PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES’ CLINICAL TREATMENT GUIDELINES

**ENT: The South African Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery**

The ENT Society represents the Otorhinolaryngologists in SA, collect clinical and pharmaceutical data and apply it in the interest of their members’ continuing education in order to maintain a very high standard of care, and to define and establish relationships amongst all stakeholders.

**SASES South African Society of Endoscopic Surgeons**

SASES was established to promote high standards of endoscopic surgery in South Africa. It will disseminate knowledge and training via academic meetings, training courses and sponsorships; formulate and provide guidelines for basic and advanced laparoscopy, and advise and assist official bodies such as South African Medical Association (SAMA) and the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) with credentialing issues and ethical issues arising from the practice of endoscopic surgery. SASES seeks to co-operate and interact with the other South African surgical societies and with international laparoscopic societies to progress these objectives.

**SAGES South African Gastro enterology Society**

SAGES aspires to be the driving force in gastroenterology in South Africa and to contribute constructively to the development of the discipline on the African continent, with the primary aim of improving the health of those suffering from disease of the gastrointestinal tract.

**SASOG South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists**

The South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, formed in 1946, set out to create an uniting body for gynaecologists.

**SASCI South African Society of Cardiovascular Intervention**

The South African Society of Cardiovascular Intervention (SASCI) is a non-profit, registered, Section 21 company formed in 2003.

The society's principal objective is to further the education of cardiologists still in training and to create continuous professional development opportunities for those already in practice.

The society also acts in an advisory capacity to funders, industry, members and government on subject matters relating to interventional cardiology.

**ESC European Society of Cardiologists**

ESC’s mission is to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease in the European Region.
South African Oncology Consortium

The SAOC was established to facilitate cost-effective oncology treatment for the broader South African population.

WHASA Wound Healing Association of South Africa

WHASA continues to strive towards improving the standards of wound healing in Southern Africa, to enhance the education of wound care professionals and through its online journal, to publish original research of importance to specialists allied to wound care, general practitioners and the nursing and allied professions.

WUWHS World Union of Wound Healing Societies

The World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) has as its stated mission: Firstly, to improve wound care standards for patients, and healthcare professional performance, and to facilitate universal access in all health care systems.

Secondly to educate all health care professionals in interdisciplinary team approaches that deliver best practices for improved patient outcomes, and to disseminate the educational and training toolkits created in practical, relevant and adaptable formats to meet local needs.

Thirdly to appraise and to organize the evidence base to facilitate best practices to optimize patient care. To accomplish this mission requires either large-scale randomized clinical trials, or multi-centered prospective database accumulation efforts.

Finally, and most importantly, the mission of the WUWHS is to co-ordinate a world-wide exchange of information between wound societies and other relevant stakeholders, including international and global agencies.

EWMA European Wound Management Association

The European Wound Management Association (EWMA), founded in 1991, works to promote the advancement of education and research into native epidemiology, pathology, diagnosis, prevention and management of wounds of all aetiologies.