



The state of the Academy: your professional body

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PRIMARY HEALTHCARE OP-ED

Family physicians can do a lot to save SA's ailing public health system



Advocacy

Mid-term goal – public sector

- One family physician at every district hospital, community health centre and sub-district (with no CHC)
- Increase availability of registrar posts x2 (from 50 to 100 per year across 9 programmes)
- Increase throughput to 70%
- Create 40 new FP posts per year for 10-years (on average 4-5 posts per province, but adjusting for inequity)

Engagement with our position paper

- Deputy Minister of Health
- National Department of Health (Dr Jeanette Hunter, Dr Percy Mahlati, Dr Nicholas Crisp)
- District Health System Strategy 2024-2030
- Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Health
- Provincial Governments
- Civil society – The Conversation

The contribution of family physicians to district health services in South Africa: A national position paper by the South African Academy of Family Physicians



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The purpose of this position paper by the South African Academy of Family Physicians (SAAFPs) is to inform decision making on human resources for health policy in South Africa and the placement of family physicians (FPs) in the district health system. National policies have been marred by misunderstanding of the roles and contribution of FPs; and there is unhelpful variability in how FPs are positioned in the health services between provinces. In the private sector, medical aid schemes have discriminated against FPs by failing to remunerate them as specialists and to recognise their scope of practice.

Keywords: family physicians; human resources; policy; workforce; district health system; district health services.

Summary

Family physicians (FPs) should be employed in primary health care (PHC) services and district hospitals. The creation of district clinical specialist teams provides an opportunity for most of the districts to obtain an additional FP, but their deployment should not be limited to these teams. Family physicians are not intended to be employed at regional or tertiary hospitals or as clinical managers. Their key roles include that of a clinician and consultant, a capacity builder and clinical trainer and a leader of clinical governance to improve the quality of care and promote patient safety. Family physicians improve individual and population health outcomes through engagement in community-orientated primary care. Their strategic deployment is a cost-effective intervention to strengthen district health systems because they work as the most senior clinician in multidisciplinary, collaborative and team-based practices. Family physicians are well suited to manage the complexity of the system in the best interests of the patients.

Engagement over intergovernmental plans with Cuba



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República de Cuba



**Training of specialists in
Family Medicine**

Directorate General: Medical Teaching

Advocacy in the private sector



Continuing professional development



Opportunities for SAAFP members

- Collaboration with Global Ultrasound Institute (GUSI) on point of care ultrasound training
- Bespoke short courses
- Access to free and reduced eCPD courses
- Free CPD via the SA Family Practice Journal

Specialised PoCUS Online Courses

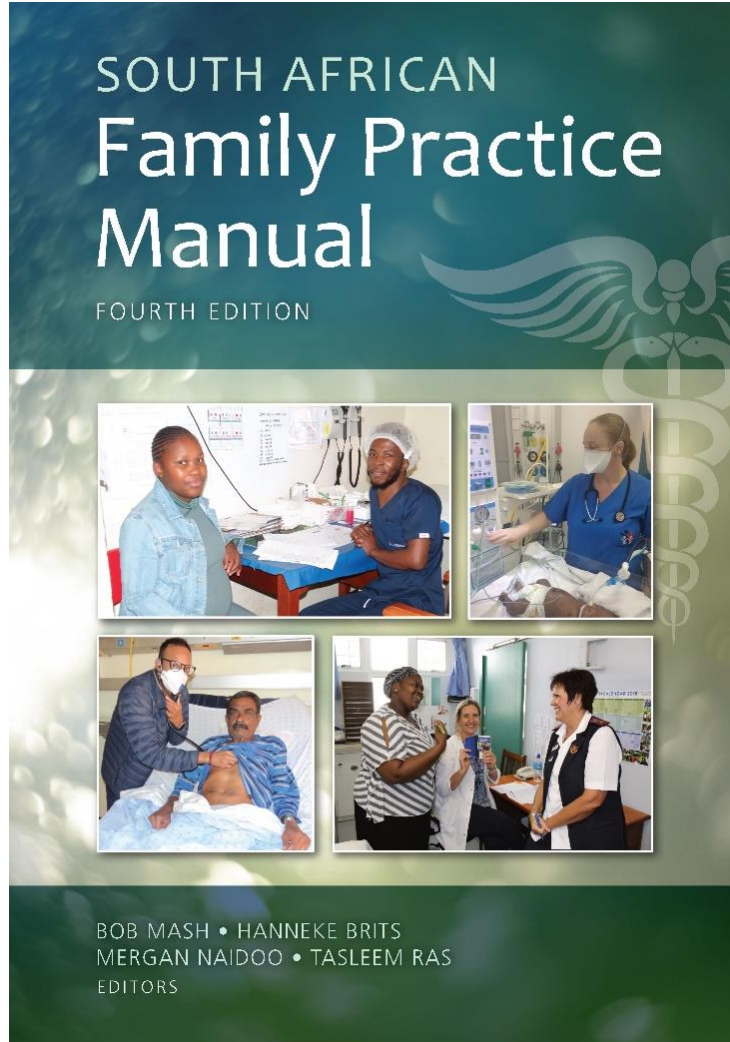


1st Tier Fundamental [6 CPD points]

2nd Tier Comprehensive [14 CPD points]

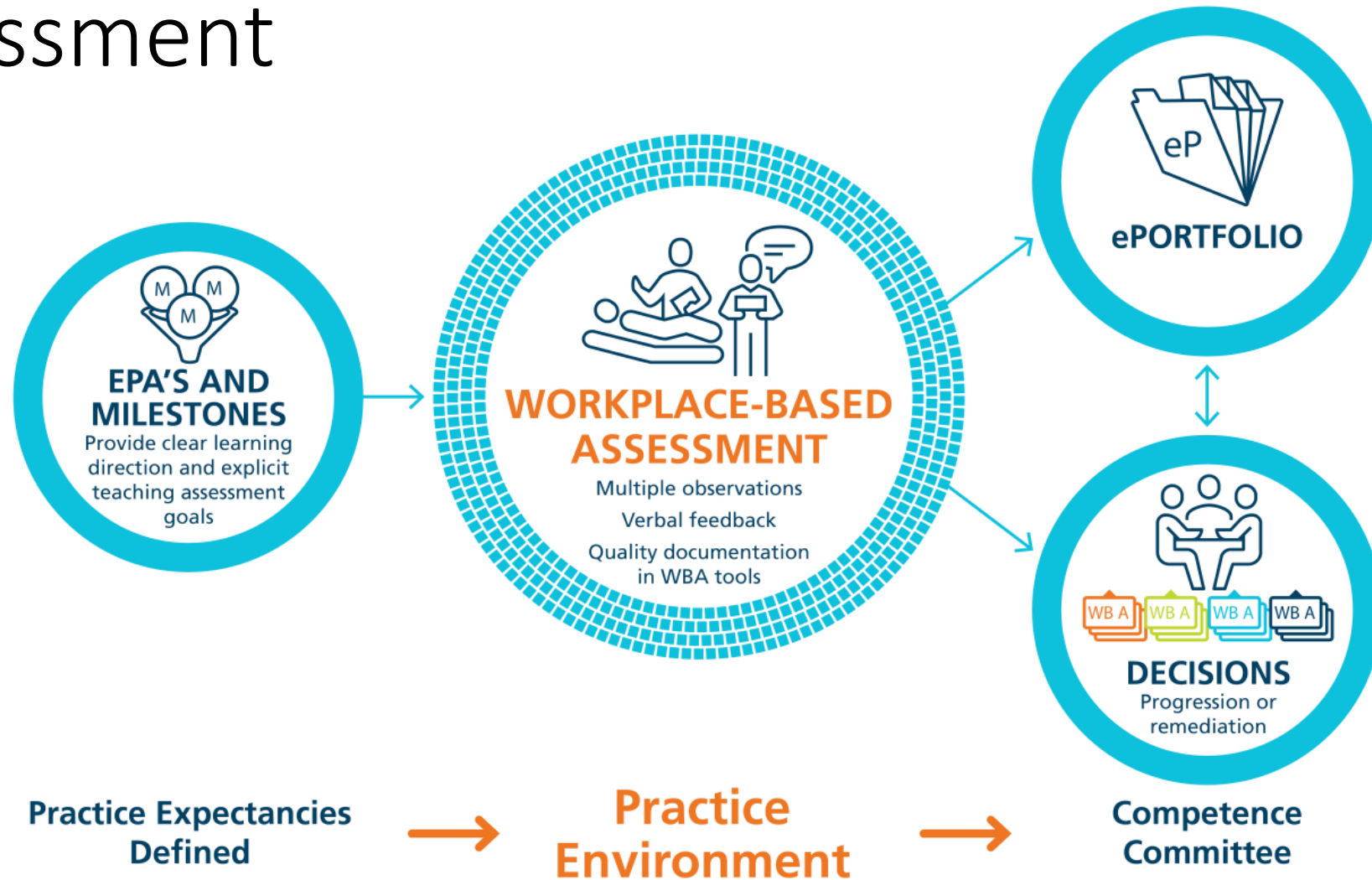
3rd Tier Extended [5 CPD points]

South African Family Practice Manual



Education and training

Support for workplace based training and assessment



Coordination of the SCORION e-portfolio

The screenshot displays the SCORION user management interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: Tasks, User management (highlighted), Dashboard, and File manager. The main content area shows a 'User management' header with a refresh icon, a filter dropdown set to 'Filtered on 0 groups', a 'Columns' dropdown, and a search bar containing 'Search in 34 users ...'. Below this is a table of users with columns for selection, Firstname, Middlename, Lastname, E-mail, Supervisor 1, and Actions. The table lists seven users: Petra, Phillipus, Tessa, Hayden, Meghan, and Kartik, each with a supervisor and a set of action icons.

SCORION

Welcome, Bob Mash

Tasks

User management

Dashboard

File manager

Version: 1.42.2
Powered by Parantion

User management

Filtered on 0 groups Columns Search in 34 users ...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Firstname	Middlename	Lastname	E-mail	Supervisor 1	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Petra	Johannes	Bouwer	pjbouwer@webmail.co.za	Johann Schoevers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phillipus	Jacobus	Venter	kobusventer2@gmail.com	Herman Kruger	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tessa	Ann	McMillan	tessa.mcmillan3691@gmail.com	Paul Kapp	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hayden	Leslie	Poulter	haydenpoulter@gmail.com	Paul Kapp	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meghan		Van der Linde	mtvdlinde@gmail.com	Herman Kruger	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kartik		Naidoo	kartik.naidoo@gmail.com	Johann Schoevers	

Development of clinical trainers

- National annual training of clinical trainers course
- Support for ongoing formative assessment visits
- Now we launch Accreditation of Clinical Trainers by SAAFP



Accreditation of clinical trainers - launch

Criteria:

- Member of the Academy
- Attended the Training of Clinical Trainers course
- Two further formative assessment visits
- A recent multisource feedback assessment of expertise

Grandfather/mothering:

- Our teachers of the Training of Clinical Trainers course

2023 Accreditation of Clinical Trainers

- Hanneke Brits
- Honey Mabuza
- Richard Cooke
- Busi Cawe
- Owen Eales
- Cyril Nkabinde
- Bob Mash



LET PEOPLE KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Scrubs for members of the Academy

- Unisex
- SAAFP embroidery on top
- Available in Navy, Maroon, Charcoal & True Blue



Next 5

We are extremely proud of all our members and the work they do every day. In the COVID-19 pandemic, we realised that doctors with masks are extremely difficult to identify. We thought that it would be a wonderful opportunity to offer our members the ability to purchase scrubs with the SA Academy of Family Physicians logo on. This will assist colleagues in identifying the doctor in front of them as a specialist Family Physician (or registrar) and it will also increase public awareness of the important work Family Physicians do.

Order online at saafp.org/shop-order-form

Support to newly qualified family physicians

- Mentoring
- Webinars
- Journal articles
- Workshops



Conferences



Bid for WONCA World Conference in 2027



SAFP

SOUTH AFRICAN
FAMILY PRACTICE

Our journal

Klaus von Pressentin (Editor-in-Chief), Indiran Govender, Ramprakash Kaswa, Shane Murphy, Arun Nair (Assistant Editors)


First-time traumatic anterior shoulder dislocation: Approach for the primary health care physician



Recovering from burnout: Doing a home visit and finding an old friend and an entire community



Cardiac scoring systems, coronary artery disease and major adverse cardiovascular events: A scoping review



Developing entrustable professional activities for family medicine training in South Africa



Our organisation

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Council – Bianco Hobson

Council – Sizeka Maweya

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Council – Mmaphuti Moeti

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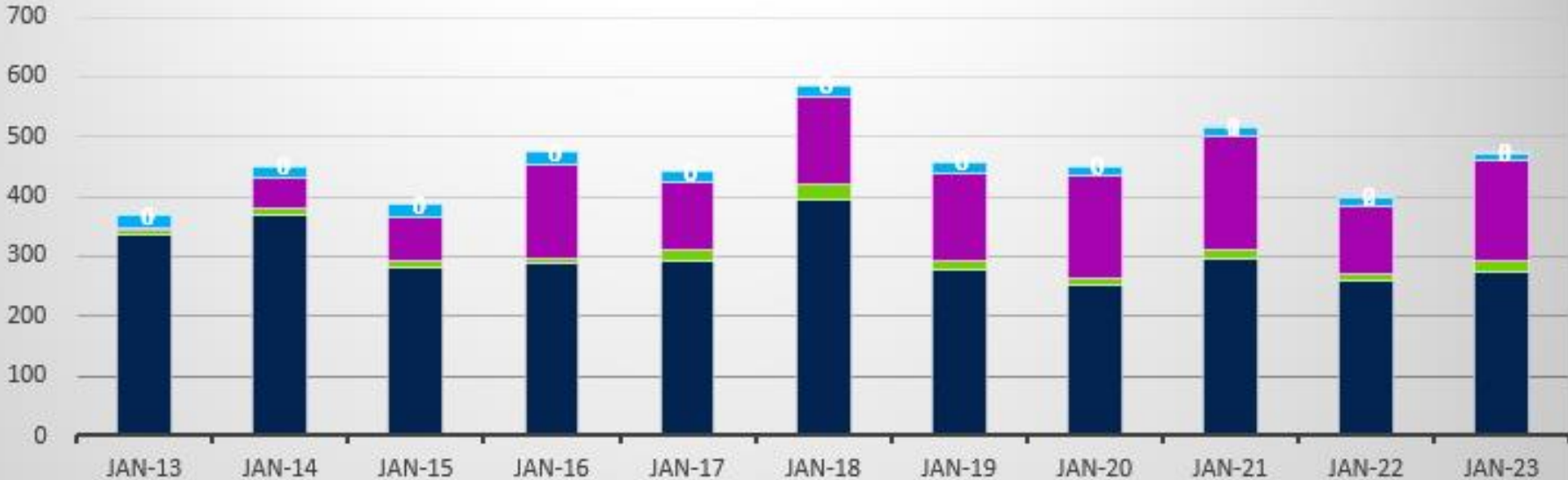


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Membership

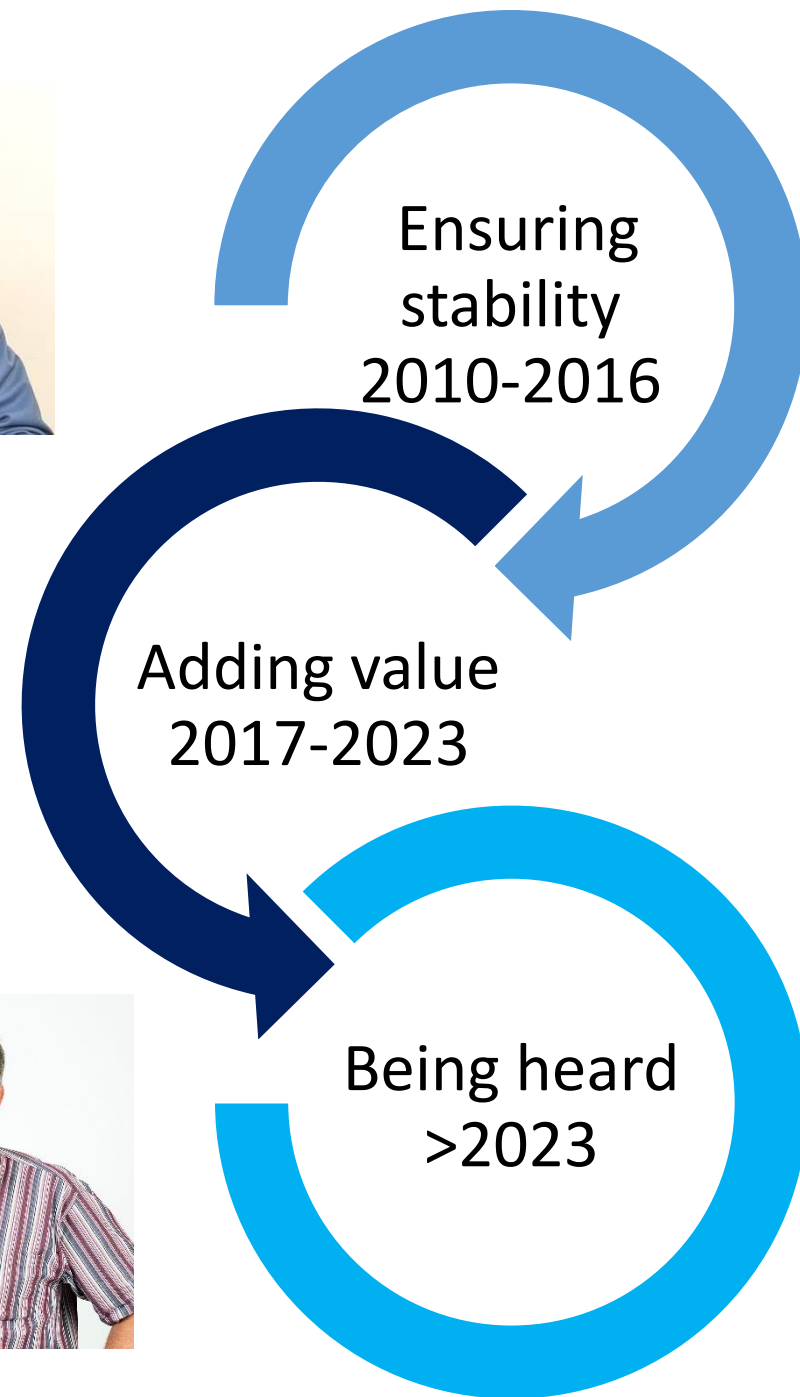
Membership YTD comparison



	Jul-13	Jul-14	Jul-15	Jul-16	Jul-17	Jul-18	Jul-19	Jul-20	Jul-21	Jul-22	Jul-23
Student Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Life Members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Honorary Members	19	20	20	19	18	17	16	14	14	14	12
Trainee Members	4	50	72	160	114	146	149	171	190	111	167
Associate Members	7	13	13	8	15	28	13	13	14	13	19
Full Members	338	368	281	287	294	394	278	252	296	259	273

Axis Title

Our strategic trajectory...



And finally...

Prof Khaya
Mfenyana
Our 5 star doctor
WONCA Africa





Thank you

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