

SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY

SAJS ESSAY COMPETITION

Entry is open to any undergraduate student from a Faculty of Health Sciences in South Africa.

Topic theme: The surgical environment relies on clear and effective communication between patients and doctors, doctor to doctor and both. Each generation brings distinct values, expectations, and preferred communication methods, which can enhance or hinder communication. How do you envisage and ensure effective cross generational communication in the current surgical workplace?

Title: The title you choose should be no longer than eight words and should include the words “Communication across surgical generations”.

Submission requirements: Please write a 1 000-word essay in Microsoft Word, Arial font, size 12, double spacing, with five references using the Vancouver referencing style. Submission is via the SAJS new user website address <https://ojs.sabinet.co.za/index.php/sajs>.

Once registered please login and go to ABOUT and click on NEW SUBMISSION and submit under the category ESSAY COMPETITION. Then upload your essay as a Word document. In the abstract section insert the TITLE only. In a separate Word document submit the Essay Title, Name, ID Number, Year of Study, University of Study, whether you are a member of a Student Surgical Society, email address and your cellular phone number.

Closing date: 30 September 2024

Adjudication: Essays will be screened for eligibility and adherence to the brief by the Editor and Deputy Editors of SAJS. The essays will be judged by a panel of the Associate Editors based on originality, concept, style and adherence to the brief. The judges will be blinded to the author's details.

Prizes: The author of the best essay will be awarded R5 000.00 and the essay will be published in electronic form in the fourth issue of the 2024 SAJS. Two runner-up essays will receive R2 000.00 each and be published online in the SAJS.

Notification of winners: Winners will be notified by the SAJS Editor.