



## Message from the president of SAACP

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President, SAACP

May I first take this opportunity to thank the Pretoria Branch for nominating me, and the National Executive Committee members, for electing me to the position of SAACP President. The trust that you have in me has not gone unnoticed.

"The definition of insanity is **doing the same thing** over and over again and **expecting different results.**" – Albert Einstein



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The community pharmacy landscape has gone through an evolution in terms of who we are in the healthcare value chain and what is expected of us, considering that the midlevel workers have been introduced in the system and that we need to adapt and focus on our core skill and add value to the clients/customers/patients. Similarly, the SAACP is bound to go through a transformation in terms of what we offer to members, whilst maintaining our objectives:

- To assist in the promotion and maintenance of the health of the people of South Africa through the practice of community pharmacy.
- To promote, protect and improve the interests and welfare of its members in all matters pertaining to the practice of community pharmacy.
- To provide and promote services and benefits to its members and do all such things as may advance the interests of its members.

We need to:

- Advance the role of pharmacists in providing professional services to enhance health outcomes for South Africans.
- Advocate for and be the national voice for community pharmacists in South Africa.
- Strengthen the SAACP as the number one provider of information.
- Promote appropriate methods and standards for payment for pharmacists' services.
- Promote the value and relevancy of membership of SAACP.
- Ensure organisational effectiveness and financial sustainability of SAACP.

We need to pull our resources together, intellectually and otherwise, to ensure that we remain relevant and responsive to the needs of the members. We will bring fresh and intriguing issues to the members and will, in return, expect them to engage us in issues that are of mutual interest to the benefit of the association at large.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" – Hellen Keller

We urge PSSA members who are practising in community pharmacy and have not yet volunteered to belong to the SAACP, to give support to our sector by choosing to belong to the SAACP and to contribute their knowledge, wisdom and intellectual capacity at branch level, so that we form a formidable force that can be reckoned with. It is when the branches are strong that the national office will be edified and stand strong in the midst of challenges that we may encounter. In addition, the SAACP remains open to all community pharmacists, both in the independent or corporate environment.

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." – Henry Ford