
- 1.6 From Policy to Practice: Optimizing ART for CLHIV in Khayelitsha with Targeted Folder Reviews
Erin von der Heyden
- 1.7 A cross-sectional study on the correlates and experiences of intersectional stigma among female caregivers of children and adolescents living with HIV (CALHIV) in South Africa
Eugene Davids
- 1.8 Leukaemia Incidence Trends in Children in South Africa, 1986-2022
Nthabiseng Maja
- 1.9 Structured and coordinated supportive supervision aimed at facility level led to increased TROA gains. Mandeni Health sub-district, iLembe Health District, KZN.
Dikeledi Mosetlha
- 1.10 Barriers to Childhood Immunisation and Local Strategies in Four Districts in South Africa: A Qualitative Study
Algernon Africa

11:00 – 12:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Non-communicable diseases

Session chair: *Helen Schneider*

Venue: **Boland**

- 11:00 – 11:15 Cancer Incidence Trends by Population and Age Group in South Africa, 2017 – 2022
Rethabile Whitney Mothosola
- 11:15 – 11:30 Multimedia entertainment nutrition health education intervention: Lessons from a pilot project in Cape Town, South Africa
Martina Lembani
- 11:30 – 11:45 Factors influencing non-communicable disease policy process in Sub-Saharan Africa: A scoping review
Chanelle Mulopo
- 11:45 – 12:00 Tobacco Industry Tactics: An Analysis on Availability, Display and Flavours at Points-of-Sale Near Schools
Lesego Mateme
- 12:00 – 12:15 Factors affecting the implementation of a simple evidence-based foot screening in people with diabetes: a scoping review
Jemma Houghton

Maternal and Women's health

Session chair: *Sean Patrick*

Venue: **Hanepoot**

- 11:00 – 11:15 "Breastfeeding is difficult": a qualitative exploration of exclusive breastfeeding among HIV-positive mothers in Eldoret, Kenya
Violet Bosire
- 11:15 – 11:30 Examining the relationship between intimate partner violence and depression amongst pregnant women on oral HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis in Cape Town, South Africa
Kayla Bagg
- 11:30 – 11:45 Quality of life scores of women diagnosed with cervical cancer in the Zululand district, KwaZulu-Natal.
Siyabonga Dlamini
- 11:45 – 12:00 "I don't believe in taking anything while I am pregnant". Attitudes towards COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines during pregnancy and routine childhood vaccines among antenatal women in Cape Town South Africa.
Imen Ayouni
- 12:00 – 12:15 Innovative Approaches to Diagnosing Female Genital Schistosomiasis: Bridging Gaps in Healthcare Delivery
Nthabiseng Dlamini

Pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Session chair: *Hassan Mahomed*

Venue: **Barlinka**

- 11:00 – 11:15 Risk Assessment of Health Hazards in KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga: A Comparative Analysis of Public Health Risks
Marcel Kitenge
- 11:15 – 11:30 The critical elements of operational readiness for public health emergency events: a rapid scoping review
Rene English
- 11:30 – 11:45 Investigation of Non-Toxin Vibrio Cholerae case, West Sub-district, eThekweni District, January 2024
Khuliso Ravhuhali
- 11:45 – 12:00 Building South Africa's Epidemiology and Response Capacity through Intermediate Field Epidemiology Training Programme
Khuliso Ravhuhali
- 12:00 – 12:15 Funding priorities in Africa: Insights from funders of infectious disease research
Musawenkosi Ndlovu

Digital health & communication

Session chair: *Duane Blaauw*

Venue: **Badsberg**

- 11:00 – 11:15 An analysis of food and beverage marketing on television in South Africa
Lisa Deyce
- 11:15 – 11:30 Healthcare workers' and managers' uses of mobile phone messaging applications (apps) in their daily work in South Africa: a survey
Tanya Doherty
- 11:30 – 11:45 iGOGO- Bridging the Digital Divide Through Technology Training for Grandmothers
Jane Simmonds
- 11:45 – 12:00 Healthcare Workers' views on informal uses of Mobile Messaging Applications (Apps) in the Workplace: A Qualitative Study in South Africa
Lerato Tsotetsi
- 12:00 – 12:15 Digital Parenting Support Innovations: Insights from the ParentApp Study in Tanzania
Lauren Baerecke

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH

Quality SIG Meeting

Venue: **Hanepoot**

Dental Public Health SIG Meeting

Venue: **Barlinka**

Occupational Health SIG Meeting

Venue: **Badsberg**

13:30 – 15:00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Child health

Session chair: *Tanya Doherty*

Venue: **Boland**

13:30 – 13:45 Epidemiology of Congenital Syphilis – Harry Gwala District, KwaZulu-Natal Province, August 2022 – July 2023

Khuliso Ravhuhali

13:45 – 14:00 Impact of Complementary feeding practices on Child Growth in Limpopo, South Africa

Perpetua Modjadji

14:00 – 14:15 Household Food Security and Malnutrition In Children Aged 12 To 60 Months And Their Caregivers In Mbombela Local Municipality, Ehlanzeni District, Mpumalanga South Africa

Xikombiso Mbhenyane

14:15 – 14:30 The effect of a community-based complementary feeding education programme on the nutritional status of infants in Polokwane Municipality, Limpopo Province, South Africa

Maishahataba Solomon Makwela

14:30 – 14:45 Lay health worker home visits to care for preterm and low birth weight neonates in South Africa: a rapid qualitative evidence synthesis

Sara Cooper

HIV & TB

Session chair: *Harsha Somaroo*

Venue: **Hanepoot**

13:30 – 13:45 Mental Health Effects on Breastfeeding practices among women living with HIV who started antiretroviral therapy in pregnancy in Cape Town, South Africa.

Kanyo Nqeto

13:45 – 14:00 Healthcare provider preferences and perceptions around uptake of different TB preventive therapy regimens: An exploratory study in Gauteng and Limpopo, South Africa

Nelisiwe Mkhize

14:00 – 14:15 Coping and mental well-being of adolescents living with HIV in Cape Town, South Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic: A photovoice study

Yolanda Mayman

14:15 – 14:30 Role of supportive supervision in improving quality of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis care

Zanele Radebe

Community engagement

Session chair: *Lynn Bust*

Venue: **Barlinka**

- 13:30 – 13:45 Heat, Health, and Pregnancy in Tshwane: A Community-Based Approach to Developing Effective Adaptation Strategies
Rose Refilwe Lamola
- 13:45 – 14:00 Building relationships: Closing the gap between Traditional and Western Medicine – for the sake of the community
James Kruger
- 14:00 – 14:15 Empowering community-based organisations (CBOs) through capacity-building for continued access to healthcare services
Lebohang Kobola
- 14:15 – 14:30 Narratives of community engagement in clinical trials: case studies from two South African clinical trial sites
Carmen Späth
- 14:30 – 14:45 Co-creating for change: reflecting on building an academic-university partnership
Rene English
- 14:45 – 15:00 The use of participatory design partnerships for developing and implementing interventions that apply a gender lens for health in low and middle-income countries: a scoping review
Ulla Walmisley

ORGANISED SESSIONS

Partnerships in creating consolidated health data: learning & strengthening health systems using data led quality improvement interventions

Bridgette Prince

Venue: **Badsberg**

15:00 – 16:00 PHASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: **Boland**

16:00 – 17:00 TEA BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

PP2. Health service quality, and Human resources for health

Session chair: *Chauntelle Bagwande*

Venue: **Poster Gallery**

- 2.1 Reducing Missed Appointments through Patient Tailored Interventions at Harrismith Clinic, In Maluti-A- Phofung Sub-district, Thabo Mofutsanyane District, Free State Province.
Florence Muvirimi
- 2.2 Improved ART (Anti-retroviral Therapy) initiations service delivery during extended hours through teamwork: A Best Practice. Lillian Ngoyi Community Health Centre, Sub-district D, Johannesburg Health District, Gauteng
Dikeledi Mosetlha

- 2.3 Social and structural determinants as barriers to recruitment, intervention engagement and retention of young couples who use substances in Cape Town, South Africa: An environmental scan
Noluthando Mpisane
- 2.4 Preferences of public sector medical doctors, professional nurses and rehabilitation therapists for multiple job holding regulation: a discrete choice experiment.
Busisiwe Matiwane
- 2.5 Perspectives of doctors, nurses and rehabilitation therapists in Gauteng and Mpumalanga public hospitals on Remunerative Work outside the Public Service.
Busisiwe Matiwane
- 2.6 Effectiveness of existing national or large-scale community health worker training programme for comprehensive care in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review
Olukemi Babalola
- 2.7 Determining factors for radiographers' intention to leave public healthcare settings in South Africa
Muhammad Hoque
- 2.8 Healthcare Models and interventions using community healthcare workers (CHWs) in management of people with Multiple Long-term Conditions (MLTCs): Scoping Review
Olona Mzimkulu

17:00 – 18:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Communicable Diseases

Session chair: *Samie Amidou*

Venue: **Boland**

- 17:00 – 17:15 Prevalence of diarrhoea admissions to a district hospital among children under five years
Renay Van Wyk
- 17:15 – 17:30 Leadership and management capacity building: Addressing gaps in NMCPs through an integrated training programme to reach malaria elimination targets
Taneshka Kruger
- 17:30 – 17:45 Prevalence of gonococcal and chlamydial infections among men who have sex with men in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis
Vino Dorsamy
- 17:45 – 18:00 Hepatitis A Surveillance data analysis in UThukela District, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, January 2022 to July 2024
Khuliso Ravhuhali
- 18:00 – 18:15 Suspected Food Poisoning Outbreak in a township in Gauteng Province, South Africa, October 2023: A Case Series Investigation
Nchucheko Makhubele

Occupational and environmental health

Session chair: *Sujatha Hariparsad*

Venue: **Hanepoot**

- 17:00 – 17:15 Violence against South Africa's health workforce: A scoping review
Gabriella Oliver
- 17:15 – 17:30 The influence of improved latrine facility ownership on household child excreta disposal practices in Africa: A systematic review and meta-analysis
Negasa Soboksa
- 17:30 – 17:45 Application of low-cost sensors to estimate air pollution exposures in rural and urban households in South Africa
Ngwako Kwatala
- 17:45 – 18:00 From Misgendering to Inclusivity: A Case Study on Fostering Psychological Safety in Occupational Health
Ngaaruhe Kasiringua
- 18:00 – 18:15 Risk characterisation of airborne bacterial pathogens in bioaerosols from wastewater treatment plants, South Africa
Evida Poopedi
- 18:15 – 18:30 The need for safer malaria control: Long-term health and environmental effects, including altered sperm epigenome, associated with long-term insecticide exposure
Tiaan de Jager

Health services quality

Session chair: *Lilian Dudley*

Venue: **Barlinka**

- 17:00 – 17:15 An analysis of nosocomial infections and risk factors of ICU patients admitted at a private hospital in Johannesburg.
Renay van Wyk
- 17:15 – 17:30 A comparative study of selected hospital-based health professionals' perceptions of a learning organisation in five South African sub-districts
Kedibone Maahe
- 17:30 – 17:45 Clinical Staff Reported Knowledge on the Existence of Clinical Governance Protocols Utilised in Selected South African Hospitals
Nomfuneko Sithole
- 17:45 – 18:00 Understanding the medico-legal landscape in South Africa: drivers and solutions
Natasha Musundire
- 18:00 – 18:15 100 Facilities project as an example of effective collaboration and embedding of QI methodology, Cape Town, South Africa
Aurelie Nelson

Medicines & health technology

Session chair: *Thembelihle Dlungwane*

Venue: **Badsberg**

- 17:00 – 17:15 The determinants of biomedical and traditional medicine use among women with Female Genital Schistosomiasis in sub-Saharan Africa: A Scoping Review Protocol
Sinegugu Shongwe
- 17:15 – 17:30 Improving access to and implementation of the Primary Healthcare (PHC) and Adult Hospital Level (AHL) Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and Essential Medicines List (EML) by the Essential Drugs Programme (EDP), National Department of Health (NDoH)
Olwethu Mambinja
- 17:30 – 17:45 The use of traditional, complementary, and alternative medicines (TCAM) as a substitute for influenza vaccination among adults in Johannesburg
Tshepiso Msibi
- 17:45 – 18:00 Enhancing Chronic Disease Management through the Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) Programme
Rentia Myburgh
- 18:00 – 18:15 Barriers and Facilitators to implementation of the Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and distribution programme in South Africa: A Scoping review
Kalaba Nkonde

DAY 3: TUESDAY, 08 April 2025

08:30 – 10:00 **PLENARY 2: South Africa's National Health Insurance Act and the path to Universal Health Coverage**

Session Chair: *Prof. Tracey Naledi*, Public Health Medicine Specialist. Deputy Dean of Social Accountability and Health Systems, University of Cape Town

Ms Fatima Hassan, Human Rights Lawyer. Director of the Health Justice Initiative

Ms Khanyisa Mapipa, Human Rights Lawyer. Executive Director of Section 27

Dr Grace Labadarios, Chief Director in the NHI Branch of the National Department of Health

10:00 – 11:00 **TEA BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

PP3. Oral health and communicable diseases

Session chair: *Khabiso Ramphoma*

Venue: **Poster Gallery**

- 3.1 An outbreak of *Alkalihalobacillus clausii* bacteraemia related to the use of the Enterogermina probiotic in private-sector hospitals, Gauteng province, South Africa, March – October 2024
Noluxabiso Mangwana
- 3.2 Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices on Dog Bites and their Management in the Prevention of Rabies in eThekweni District, KwaZulu Natal Province, South Africa – 2024
Khuliso Ravhuhali
- 3.3 Closing the immunity gap to Hepatitis B: A comparative analysis of immune protection and implementation costs of three vaccination strategies in first year health science students
Sumaiyah Hendricks
- 3.4 Health and Oral Health Advocacy: Perspectives of South African Medical Practitioners and Educators
Feroza Amien
- 3.5 Exploring the barriers to optimal implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation of School Oral Health Programmes amongst Oral Health Professionals, within a Sub-District of the Cape Metropole
Tamsyn Martin
- 3.6 Incidence of ameloblastoma in Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis
Pagollang Motloba
- 3.7 The prevalence of oral lesions and the associated risk factors among adults attending a dental clinic in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal.
Sinegugu Shongwe
- 3.8 The rise of Holy Clinics: Mapping Strategic relationships with Faith-Based Organisations for HIV prevention and Treatment
Aldridge Munyoro

11:00 – 12:30 **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mental health

Session chair: *Lwando Maki*

Venue: **Boland**

- 11:00 – 11:15 Development of an out-patient substance abuse treatment group at a district hospital
Angela Hartwig

- 11:15 – 11:30 Surviving during the COVID-19 pandemic – mental health problems, substance use and health seeking behaviour of South African health and rehabilitation sciences students
Itumeleng Ntamatamala
- 11:30 – 11:45 Community perceptions of South African Police service responses to illicit substance use and the impacts on health and well-being of community leaders and substance users in a peri-urban community in Cape Town
Jodilee Erasmus
- 11:45 – 12:00 Voices of Connection: A Community Choir's Role in Mental Wellness and Belonging
Mathilda Mennen

Rural health

Session chair: *Russel Rensburg*

Venue: **Hanepoot**

- 11:00 – 11:15 "My Cry as an Orphaned Child Living in a Child-Headed Household" - a Case of a Rural Community in a Selected Village, South Africa
Shonisani Elizabeth Tshivhase
- 11:15 – 11:30 A roadmap for navigating partner engagement in community-based autopsy studies: Lessons from the field in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Gugulethu Shazi
- 11:30 – 11:45 Changes in Chronic Disease Mortality and Multimorbidity clusters in Rural South Africa (2012-2022)
Cyril Chironda
- 11:45 – 12:00 Enhancing Access to Chronic Medications in Rural Areas through the Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) Programme
Doreen Nchabeleng
- 12:00 – 12:15 Parent-Child Dysfunctional Interaction and Difficult Child in a cohort of children from rural Limpopo, South Africa
Nelisiwe Mkize

Primary health care

Session chair: *Amilcar Juggernath*

Venue: **Barlinka**

- 11:00 – 11:15 Health-care seeking decisions and perceived provider quality: Experimental evidence from Soweto
Duane Blaauw
- 11:15 – 11:30 Interventions for HIV Prevention Among Adolescents and Young People in South Africa: A Scoping Review
Buhlebezwe Nxano
- 11:30 – 11:45 Identifying barriers to adolescent and youth primary healthcare access: a case study in the Western Cape, South Africa
Sinovuyo Takatshana
- 11:45 – 12:00 A Practical Model for Health-Related Social Determinants: An Innovative, Self-Sustaining Model of Community Change in the Westcoast district
Puni Mamdoo
- 12:00 – 12:15 Performance of the vaginal discharge algorithm in identifying vaginal candidiasis among women presenting with vaginal discharge syndrome at STI sentinel sites, South Africa, 2019 – 2022
Windy Sekgele

12:15 – 12:30 Older Person Grant payment sites as an innovative strategy for managing hypertension in older population
Jane Simmonds

Health information

Session chair: *Krishna Vallabhjee*

Venue: **Badsberg**

11:00 – 11:15 The Groote Schuur Hospital Data Centre – an idea in the making
Etandwa Guda

11:15 – 11:30 Improving Stillbirth Data Recording, Collection and Reporting in Africa: A cross-country survey
Mary Kinney

11:30 – 11:45 Evaluation of Malaria Surveillance System, King Cetshwayo District, Kwazulu-Natal, November 2022-October 2023
Khuliso Ravhuhali

11:45 – 12:00 An Analysis of Clinicians' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Toward the Data Management at Tembisa Hospital in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng
Mashadi Mphake

12:00 – 12:15 Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices of Healthcare Workers in Reporting a Notifiable Medical Condition, Ehlanzeni District, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa, 2023
Khuliso Ravhuhali

12:15 – 12:30 Patient Registration under the National Health Insurance
Vivien Essel

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH & SIG MEETINGS

Public Mental Health SIG Meeting

Venue: **Hanepoot**

Climate, Energy & Health SIG Meeting

Venue: **Barlinka**

Health Promotion SIG Meeting

Venue: **Badsberg**

13:30 – 15:00 ORGANISED SESSIONS & ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Strengthening Public Health Leadership in Africa: A Masterclass
Moeketsi Modisenyane
Venue: **Boland**

Accelerating efforts towards SDG 3.4 target: What can we learn from WoW! healthy lifestyles initiative?
Anam Nyembezi
Venue: **Hanepoot**

Health is a Human Right: Uniting Public Health Voices for a Free Palestine
Masudah Paleker
Venue: **Barlinka**

Public health education, training and research

Session chair: *Lieketseng Ned*

Venue: **Badsberg**

- 13:30 – 13:45 Career paths of Master of Public Health (MPH) graduates from eight South African universities
Thembelihle Dlungwane
- 13:45 – 14:00 Perspectives of Eye Health Professionals on Integrating Health Promotion into Optometry Education in South Africa
Hlabje Carel Masemola
- 14:00 – 14:15 Reliable Information Sources Consulted By Nurses At The Point Of Care In Four Selected South African Referral Hospitals
Ruth Tshabalala
- 14:15 – 14:30 Exploring capacity development amongst public health researchers who support guideline development: A mixed method study in Malawi, Nigeria and South Africa
Retseeditsoe Prudence Mazibuko
- 14:30 – 14:45 Outcomes of a structured research capacity building programme for managers in a non-academic public health setting in Gauteng
Bridget Ikalafeng
- 14:45 – 15:00 Evaluating Knowledge Translation Platforms: A Scoping Review
Bey-Marrie Schmidt

15:00 – 16:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19

Session chair: *Roxanne Govender*

Venue: **Boland**

- 15:00 – 15:15 Assessment of the effectiveness of risk management processes used to develop a COVID-19 risk strategy at XYZ public health care facility
Mosebi Thejane
- 15:15 – 15:30 Situational analysis of learning habits of selected health professionals in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa during the Global Corona Virus Pandemic
Xolelwa Ntlongweni
- 15:30 – 15:45 The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on maternal mortality in a South African metropole (2020-2021): A retrospective cohort study
Mehreen Hunter
- 15:45 – 16:00 Understanding disruption, loss, and referral needs among children and adolescents who lost a parent or caregiver during COVID: qualitative insights from Khayelitsha
Tatenda Mawoyo
- 16:00 – 16:15 Exploring determinants of COVID-19 vaccine uptake by HIV status among adults in Johannesburg, South Africa: Insights for future vaccine uptake
Onthatile Maboja
- 16:15 – 16:30 The epidemiology of ESKAPE pathogens and Clostridioides in patients with and without COVID-19 admitted to hospitals in Gauteng province, South Africa.
Tshepiso Lentswe

Adolescent health

Session chair: *Eugene Davids*

Venue: **Hanepoot**

- 15:00 – 15:15 Let's hear it from the facilitators: optimising the power of peer facilitators in engendering work with adolescent boys and young men in Cape Town, South Africa.
Tanya Jacobs
- 15:15 – 15:30 Self-reported experiences of sexual violence among high school learners in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Nthabiseng Dlamini
- 15:30 – 15:45 Boys and Young Men – the forgotten agenda
Phakamani Moyo
- 15:45 – 16:00 Zithandani Stepping Stones and Creating Futures: co-adapting an evidence-based intervention to reduce IPV among young heterosexual couples in South Africa, process and challenges
Smanga Mkhwnazi
- 16:00 – 16:15 Impact of COVID-19 on paediatric HIV viral load suppression rates at a central academic hospital in South Africa
Monique Viljoen
- 16:15 – 16:30 Access and use of abortion care services among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in Cape Town: Implications for policy and practices
Nandipha Gana

Intersectoral collaboration

Session chair: *Asha George*

Venue: **Barlinka**

- 15:00 – 15:15 Examining the influence of Knowledge and Beliefs on HPV Vaccination promotion among school staff in Mitchells Plain, South Africa: a cross-sectional analysis
Maria Jose
- 15:15 – 15:30 Evidence-Based Care for Transgender and Gender Diverse People in South Africa: Gender Identity, Need and Access to Social, Legal and Medical Transition and HIV Services for Transgender and Gender Diverse People
Lynn Bust
- 15:30 – 15:45 Stakeholder collaboration in eThekweni District: Strengthening partnerships to combat social ills
Primrose Sithole
- 15:45 – 16:00 Distance Case-Based Mentorship and Inter-Sectoral Collaboration Improve Health Outcomes of Children and Adolescents Living with HIV (CALHIV) in Rural KwaZulu-Natal
Sheena Lott
- 16:00 – 16:15 The potential role that the private sector can play in enhancing TB diagnosis under the UHC framework in South Africa
Nelisiwe Mkize
- 16:15 – 16:30 The role of data to include children in all policies: a case study from the Western Cape
Mary Kinney

Health financing & economics

Session chair: *Saindhra Moodley*

Venue: **Badsberg**

- 15:00 – 15:15 The cost of treating selected psychiatric conditions from the provider's perspective in a public tertiary academic hospital in South Africa
Mncengeli Sibanda
- 15:15 – 15:30 Comparing the quality and efficiency of primary care providers in Soweto. A standardised patient audit
Duane Blaauw
- 15:30 – 15:45 An analysis of External Reference Pricing for medicines: Comparison of psychiatric medicines prices between 2015 and 2020
Mncengeli Sibanda
- 15:45 – 16:00 A cost-utility analysis of intramedullary nailing, internal fixation, external fixation, and skeletal traction in patients presenting with femoral and tibial fractures in four South African tertiary hospitals.
Francis Kwame Salman
- 16:30 – 17:00 **TEA BREAK**

PP4. Womens health and health management

Session chair: *Saloshni Naidoo*

Venue: **Poster Gallery**

- 4.1 Women's health in Rwanda: A Global Burden of Disease study, 1990–2019
Ziyanda Ngcobo
- 4.2 Collaborative assessments of district hospitals to strengthen cervical cancer service delivery in Zululand District, KwaZulu-Natal
Nocawe Ndukula
- 4.3 Developing a Strategy to strengthen the capability of the Public Hospital Sector within the broader health system context in SA.
Elizabeth Leonard
- 4.4 Public-private partnerships driving success in health access: lessons from the CCMDD Programme's contracting process
Janus Prinsloo
- 4.5 Creating a burning platform drives engagement and support of district managers in Nelson Mandela District
Dineo Nono
- 4.6 Investigating centralised chronic medicine dispensing and distribution (CCMDD) from nurses' perspective in the Frances Baard District, South Africa
Martine Vorster
- 4.7 HIV prevalence, care and treatment among adolescent girls and young women in South Africa: the impact of the My Journey Programme
Nelisiwe Ndlovu

4.8 Public-private collaboration to ensure equitable access to vasopressors for septic shock.

Trudy D Leong

4.9 Healthcare professionals' perspectives on integrated screening for cervical cancer and Female Genital Schistosomiasis in Eswatini: a descriptive study.

Alice Tembe

17:00 – 18:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Service delivery

Session chair: *Tiaan de Jager*

Venue: **Boland**

17:00 – 17:15 Participation of traditional, complementary and alternative health practitioners in conventional health systems in low- and middle-income countries – a systematic review

Tamara Kredo

17:15 – 17:30 Beyond diagnosis: using a futurist approach to improve access to radiation oncology services in South Africa.

Harsha Somaroo

17:30 – 17:45 Evaluating the Implementation Effectiveness of an Adolescent and Youth-friendly Services Programme to Address HIV/AIDS, STI and Teenage Pregnancy in Vhembe District.

Mukovhe Rammela

17:45 – 18:00 Leveraging Multi-Month Dispensing for ART Service Delivery in Khayelitsha under Austerity Measures

Erin von der Heyden

18:00 – 18:15 Exploring the Factors Influencing Patients' Decision to Bypass (non-referred) Primary Healthcare Clinics in Mpumalanga.

Thobelani Nompilo Majola

18:15 – 18:30 Implementing a Dedicated Orthopaedic Emergency Theatre at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital

Astrid Kouatcho

Climate change & health

Session chair: *Rico Euripidou*

Venue: **Hanepoot**

17:00 – 17:15 From Climate-Health Research to Public Health Action: A Scoping Review

Chanelle Mulopo

17:15 – 17:30 The Advance Warning and Response Exemplars (AWARE) Study – Evaluating Early Warning Systems for Climate-Sensitive Infectious Diseases: A Country Case Report

Lerato Tsotetsi

17:30 – 17:45 Warning system for Extreme weather events, Awareness Technology for Healthcare, Equitable delivery, and Resilience (WEATHER)

Saloshni Naidoo

- 17:45 – 18:00 The knowledge and perception among final-year students in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences on the impact of climate change on eye health at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa.
Hlabje Carel Masemola
- 18:00 – 18:15 An investigation of the knowledge, attitude, and practices of Public Health Medicine specialists on climate-related health risks.
Roxanne Govender

Health equity and evidence practice

Session chair: *Lance Louskieter*

Venue: **Barlinka**

- 17:00 – 17:15 Female-Headed-Households' Food Security Coping Strategies in the Fisantekraal Urban Area
Claire Ekron
- 17:15 – 17:30 Assessing Nutritional Adequacy and Quality of Meals in Public Psychiatric Hospitals: Insights from the Eastern Cape, South Africa.
Asanda Getyeza
- 17:30 – 17:45 Voices from the margins: The health experiences of people with albinism in South Africa
Aldridge Munyoro
- 17:45 – 18:00 Insights into the issues related to infection control in districts hospitals, Vhembe Districts, South Africa
Samie Amidou
- 18:00 – 18:15 Multi-disciplinary dialogues with AHRI's Community Advisory Board to communicate the importance of clinical trials and their impact on public health.
Makhosazane Promise Ntombela

19H00

CONFERENCE DINNER & PHILA AWARDS

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, 09 April 2025

08:00 – 10:00 **PLENARY 3: Thirty Years of Oral Health in the New South Africa: A Reflection**

Session Chair: *Dr Nashna Rampersad*, University of the Western Cape PHASA DPH SIG Secretary

Dr Mzimkhulu Mcuba, National Department of Health, acting National Director for Oral Health

Dr Bulela Vava, Public Oral Health Forum, President.

Mr KC Makhubele, South African Dental Association (SADA), CEO

Prof Faheema Kimmie-Dhansay, University of the Western Cape, Senior Lecturer

Prof Pagollang Motloba, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, HOD Community Dentistry

10:00 – 11:00 **TEA BREAK & SIG MEETINGS**

Health Information & Technology SIG Meeting

Venue: **Hanepoot**

Health Policy & Systems Research SIG Meeting

Venue: **Barlinka**

11:00 – 12:30 **ORGANISED SESSIONS**

The Treatment Gap for Alcohol Use Disorders in three sites in South Africa – evidence for action

Leslie London

Venue: **Boland**

Child-directed marketing of unhealthy foods, obesity and health in the South African context

Michelle Brear

Venue: **Hanepoot**

Community Participation in a plural health system under the National Health Insurance

Hanne Jensen Haricharan

Venue: **Badsberg**

12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH & CLOSING**

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