



## 16<sup>th</sup> South African Child Health Priorities Association Conference

### Virtual Conference

**27 - 28 November 2025**

*Theme: “Child Health: Moving from Crisis Mode to Solution Mode.”*

| Day 1: Thursday, 27 November 2025   |  |
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| Session 1   |  |
| Conference opening: Prof Ute Feucht (5 min)   |  |
| <b>10h00 – 11h30</b>  | <b>Infant and Child Mortality</b><br><i>Chair Dr Dave le Roux</i><br>Keynote address: “From Evidence to Intelligence: CHAMPS Mortality Trends and Innovations” Prof Ziyaad Dangor (20 min + 10 min questions )<br>“Under 5 mortality: interventions to address the trend” Dr Jaco Murray (15 min)<br>“Trends in still births and early neonatal mortality” Dr Arina van der Byl, Dr Liesl De Waard (15 min)<br>“WHO MNS Transition framework” Dr Sithembile Dlamini-Nqeketo (15 min)<br>Panel discussion and questions             |
| <b>11h45 – 13h00</b>  | <b>Care coordination: Panel discussion</b><br><i>Chair Prof Ute Feucht, Dr Ntodení Ravuluvulu</i><br>“Care coordination – the what and the why?” Dr Annelet Kruger<br>“Primary health care: What does ‘Ideal clinic’ say about care coordination?” Jeanette Hunter / NDOH<br>“Integrated one-stop postnatal care: Can this be done in our setting? Inputs from the Sihamba Kunye initiative in Tshwane” Dr Nthabiseng Serudu-Nageng<br>“Tracing of children living with HIV: example from Limpopo” Dr Ntodení Ravuluvulu           |
|   | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| Session 2   |  |
| <b>14h00 – 15h00</b>  | <b>Severe acute malnutrition:</b><br><i>Chair: Nozipho Musakwa, Nothando Mbatha</i><br>“The landscape of acute malnutrition in South Africa, an increase in wasting / SAM from 2020 - solutions in sight” Prof Shuaib Kauchali<br>“Proposed solutions based on the Grow Great example: CHW case finding & maternal food vouchers” Dr Edzani Mphaphuli  |
| <b>15h00 – 16h00</b>  | <b>Disrupting the intergenerational cycle of violence: It’s time to address the intersections of violence against women and children</b><br><i>Chair: Lori Lake</i><br>“Why is it important to address the intersections of violence against women and children? Understanding the science and central role of health care system” Lori Lake<br>“What is the role of health professionals? Implications for practice” Dr Fatima Khan<br>“An introduction to psychological first aid and trauma-informed care” Jean-Pierre Hartmann |

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| <b>Day 2: Friday 28 November 2025</b><br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xiPmpsyoSvGOTX3BWNao7A">https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xiPmpsyoSvGOTX3BWNao7A</a> |  |
| <b>Session 3</b>   |  |
| <b>10h00 – 11h00</b>   | <b>Strengthening South Africa’s Child Health workforce for a healthier future</b><br><i>Chair: Prof Haroon Saloojee</i><br>“The current state of the child health workforce in South Africa” Prof Lesley Bamford, NDOH<br>“A competency-based approach for the training and education of paediatric and child health practitioners” Prof Haroon Saloojee, Wits University<br>“Achieving National Models That Drive Policy and Practice in the Child Health Workforce” Prof Robert Armstrong, Professor Emeritus, Aga Khan University, East Africa and University of British Columbia |
| <b>11h00 – 12h00</b>   | <b>Health and protection for migrant, refugee and undocumented children</b><br><i>Chair: Prof Haroon Saloojee</i><br>“Invisible at the Clinic: Barriers to Healthcare Access for Undocumented Children”<br>Legal, systemic, and cultural obstacles preventing migrant and undocumented children from receiving basic health services. Dr Jo Vearey, African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS)<br>“Responding to Operation Dudula and the violation of Children's Rights” Ms Sasha Stevenson, Executive Director, Section 27  |
| <b>12h00 – 13h00</b>   | <b>Annual General Meeting of SA Child Health Priorities Association</b><br><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85053041145?pwd=KjxRgRGmiuJZ8i6vj5gD3KZB3luQy6.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85053041145?pwd=KjxRgRGmiuJZ8i6vj5gD3KZB3luQy6.1</a>   |

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| <b>Session 4</b>     |  |
| <b>14h00 – 15h00</b> | <b>Innovations in child health</b><br><i>Chair Dr Dave le Roux</i><br>“WhatsApp microlearning: breakthrough in health worker training” – Dr Briony Chisholm<br>“Planet youth: support youth wellbeing and prevent substance abuse” – Gwen Dereymaeker<br>“You can’t optimize what you don’t have” – Dr Almero Oosthuizen |
|                      | <b>Conference closure</b>  |
| <b>15h00 – 16h00</b> | Break out rooms: research abstracts and examples of innovations  |

## Research abstracts

(8 minutes + 2 for questions)

Room 1

Chairs: Nozipho Musakwa, Denise Evans

- 1) **Establishing a Comfort Room to Enhance Family-Centred Care in the Neonatal Nursery at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital** (*poster*)  
*Govender, Thameshnie; Pranesha Appalsamy*
- 2) **The Human Milk Banking Experience at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital: from inception to inspiration**  
*Appalsamy, Pranesha; Nicole Govender*
- 3) **A review of palliative care provision to patients and their families at the end of life at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital**  
*Fourie, Stacey; Michelle Meiring, Lyndal Gibbs*
- 4) **Oral Health Matters! Ensuring clinicians cover Road To Health Chart section on oral health as a routine norm, referring to dentist, preventing oral health diseases**  
*Kuse, Asanda*
- 5) **Factors associated with severe acute malnutrition in children under five years at Thusong District Hospital, Northwest**  
*Nkoliswa Elizabeth Tshegofatso*
- 6) **Updated Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) Guideline \_ Implications on prevention and management of acute malnutrition in South Africa**  
*Kubeka, Zandile*
- 7) **Doing More with Less: A Low Cost, Rapid Solution for Gastroschisis Management in a Resource Limited Regional Hospital**  
*Vandayar, Bhavani; Nicolette Jooste Brown,*

Room 2:

Dave le Roux, Nomlindo Makubalo

- 1) **Acute gastroenteritis mortality among children under 5 years in Soweto, South Africa: insights from minimally invasive tissue sampling, 2017-2025**  
*Makekeng, Palesa; Megan Dempster, Kimberleigh Storath, Selamola Tloubatla, Siobhan Johnstone, Ziyaad Dangor, Shabir A. Madhi, Michelle J. Groome*
- 2) **Etiology of Deaths Attributed to Meningitis in Children Under Five in Soweto, South Africa from 2016-2025: Insights from CHAMPS**  
*van der Merwe, Sheree; S Johnstone, E Mutsaerts, K Storath, M Dempster, Z Dangor, S Madhi*
- 3) **Impact of antenatally detected placental function on early neurodevelopment of term infants in Tshwane District**  
*Nel, Marna. Ute Feucht, Helen Mulol, Carina Eksteen;*
- 4) **Transitioning to a flexible, tiered, developmentally informed same-day screening model for preschoolers in low-resource settings;**  
*Smith, Robyn. Carmen Bonafede, Monique de Milander, Minette Devenier; Xany Hansen van Vuuren; Marizeth Jordaan; Annelize Kruger; Marshe Louw; Thembi Nkomo; Dorothy Russell, Innocentia Sivhugwana; Minzke van der Merwe, Marlie van Rooyen*
- 5) **An Army of Eyes: Advancing paediatric musculoskeletal primary health care**  
*Slamang, Waheba Christiaan Scott, Odette Schwegler*
- 6) **Advocating Against Genocide in Gaza as a Healthcare Worker in South Africa**  
*El-Boraei, Samah; Sa-eeda Chippendale, Shetil Nana, Lori Lake, Phethego Kgatla, Louis Reynolds*