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Dear Oral Health Professional,

As we approach the close of the year, I, as the CEO of SADA, am filled with gratitude for the remarkable journey we have experienced in 2023. It is a time to extend our warmest wishes to you, your team, family, friends, and colleagues.

Reflecting on the past year, the relationships we have cultivated with our valued members, supporters, and traders have given rise to truly unforgettable moments. Our commitment to envisioning and focusing on the broader horizon for the oral health care profession remains steadfast. SADA embraces the responsibility entrusted to us and makes every effort to consider diverse opinions, finding common ground when our visions differ.

In the spirit of progress, SADA successfully launched the GlueUp client relationship management software and transitioned accounting processes from Pastel Evolution to Xero, an integrated software. We now have complete management control over www.sada.co.za and have introduced Communities and Groups within the MyGlue application.

As a founding member of the SA Health Professionals Collaboration (SAHPC), SADA actively participated in the NHI debate, investing untold hours to contribute meaningfully to the discourse.

The SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress and Exhibition held this year garnered outstanding reviews and attendance. This achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our loyal Dental Traders, Members, and Supporters. We applaud you all for continuously challenging SADA to deliver greater excellence.

With the upcoming holiday season, SADA offices will be operated by a skeleton staff from 8 December until 22 December, officially closing from 25th December until 2 January 2024. As we collectively take a well-deserved break to recharge, we hope you will find the time to do the same. Looking ahead, we anticipate 2024 to be a year of even greater achievements.

May the blessings of positive abundance, health, joy, laughter, love, and pure magic be with you, your team, families, friends, and colleagues. Wherever your travels may take you, may you find safety.

SADA eagerly looks forward to serving you in 2024!

Best regards,
KC Makhubele
CEO, SADA

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Request for Research Survey Participation

Dr Paul Mathai is undertaking a study as part of his Masters in Dental Sciences research report at the University of the Witwatersrand titled:

A Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices (KAP) study of South African Dentists on regenerative endodontics.

The proposed study aims to provide an up-to-date cross-section of the knowledge, attitude and practices of dentists practising in South Africa towards regenerative endodontics, and your participation will be appreciated.

There are 32 questions to answer, which are divided into 3 sections:

1. Participant Profile
2. Knowledge regarding Regenerative Endodontic Procedures (REPs) & Attitude towards REPs
3. The practice of REPs in your individual clinical settings

As a dentist or dental specialist registered with the HPCSA, I would like to invite you to participate in the study. The questionnaire should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please note that all information you provide is anonymous and bears no identifying markers, as such confidentiality would be ensured. There are no foreseen risks for participating in the study nor shall there be any form of compensation for participation. You are also welcome to withdraw at any point while completing the survey without any penalty.

The author hopes the benefits of the study would include a better understanding of the levels of practice of regenerative endodontics in South Africa as well as the identification of knowledge gaps among practitioners.

By clicking on the link below it means you are giving informed consent to participate in the study:

<https://forms.gle/MH5BiBLF6ZbKTLrk8>

Data will be stored for 2 years on an access-controlled, reputable cloud storage platform before deletion.

If you have any questions during or afterwards about this research study, feel free to contact me or my supervisor at the details listed below.

If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical procedures of this research study, you are welcome to contact the University Human Research Ethics Committee (Medical)

Telephone: 011 717 2656

email: HREC-Medical.ResearchOffice@wits.ac.za

Thank you,

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Members completing online SADJ MCQs

SADA is receiving calls from users finding it difficult to navigate the completion of MCQs online for the SADJ.

SADA has applied common practice ruling when seeking online information, when hovering over the graphic of the publication you wish to complete an MCQ for you will see various options.

Users can either read the publication online or download it to their computer or mobile.

Links are also displayed to complete either the Clinical or Ethical MCQ online for the issue that is being hovered over.

Click on the link, complete your details as requested on screen (these are required for your Certificate to be issued) and submit your answers.

The screenshot shows the SADJ website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the site name and a search icon. Below the navigation bar, a message states: "All SADJ online CPD Questionnaires are valid for a two year period from the date of online publication. If you are not able to load the questionnaire to your courses it may be as a result of expiry." The main heading is "SADJ Authors", followed by the instruction: "Please register and submit manuscripts and then track them on the ASSAF platform." Below this are three blue buttons: "Instructions to Authors", "Register to submit a manuscript", and "Login to submit/track my manuscript". A dropdown menu labeled "Select Publication Year" is visible. The main content area displays a grid of journal covers for Volume 78, Issues 01 through 07, spanning from November 2022 to August 2023. Each cover includes the issue title, month/year, and options to "Read Online" or "Download". The "Read Online" option is highlighted in blue, and it also lists "Complete Clinical MCQ" and "Complete Ethical MCQ".

Upcoming Events

20 Jan	SADA North West Branch - CPD & AGM, 20 January 2024 (NW024)
03 Feb	SADA - KwaZulu Natal Branch CPD Event 3 February 2024 (KZN061)
08 Mar	SADA Gauteng South Branch Mini Congress 8-9 March 2024 (GS067)
30	2024 SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress and Exhibition

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