



## Presidential Report to General Council

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### Introduction

It is my absolute pleasure and privilege to report to you on the activities of the South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists (SAAHIP), the National Executive Committee (NEC) and your elected President for the term April 2025 to March 2026. The foundational principles that have guided us during this term have been the 4 pillars of SAAHIP:



- 1. Shared Vision:** Pharmacists need to view the profession as one and apply our efforts synergistically.
- 2. Collaboration and Partnership:** Pharmacists must be an integral part of the multidisciplinary team (MDT) and work efficiently with other healthcare workers (HCWs).
- 3. Commitment:** Pharmacists must commit to excellence, renewal, innovation, continuous learning and sharing of best practices.
- 4. Embracing Innovation:** Pharmacists must be open-minded and move with the world as it is moving forward. Adapt and innovate to ensure maximum pharmaceutical performance delivery.

In casting the vision for the term ahead, it was important to ensure that the work the previous leaders set in place continued, recognising the value of the focus areas, the 4 pillars and finding novel ways in which we could ensure delivery as SAAHIP. The vision for 2025/2026 for the hospital pharmacist was simple: to deliver effective patient centric care and medicine related information, whilst being a valued member of the multidisciplinary team by ensuring our role as medicine expert is most prominent. As SAAHIP we needed to support our hospital pharmacists to deliver this patient centric care by equipping them to become effective members of multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) by providing quality projects/webinars/events that facilitate knowledge sharing and continuous professional development (CPD). The branches worked on collaborating on projects and National drives, to both enhance our visibility, but to also contribute towards our professional growth.

### National Executive Committee (NEC)

The NEC met virtually 3 times in the term, during which re-alignment to our core values and future output on projects were discussed. One further online meeting was held in May 2025, to discuss the 2025 conference. The latest NEC members are shown in Table I. In April 2025, the NEC welcomed the support of PSSA liaison, Mr Famola Ngobeni, together with additional co-opted members Ms Thanushya Pillay, Mr Joggie Hattingh and Prof. Natalie Schellack who joined the team, bringing with them, their own skills and expertise. During the term, we also welcomed the addition of the YPG/SAAHIP Liaison, Ms Aisha Adam, who currently also serves as the secretary of the SAAHIP membership, marketing and branding (MMB) focus area group. Two new branch chairs (KZN-Inland and Southern Gauteng) joined the NEC platform towards the end of 2025. To the outgoing branch chairpersons, Ms Rashmi Gosai and Mr Vusi Dlamini, I thank you for your tireless commitment to SAAHIP. Mr Dlamini also graciously fulfilled both the role of the KZN-Inland chairperson and National Vice-President during this term, which contributed immensely to the branch stability in KZN-Inland.

### Membership

The membership of SAAHIP continues to grow. SAAHIP has been intentional in enhancing our visibility and offering our members the support that they need. The branches have been very active in this regard and have held membership drives, social activities, engaging CPDs and other events. The membership growth is highlighted in Table II. All branches have shown constant growth. The Limpopo branch must be commended for doubling their membership numbers from 2023 to-date, whilst SAAHIP has shown an overall growth of 15% over the period AGM 2023 to-date.

### Branch Activities

All 10 Branches have been very committed; ensuring members' needs are prioritised. Branches have hosted a combined total of 39 CPDs and more than 60 activities/events during the term. All branches have actively been involved with the national social media campaigns and Pharmacy Month Project, over and above their activities. Shown in Table III, is a summary of some of these SAAHIP branch activities, CPD

**Table I: National Executive Committee**

Presidential Committee Members			
<b>President</b>	Dr Seshnee Moodley		
<b>Vice President</b>	Mr Vusi C Dlamini		
<b>National Secretary</b>	Ms Caroline De Beer		
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Ms Nomfundo Zwane		
<b>Past President</b>	Mr Nhlanhla G Mafarafara	<b>Office Support</b>	Mr Famola Ngobeni
Branch Chairpersons			
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	Ms Robyn Wates	<b>Northern Cape/Free State</b>	Ms Geziena Swanepoel
<b>KZN Coastal</b>	Ms Samkelisiwe Matibela	<b>Northern Gauteng</b>	Mr Kesentseng Mahlaba
<b>KZN-Inland</b>	Ms Renesha Bikraj	<b>Northwest</b>	Mr Ignatius Muller
<b>Limpopo</b>	Ms Salome Makofane	<b>Southern Gauteng</b>	Ms Rofhiwa (Shoni) Mulibana
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	Mr Handsome Mashego	<b>Western Cape</b>	Mr Brent Sin Hidge
Co-Opted Members			
Ms Thanushya Pillay			
Mr Joggie Hattingh			
Prof. Natalie Schellack			
Ms Aisha Adam – YPG Rep			

events and highlights. Besides all the branch level activities, there are numerous National projects that SAAHIP is working on, shown in Table IV. These projects were embarked on after a close review of existing focus areas took place, and some additional areas were added or highlighted. This is part of the strategy to enhance quality output at SAAHIP, moving away from just quantity.

## Conferences

### 1. SAAHIP Conference

The conference and 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place from 10-12 April 2025. The theme was **FUTURE READY 5.0: Empowering Hospital pharmacists for tomorrow's healthcare revolution** and aimed at looking into what the future of South African Hospital Pharmacy practice looks like. Five key thematic issues were noted during the conference, with the hope that SAAHIP will be able to draft future policy statements to influence practice, education and policy in South Africa. The statements are:



NEC members at the National SAAHIP Conference 2025

**Table II: SAAHIP Membership Report**

Branch	AGM 2023	AGM 2024	Sep-24	Jan-25	May-25	Oct-25	Feb-26
Northern Gauteng	254	282	294	320	343	344	344
Southern Gauteng	440	458	474	501	521	501	513
Mpumalanga	149	160	165	169	186	182	188
Northwest	158	178	181	175	186	183	185
Free State/Northern Cape	149	169	179	187	194	189	188
Eastern Cape	324	415	428	379	405	381	380
Western Cape	577	585	598	612	631	617	624
KZN-Coastal	422	529	534	523	547	560	565
KZN-Inland	336	323	331	304	347	323	324
Limpopo	183	266	291	308	359	336	369
Non-resident	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3141</b>	<b>3368</b>	<b>3478</b>	<b>3480</b>	<b>3721</b>	<b>3618</b>	<b>3682</b>

Table III: Branch Activities			
BRANCH	Branch Activities	CPD/Webinars	Branch Highlights
<b>Northern Gauteng</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influenza catch-up campaign – Vaccinated over 350 people</li> <li>HPV Advocacy Campaign – Tshwane University of Technology</li> <li>HPV Advocacy Campaign – Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University</li> <li>BPharm 1 meeting with SAAHIP at Tshwane University of Technology</li> <li>Visited 5 high schools during the Pharmacy Month campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid workshop and CPD event regarding neuropsychiatric conditions and their pharmacological management</li> <li>Meet and greet: Intern's guide</li> </ul>	Branch has taken over the conference organising portfolio from the previous Branch and are busy with the SAPHEX and SAPC conference planning. There is also work that is being done on the National SAAHIP Conference for 2027
<b>Southern Gauteng</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborated with colleagues from Gauteng DOH for a Mandela Day collection drive.</li> <li>Collaborated with DanZfit, a Zumba initiative, collection drive for the Khatijakul Kubra Frail Care Centre during women's month.</li> <li>Pharmacy Month Parkrun: In collaboration with PSSA</li> <li>The PSSA Southern Gauteng Branch annually hosts a Pharmacy Symposium in celebration of Pharmacy Month. This year's theme was "Think Health. Think Pharmacy: One Profession, Many Roles.", with a specific session for SAAHIP in the programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Medication Management in Geriatric Patients – Focus on Polypharmacy and Deprescribing"</li> <li>"Managing Mental Health: Empowering Pharmacists as Frontline Advocates"</li> <li>"Evidence-based changes in pharmacotherapy of common childhood conditions"</li> <li>Pharmacy Month Symposium – "Think Health. Think Pharmacy: One Profession, Many Roles"</li> <li>Diabetes Management – Comprehensive Drug Therapy and Lifestyle Management</li> </ul>	<p>Responsible for policy and legislation focus area and are developing a strategy to monitor, review and feedback on this topic.</p> <p>Have assisted with the re-launch of the National website</p>
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacist interns and CSP orientation workshop hosted by MPDOH Pharmaceutical Services</li> <li>The branch delegates attended an Operation Smile campaign held at Rob Ferreira Hospital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacist intern CPD workshop focusing on Domain 5 featuring Mr E Hoosen, a CPD assessor from SAPC</li> <li>CPD on asthma and COPD management</li> <li>CPD on Health Standards Compliance by OHSC</li> </ul>	Strengthening the relationship with the MPDOH Pharmaceutical services and aims to form part of the DOH/HR Task team
<b>North-West</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visited 3 old age homes during Pharmacy Month to promote the pharmacy profession and the pharmacist's role.</li> <li>Had 2 talks on rehabilitation safety regarding medication misuse and triggers for addiction.</li> <li>Visited one primary school and one kindergarten school to speak to the parents about children's health and the pharmacy profession.</li> <li>YPG outreach to pharmacy students at NWU.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPD – Presenter: A Algra. Title: Let me think</li> <li>WTF2: A Fungal approach (antifungal stewardship) and</li> <li>Increase the Rhythms: A inotrope approach, virtual CPD</li> </ul>	Working together with EC team to provide up-to-date clinical guidelines on the National website
<b>Free State / Northern Cape</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organised a meet and greet for members in two areas of the vast Northern Cape</li> <li>NCDOH Health Matters Instagram Live: Pharmacy Month chat and extensive Pharmacy Month activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hosted a virtual webinar on Leadership and Governance in Hospital Pharmacy with Guest Speaker: Dr Mothibi Godfrey Keele</li> </ul>	The meet-and-greet events in Kimberley and Springbok were a success, bringing together pharmacists, pharmacist's assistants, their families, and the wider community to celebrate the profession
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livingstone Hospital Care Project</li> <li>Hosted online Intern Calculations Workshop</li> <li>Aerobics class fundraiser for Operation Smile in Gqeberha</li> <li>Pharmacy Month activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Nutrition in the Critically Ill Patient"</li> <li>"Changes in the Haemophilia Landscape"</li> </ul>	<p>Looks after the membership, marketing and branding focus area</p> <p>Social media followers have increased, and national membership has steadily been increasing</p>
<b>Western Cape</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SASFOS Conference presentation on "Non-Surgical Pain Management Options for the Temporomandibular Joint: A Pharmacist's Perspective," by the WC Chairperson</li> <li>Operation smile Padel fundraiser event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sip and learn CPD on parenteral nutrition</li> <li>Pharmacogenomics (PGx) Winter School (Two-day collaboration with UWC/UP)</li> <li>AGM Academic Address: "What's in a name – managing risks through appropriate naming" by Prof. Sarel Malan</li> </ul>	<p>Launched a "Social Media Reinvention" campaign (Aug–Oct 2025) that increased Instagram reach to 597 unique accounts and garnered over 3 000 views, significantly improving engagement with younger pharmacists</p> <p>Launched the Southern Cape initiative to engage members in George and Knysna, including a planned leadership visit</p> <p>Organised a "Knit-a-thon" wellness event to address pharmacist burnout and mental well-being</p>

<b>KZN-Coastal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacist intern orientation workshops collaboration with NdoH and KZN Inland branch</li> <li>A World Kidney Day quiz was hosted: "Are your kidney's, okay?"</li> <li>TB Awareness school outreach</li> <li>Pharmacist intern visit to the National Bioproducts Institute</li> <li>Extensive Pharmacy Month activities</li> <li>Yoga session for Operation Smile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Haemophilia masterclass – Roche CPD</li> <li>"Expanding role of Pharmacists in Asthma Management"</li> <li>"Vaccination of high-risk individuals" Pfizer CPD</li> <li>Virtual CPD on "Corporate wellness and healthcare professionals"</li> </ul>	The Quality audit tools (Office of Health Standards Compliance), and Ideal Hospital Realisation and Maintenance have proved that most patients are not counselled on the possible side effects of medicines. The Branch has developed a project in line with their focus area to address the gap in counselling techniques within the pharmacy environment
<b>KZN-Inland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAAHIP bylaws quiz</li> <li>Pharmacy Month activities</li> <li>Bruntville CHC outreach activities</li> <li>Social hike at Giba Gorge Park</li> <li>Pilates morning event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual webinar "Mastering the Z83 Form and KZN E-Recruitment Portal"</li> </ul>	VP presented at ICPA conference Nov 2025 – "Pharmacy United – A collaboration between public and private sector to improve health outcomes"  Close ties maintained with PSSA KZN Inland Branch, Rhodes Alumni Chapter, and other partners
<b>Limpopo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supported the welcoming function for the University of Limpopo Association for Pharmacy students</li> <li>Hybrid Pharmacist Interns Pre-registration exam workshop at Pietersburg Hospital</li> <li>Community outreach initiative at Grace Bible Church Mokopane</li> <li>Extensive Pharmacy Month activities</li> <li>The branch held a hospital visit drive during the month of Jan 2026, welcoming new interns and pharmacists in various districts of Limpopo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium with multi-disciplinary guests from private, public and higher education</li> <li>Cancer Awareness and Organ donor awareness at Polokwane Hospital and Rethabile clinic in collaboration with Limpopo YPG</li> <li>Cancer awareness month webinar</li> </ul>	Targeting young pharmacists, interns and community service pharmacists through multiple engagements to offer guidance, mentorship and support as they navigate their early years in the hospital pharmacy profession

**Table IV: National Projects**

Projects	Branch Lead
Quality and Safety of Health Services Project and webinars	KZN-Coastal
Ensuring access to essential medicines webinars	KZN-Inland
MMB survey, website revamp, visibility	Eastern Cape
Governance and Leadership project – Intern webinars	Mpumalanga/Northern Cape/Free State
Conferences (SAPHEX 2026, SAPC 2026 and SAAHIP 2027)	Northern Gauteng, PRESCO
HR for health Project with PSSA	PRESCO
Basel Statement Legacy Project	Past President
AI, digital technology and digitalization TAG project	Western Cape
Clinical Pharmacy Services	Northwest
Pharmacy Month Project	Eastern Cape

- Clinical pharmacy practice
- Public health, leadership and governance
- Medicines usage and supply chain management
- Innovations, technology and artificial intelligence in pharmacy
- Human resources

## 2. PSSA Conference 2025

The National PSSA, "Evolve" conference was held in August 2025. The SAAHIP sector was well represented by its members and at least 7 NEC members were in attendance. The conference was thought provoking, provided a platform to share our experiences

**Table V: Social media analytics**

	Jan 2025	June 2025	October 2025
Facebook account followers	1 116	1 146	1 153
Facebook views (90-day period)	1 019	12 685	24 743
Instagram followers	140	213	270
Instagram views (90-day period)	2 245	13 226	446

and was a great opportunity for networking. SAAHIP was able to show our continued commitment to collaboration with our sectors.

## 3. Future Conferences

SAAHIP is set to host our National conference in 2027, after choosing to defer the 2026 conference. The year ahead is still very busy with two exciting National Pharmaceutical conferences on the horizon i.e. South African Pharmaceutical Exhibition (SAPHEX) and South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC), that SAAHIP is an integral part of.

## Social Responsibility

The Operation Smile pledge for 2025/2026 amounted to R45 640 which was an increase from R44 000 that was donated in the previous term. This amount covers 9 smiles and will be handed over to Operation Smile. This voluntary contribution and effort that SAAHIP makes towards the Operation Smile initiative is admirable. It is indeed special to be contributing to these life-changing surgeries as SAAHIP. Two of our Southern Gauteng branch Exco members attended on



SAAHIP members at various Operation Smile drives

behalf of the NEC during one of the Op Smile drives and the report back was that this was an incredibly humbling and once in a lifetime experience. Following that the Mpumalanga branch Exco were also afforded an opportunity to attend another drive in their province and the experience was just as rewarding.

### Visibility and Advocacy

#### 1. Social media campaigns

The SAAHIP National Social media platforms continue to show an increase in followers, which bears testament to the fact that members value these platforms, and the information shared. The objective of this focus area has been to increase or enhance our visibility and attract membership and this has been achieved. This focus area is managed by the vibrant MMB focus area team, headed by the Eastern Cape Chairperson, Ms Robyn Wates, and has constantly produced engaging campaigns and content aligned to the National Health Calendar and hospital pharmacy related topics. The social media accounts have been very active,



with more engagement on our National Instagram page. The Instagram account has almost doubled in followers since the beginning of the year 2025, and we had the biggest growth during Pharmacy Month, 2025. Social media account analytics are shown in Table V.

#### 2. Pharmacy Month Campaign

SAAHIP embarked on a massive National Pharmacy Month (PM) Campaign during September 2025 under the national theme “Think Health, Think Pharmacy – One Profession, Many Roles”. The project was aimed at unifying the 10 branches whilst celebrating the pharmacist and promoting the profession to the public. We were able to showcase the vital role of hospital and institutional pharmacists, inspire and educate learners about pharmacy as a profession, and engage communities through outreach, education, and digital storytelling. A national project plan was developed by the MMB team, led by the Project leader, Ms Aisha Adam, and supervised by MMB Chairperson, Ms Robyn Wates, and included the following:

1. **Pharma 360:** A national school outreach programme
2. **One Hospital, Many Pharmacists/Know Your Pharmacist:**

Key Takeaways	Discussion
Attendance	AGM attendance was not ideal despite marketing and invitations going out timeously to Branch members – An investigation into this trend will take place via the SAAHIP MMB Member survey planned for 2026.
Absence of young pharmacists	Some members attend AGM yearly and the non-participation of the young pharmacists was striking. Once again, we endeavour to find out the reason for this via the survey.
AGM process	Differed amongst the branches. Despite being guided by our constitution, it was apparent that some branches differed. This has prompted refresher trainings on the constitution at both Branch and National executive levels.
Branch AGM reports	There were discrepancies noted in these reports i.e. the way they were delivered or presented to the Branch members. This prompted re-circulation of the Branch AGM SOP and manual to all at the National exec level.
SAAHIP visibility	There were concerns raised that SAAHIP is visible for only membership drives. At a National level we are working on quality hospital pharmacy projects and a National online webinar to provide to the membership. The vision is to get the members, but to ensure that the members are satisfied.
SAAHIP History, Legacy and the origin of the Focus Areas	The initial origin of the SAAHIP Focus areas was highlighted in one of the branch AGMs; these were previously known as portfolio reports. This showed the evolution of our SAAHIP activities and highlighted the importance of the work that we are producing.
Relationships with key stakeholders	We need to continue building on these relationships.
Executive member positions	Leadership roles are sometimes taken at Branch level, with minimal background, guidance or mentorship. At a National level we have embarked on revisiting training on our SAAHIP constitution and policies and guidelines have all been re-circulated. We will also be embarking on a training session on leadership, commitment and good governance.

A social media campaign to highlight the multiple roles of pharmacists in hospital

Across the country, the various SAAHIP branches embraced the project plan and delivered with absolute passion. SAAHIP reached more than 39 outreach sites, which included schools, hospitals and community settings, with a rough estimate of 6 000 persons that were impacted directly by our teams. Our members were able to collaborate and work together in unison and move forward with common purpose. The learners that were identified were from disadvantaged sites and were exposed to Pharmacy as a profession and the important role we play as custodians of medicine.

SAAHIP was also tasked with creating social media blurbs for the National DOH and we had our past president, Mr Nhlanhla Mafarafara, represent our sector on a Pharmacy Month interview series on the SABC show, *Expresso*. The social media aspect of the campaign increased our visibility and highlighted the objectives of the Association, highlighting the theme of Pharmacy Month. Pharmacy Month engagements on our social media accounts were the highest ever recorded. The 2025 Pharmacy Month campaign was an absolute success, where the SAAHIP team was able to celebrate the hospital pharmacist and ourselves, highlighting the vital role that we play in healthcare whilst engaging with communities. The campaign was impactful and solidified our place in healthcare.

### 3. SAAHIP Website

SAAHIP's website was unfortunately outdated and was not serving the purpose of being the "face of the Association". We embarked on a website revival project under the lead of the MMB Chairperson, Ms Robyn Wates and Project team leader Mr Bandela Mgoqi. A website proposal and protocol was devised to ensure continuity and sustainability, and a project team was identified from volunteers on the NEC. The revamped website was launched successfully on World Pharmacists Day on 25 September. We are excited to embark on this new chapter and to see how the presence of an updated website can improve membership and marketing for the Association. From preliminary reports that have been delivered, the website is already generating much attention amongst the members.

### 4. Stakeholder engagement

Various engagements have taken place with the SAPC to discuss their 4<sup>th</sup> National conference and SAAHIP's contribution to this. SAAHIP also attends the SAPC Stakeholders meeting and contributes to this platform. SAAHIP has also been invited to some universities to speak to their students. In some cases, the branch chairs have represented the President and sector in these activities. This has prompted us to internally look at the memorandum of understanding that exist with some branches and universities and duplicate this across our branches, to improve our uniformity and engagements with these institutions.

### 5. Presidential Tour

The Presidential AGM tour 2025 was a success with many fruitful engagements, new learnings and points of consideration that arose, to enhance both current and future SAAHIP activities. Summary of these AGM crucial points are presented in Table VI. The tour included KZN-Coastal (in-person), Mpumalanga, North-West, Southern Gauteng, KZN-Inland and Eastern Cape (all virtual). I was not able to attend all the branch AGMs, but for the branches that I did, I thank you for the hospitality, warmth and member engagement that you afforded me.

### Conclusion

As I reflect on the past term as President, I am amazed at the amount of work that has gone in the engagements that have taken place, the collaborations that have occurred, the numerous CPDs and events that were hosted and the future projects on the horizon. Success and achievements take time. I recognise the leaders that came before me, and I remain deeply appreciative of their contributions to the profession. It is important not to re-invent the wheel, but to re-adjust, recalibrate and optimise it. This presidency has taught me that consistent and incremental movements ahead, are still movements toward a lasting legacy. I am incredibly honoured to have led this great Association of hospital pharmacists and contributed towards the SAAHIP legacy. I thank my NEC and members of the branch executives for the amazing work that was done and for trusting in the vision. Their passion and dedication to the profession does not go unnoticed. It is indeed a labour of love that we all are partaking in, and we will continue to work together to keep that SAAHIP wheel of progress turning.

SAAHIP front and foremost – a force that shapes the future of Hospital Pharmacy!