



## **IHRM invitation Preventing medical errors in SA: It can be done**

Reducing the high incidence of preventable medical errors in both the private and public health sector is paramount to improving patient outcomes and cutting the astronomical costs associated with these events.

But how can this be done in a country where a lack of accountability and proper measures to prevent these incidents are seriously hampering constructive attempts to stop this from happening?

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## **COHSASA Board Changes**

Erwin Schwella, Professor of Public Leadership at Stellenbosch University, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa (COHSASA).

COHSASA is a Cape Town based NPO with a mission to improve the safety and quality of healthcare delivered in emerging countries. As a means to this end, the Council has issued 444 accreditation awards and worked with over 600 healthcare facilities since 1995 in 11 countries throughout the African continent.

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The Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa (NPC) has been working for the past 19 years to assist healthcare facilities in developing countries to deliver quality healthcare to their clients through sustained improvement, using internationally recognised standards and based on patient safety principles and operational research.



### Whittaker appointed to OHSC Board

The OHSC has been established in terms of the National Health Amendment Act (No 12 of 2013), to regulate compliance with norms and standards by health establishments.

At the inauguration ceremony in Pretoria on January 25 2013, Dr Motsoaledi said the establishment of the office was a step in the right direction for health care in the country.

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### Visit of Global health expert to COHSASA

Director of New Zealand -Based DrInfo, Dr Charlyn Belluzzo, has been working with COHSASA since July last year to introduce health authorities in South Africa and beyond to an integrated information system and how it might impact on population health outcomes.

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### Historical day for health care in Botswana

History in Botswana healthcare was made in Gaborone last week when South African quality improvement and accreditation organisation, COHSASA (the Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa) and Boitekanelo College signed a memorandum of agreement to join forces.

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## LATEST ACCREDITATIONS

COHSASA has issued the following accreditation awards to facilities in its quality improvement and accreditation programmes.

### Hospice Association of Kimberley

28 Feb 2014 - 27 Feb 2017

Kimberley, Northern Cape

### Mediclinic Brits

28 Feb 2014 - 27 Feb 2017

Brits, North West

### Mediclinic Windhoek

28 Feb 2014 - 27 Feb 2017

Windhoek, Namibia



### **Boitekanelo College delegation flies in...**

A delegation from Boitekanelo College visited COHSASA for two days in March in Cape Town to make concrete plans around the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Gaborone in February.

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