



The South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists (SAAHIP)

38th Annual Conference and 69th Annual General Meeting

16-19 April 2026

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Advancing Pharmaceutical Services

innovate, integrate, improve

Conference Announcement

About the SAAHIP Conference

The South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists (SAAHIP) hosts an annual conference that brings together hospital and institutional pharmacy personnel to explore the latest advancements in hospital pharmacy practice. This event serves as a platform for hospital and institutional pharmacists and pharmacist's assistants to exchange knowledge, share research findings, and discuss emerging trends in medication management, patient safety, and healthcare policy. SAAHIP continues to focus on continuous professional development. The 2026 conference will feature a variety of academic and practice-based podium and poster presentations, pearl presentations, workshops, keynote presentations, and networking opportunities, offering valuable insights into enhancing pharmacy services across South Africa.

Advancing Pharmaceutical Services: Innovate - Integrate - Improve

The Northern Gauteng Branch of SAAHIP is pleased to announce the 2026 conference where we will be delving into the evolving role of hospital and institutional pharmacy amid the implementation of the National Health Insurance while advancing pharmaceutical services in South Africa. Chapter 11 of the National Health Insurance Act, Act no. 20 of 2023 section 57, subsection 3(d) informs us of the establishment of the Health Technology Assessment agency which will promote a high-quality, equitable, and efficient healthcare system using health technologies.

As technological advancements and innovative healthcare solutions re-shape the pharmaceutical landscape, it is imperative for hospital and institutional pharmacists to adapt and lead in this transformative era. This conference will provide a platform to explore how cutting-edge technologies, automation, and integrated healthcare systems can enhance patient care, optimise pharmacy practice, and strengthen pharmacy services within the framework of the National Health Insurance.

Invitation

We invite researchers, practitioners, and industry experts to submit abstracts that contribute to this critical discourse and help shape the future of hospital and institutional pharmacy in South Africa. Join us as we **Innovate - Integrate - Improve** pharmaceutical services for the betterment of healthcare.

- **When:** 16-19 April 2026
- **Venue:** Location to be confirmed at a later date
- **Theme:** OPERATION 3i^s - Advancing Pharmaceutical Services: Innovate - Integrate - Improve

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Call for Abstract

The healthcare landscape is undergoing great transformation, driven by rapid technological advancements, evolving healthcare policies, and the increasing need for integrated, patient-centred pharmaceutical services. This landscape brings forth new opportunities for personalised medicine, automation, artificial intelligence, data-driven decision-making, and digital health solutions. As South Africa progresses towards the implementation of the National Health Insurance, hospital and institutional pharmacists must **innovate, integrate, and improve** pharmaceutical services to ensure efficient and effective pharmaceutical care within a restructured healthcare system.

This conference aims to provide a platform for knowledge exchange, discussions, collaborations, and equipping hospital and institutional pharmacy personnel with the insights and tools needed to thrive in this transformative era.

We invite researchers, pharmacy personnel, managers, and thought leaders to submit abstracts for a podium or poster presentation (academic, scenario, quality improvement project), a pearl presentation and or a workshop/symposia/seminar that contribute to this vital discourse and shape the future of hospital and institutional pharmacies in South Africa.

Categories for submission of abstracts	
Sub-themes	Category
Access to medicines	Supply chain resilience, medicines availability, logistics and procurement strategies and ensuring equitable access in institutional settings.
Patient-centred care	Management and prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases using strategies such as, but not limited to personalised pharmacotherapy, pharmacogenomics, vaccines, medication adherence and patient counselling.
Evidence-based practice	Implementation of clinical guidelines and best practices including real-world evidence and health outcomes research. Analysis of economic evaluations and cost-effectiveness in pharmaceutical care.
Digital health solutions	Digital health technologies e.g. tele-pharmacy, mobile applications, and electronic health records, in optimising pharmacy practice.
Sustainable resource management	Readiness to thrive in high service-demand environments experiencing resource challenges and workforce inadequacies.
Legislative readiness	Current and future strategies to navigate legislation, regulation and policies within the South African context.

The above sub-themes are not an exhaustive list, and other topics may also be worth presenting.

Important Dates	
Description	Dates
Abstract submission deadline	30 September 2025
Abstract review	1 October – 14 November 2025
Notification of abstract submission outcome	15 November 2025