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COVID-19 news from SAMEDI, Government and Abroad.

SAMED EVENT: RESTORING PATIENT CARE - THE RETURN TO PROCEDURE

SAMED has assembled speakers who can give diverse, practical advice on return to procedure during a jam-packed two-hour event which we invite you to attend virtually.

Business continuity, sustainability, coping with the ever-changing operating environment are top-of-mind considerations for senior leaders of MedTech organisations. We encourage the Managing Directors and CEOs of SAMEDI member companies to participate in the discussion.

In order for us to know how many participants to expect and for us better facilitate the discussion, we ask that you please register for the event by COB tomorrow 15 July 2020:

To register, [click here](#).

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Restoring Patient Care
THE RETURN TO PROCEDURE

PROGRAMME*

16:00 Opening
Avanathi Govender Bester, SAMEDI Chairperson

16:10 AdvaMed's Return to Procedure
Terry Chang & Don May, Advamed

16:30 Ensuring Supply for Continued Care
SMME – Norman Dlamini, Hennops Medical
Local Manufacturer – Joseph Ludorf, Malachite Medical
Multinational Devices – Peter Mehlope, Medtronic
Multinational IVDs – Ian Wakefield, Becton Dickinson

17:10 The Resumption of Elective Surgery
Dr Martin Brand, Federation of Surgeons of SA

17:20 Patient at the centre of care
Salomé Meyer, Cancer Alliance

17:30 Panel Discussion with Members
Avanathi Govender Bester, SAMEDI Chairperson

18:00 Close

*Subject to change

The global COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we offer patient care. We must find innovative solutions for continued medical care in a safe environment.

Join us for a jam-packed panel session as we get insights and input on key considerations for re-establishing patient-centred care which embraces the full value of technology and builds a robust MedTech industry that is sustainable beyond the current need to return to procedure.

DATE: 16 JULY 2020
TIME: 16:00 – 18:00
PLACE: Virtual Teams

JOIN VIA THE VIRTUAL LINK PROVIDED

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DATE FOR SUBMISSION FOR MANDATORY GRANT REGULATIONS REGARDING MONIES RECEIVED BY SETAS

For the financial year 2020/2021, an application for a mandatory grant in terms of Regulation 4(1) of the SETA grant Regulations must be submitted by 31 July 2020.

Download the notice [here](#).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COVID-19 SPECIAL ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET

The Department of Health gave a joint virtual briefing to the Portfolio and Select Committees on the Special Adjustments Budget in light of COVID-19, with emphasis on the reprioritisation of health care related to the pandemic, earmarked fund priorities, and the COVID-19 component allocation to the HIV Grant.

The Minister of Finance allocated R21.5bn to the DoH after the President's announcement of a R20bn healthcare relief fund. DoH envisaged that the country will reach its peak of infections between July and September. DoH presented a summary budget of R37.6bn to National Treasury but it was allocated less than requested. The need for funds is much higher than the funds allocated, and the provincial departments will have to reprioritise their needs even further. R2.6bn of the original budget was reprioritised towards combating COVID-19 and DoH received an additional once-off COVID-19 allocation from National Treasury of R2.9bn.

Members' concerns centred around the shortage of healthcare workers and ICU beds given the increase

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BUSINESS FOR SA | COVID-19

BUSINESS FOR SOUTH AFRICA CALLS ON BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO ADOPT CONTACT TRACING

Business for South Africa (B4SA), in referring to President Ramaphosa's announcement of the enhanced level 3 regulations last month, and which further eased restrictions on economic activities, wishes to remind members that the threat remains for infections to increase exponentially. Their goal remains to accelerate the opening of the economy in a way that manages the associated health risks, preserves lives and minimises the long-term economic impact.

Contact tracing is the process of identifying individuals who have come into contact with COVID-19 positive individuals and deploying measures to reduce the spread of infections. Adoption of this practice is critical for slowing the spread of the virus and enable quick identification of individuals to prevent further exposure.

The South African Government is considering the implementation of a national contact tracing and tracking solution and B4SA supports this initiative.

Given the threat of an exponential increase in infections, B4SA recommends that corporates urgently establish their own company-specific contact tracing protocols. These tools will contribute to the country's overall response to COVID-19 and provide the following benefits:

- Early detection of symptoms
- Effective tracing of close contacts and selectively isolating those exposed to minimise business impact and ensure business operations continuity
- Potentially reduce the number of tests required and both reduce the workload on health workers and associated costs, e.g. cost for quarantine facilities; and
- Single view of employee health

While both a manual or digital option of contact tracing can be adopted, B4SA recommends the adoption of a digital option where possible. Digital solutions provide a more accurate and real-time record of all close contact employees.

B4SA has identified several digital contact tracing solutions and should your business decide to adopt such a solution, companies can directly contact service providers who have created digital corporate contact tracing solutions that are ready for deployment (see Figure 2 in the link below).

For more information and a Q&A, [please click](#) here or contact the B4SA Innovation Stream Digital Lead: Natalie Naidoo: natalie.naidoo@sasol.com

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EKA SHOW ME THE MONEY SESSION

Elsabe Klinck and Associates have upcoming session which aims to empower attendees to deal with medical scheme matters.

DATE: 17 JULY 2020

If you are unable to attend on Friday, licences for the recording and slides, as well as Q&A session, can be bought. Register [here](#).

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IHRM: Webinar Update on the Impact of COVID-19

IHRM invites you to join them for a webinar on 31 July at 09h00 when Christoff Raath, Joint CEO of Insight Actuaries and Consultants, will provide an updated analysis on the Impact of COVID-19 on

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