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## SADA Professional Advisory Bulletin

- COID Medical Tariffs adjustment for the financial year 2026/27
- Mercury regulations & amalgam separators: Compliance update for SADA Members
- Amalgam Waste Disposal - A-Thermal Recycling
- Magnificent Amalgam Separators offering to SADA Members
- **Circulation date: 20 March 2026**

### COID MEDICAL TARIFFS ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

Following SADA's and other submissions to the Compensation Fund in respect of the annual COID medical tariff review process, the Minister of Employment and Labour has approved a 6% increase to COID medical benefits, effective 1 April 2026.

Members who treat patients under COID are advised to update their billing schedules accordingly and to ensure that all claims for treatment rendered on or after 1 April 2026 reflect the revised tariffs.

### MERCURY REGULATIONS & AMALGAM SEPARATORS: COMPLIANCE UPDATE FOR SADA MEMBERS

Members are reminded that the Regulations regarding the Management of Mercury in South Africa impose specific obligations on dental practitioners regarding the management and disposal of dental amalgam waste. Central to these obligations is the installation of amalgam separators in all dental practices where amalgam is placed or removed. The regulations, which came into effect on 1 April 2025, require that amalgam separators achieve a minimum amalgam particle retention level of 95% by 1 April 2026.

### SADA ENGAGEMENT WITH THE DFFE

On 18 March 2026, SADA attended a meeting with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) to seek clarification on several outstanding regulatory matters. The following issues were raised:

- Practice notice wording: SADA requested guidance on the proposed wording of a notice to be displayed at dental practices informing patients that the practice does not treat amalgam-related cases and that such cases would be referred to practitioners who were compliant. The DFFE were unable to provide clear feedback at the time and undertook to revert on the matter.
- Frequency of amalgam waste disposal: The Regulations are currently silent or vague on the required frequency of disposal of accumulated amalgam waste. SADA queried this directly, and the DFFE undertook to provide further guidance in due course. ISO 11143 itself is silent on a fixed disposal interval. The standard places the obligation on manufacturers to specify the replacement/disposal point.

*SADA will communicate the DFFE's responses to members as soon as these are received. Members are encouraged to continue monitoring official communications from SADA for updates.*

### **AMALGAM WASTE DISPOSAL - A-THERMAL RECYCLING**

SADA has engaged with A-Thermal, a registered amalgam waste processor, to confirm the practical arrangements for disposal. The following has been confirmed:

- Amalgam waste may be couriered directly to A Thermal, provided it is securely sealed in leakproof containers and correctly labelled in accordance with applicable requirements.
- A Treatment Request Form (TRF) must be completed when initiating services with A-Thermal. This form is required for all new and ongoing disposal arrangements.
- Should the collection of amalgam waste from the practice be required (rather than couriered by the practice), this must be explicitly stated on the TRF at the time of submission.
- Separator cleaning/destruction is dependent on instructions received from the waste generator (dentist) and on the separator supplier/manufacturer's instructions. Our understanding is that there are both cases: some can be reused, while others are destroyed. For members who have obtained separators from suppliers other than DRI-SA, kindly ensure that a replacement separator is available for amalgam disposal.

Pricing for A-Thermal's amalgam waste disposal service is as follows:

- Large Container (5 – 10 kg): R 5 750.00
- Small Container (< 5 kg): R 2 950.00

All prices are exclusive of VAT. Members are advised to confirm current pricing and any additional logistical costs directly with A-Thermal at the time of engagement.

### **ACTION REQUIRED BY MEMBERS**

- Ensure that an amalgam separator with at least 95% retention level of amalgam particles is installed by 1 April 2026, and that amalgam waste is collected, stored, and disposed of in accordance with the Regulations pending further DFFE guidance on disposal frequency.
- Complete the A-Thermal TRF when initiating disposal services and indicate if collection is required.
- Monitor SADA communications for updates from the DFFE regarding practice notice wording and disposal frequency.

### **ENQUIRIES**

Members with queries relating to mercury regulation compliance are welcome to contact SADA's Clinical Support Services department for guidance. SADA remains committed to supporting members through this regulatory transition and will continue to engage proactively with the relevant authorities on your behalf.

[Please refer to this previous communication on 7 November with amalgam options](#)

### **MAGNIFIDENT AMALGAM SEPARATOR OFFERING**

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Fits both dryline and wetline suction systems  
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Easy fit  
Up to 2 years usage without needing to be recycled  
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Height – 44cm (18 inch)  
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**SADA have had a request from Smile Foundation for practitioner assistance with four cases. If you are practising in the Randfontein, Brakpan, Palmridge or Alberton areas and are able to assist please contact Belinda Long who will be able to give you full details of assistance required.**

**Belinda Long**

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Yours in oral health

**Dr Tinesha Parbhoo - Head Clinical Support**



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### In conversation with **GEMS 2026**

-  **Province:** Limpopo
-  **City:** Polokwane
-  **Venue:** Protea Hotel Polokwane Ranch Resort, 25 km south of Polokwane on the N 1 R101, Farm Hollands Drift, Polokwane, 0700
-  **Date:** Saturday, 16 May 2026
-  **Time:** 09h00 – 17h00

**The following topics will be covered in the conversations:**

-  GEMS into the future
-  Networks related matters
-  Claims Payments
-  Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

Enquiries to be sent to [summits@gems.gov.za](mailto:summits@gems.gov.za)

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08 Apr	<b>SADA KwaZulu-Natal Branch - 8 April 2026 (KZN068)</b>
08 Apr	<b>SADA Gauteng South Branch - 8 April 2026 GS077)</b>
08 Apr	<b>SADA Special General Meeting</b>
12 Jun	<b>SADA Mpumalanga - Accommodation ONLY Booking Skukuza (MP023)</b>
13 Jun	<b>SADA Mpumalanga Branch – Skukuza Mini Congress (MP023) - 13 -14 June 2026</b>
21 Aug	<b>2026 SADA Dental &amp; Oral Health Congress and Exhibition</b>
22 Aug	<b>SADA AWARDS &amp; GRADUAND GALA DINNER 22 August 2026</b>

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