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### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE PUBLIC-FACING ARTICLES**

The South African Dental Association is looking for volunteers willing to help create multiple public-facing articles, to cover the whole year of publication, that can be published on various digital and physical media platforms.

Our goal is to promote dental awareness, education, and information that can benefit the general public. To achieve this, we are seeking your valuable input and insights on a range of dental topics. We believe that your expertise and experience can play a significant role in providing accurate and engaging content to a wide audience.

If you are interested in participating, please let us know the topic (s) you are passionate about or have expertise in. Whether it's oral hygiene tips, the importance of regular dental check-ups, dental care for children, or any other dental-related subject, we welcome your suggestions – from simple to complex topics.

To ensure the highest quality of content, we plan to form groups of three or more volunteers who express interest in the same topic. These teams will collaborate closely to create informative and engaging articles. Rest assured, your contributions will be edited for accuracy and clarity, and there will be a peer review committee to ensure the quality and accuracy of the information provided.

Your participation in this initiative will not only enhance the visibility of our profession but also empower individuals to make informed decisions about their oral health. We believe that by working together, we can create impactful content that benefits both the public and our dental community.

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO CONTRIBUTE CONTENT TO THE PROPOSED SADA COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE FOR NEWLY QUALIFIED DENTISTS**

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our dedicated members to contribute to the development of a comprehensive guide aimed at newly qualified dentists, particularly those entering the private sector for the first time. Your knowledge and experience are invaluable, and we invite you to be part of this important initiative.

This guide aims to provide essential insights, guidance, and support to dentists embarking on their professional journey. Whether you have expertise in a specific aspect of dental practice or are passionate about sharing your insights on the challenges and rewards of working in the private sector, we encourage you to participate.

To ensure the richness and diversity of content, we welcome your input on the topics you are interested in writing about. These topics could include, but are not limited to:

*Setting Up Your Private Dental Practice, Navigating Legal and Regulatory Requirements, Patient Care and Communication, Financial Management for Dentists, Building a Strong Professional Network, Continuing Education and Skill Enhancement, Marketing and Patient Acquisition, Ethical Considerations in Private*

*Practice, Balancing Work and Personal Life, Coping with Common Challenges in Dentistry, Mentorship and Career Growth Opportunities.*

Should multiple members express interest in writing about a specific topic, we will form collaborative teams to ensure that the content is comprehensive and well-rounded.

Please note that you do not need to worry about the writing style or length; your primary focus should be to share your knowledge and experiences. Once your contributions are received, they will undergo a thorough editing process to enhance clarity and accuracy. Additionally, a peer review committee will ensure that the content meets our high standards.

Your participation in this initiative will not only benefit newly qualified dentists but also contribute to the growth and excellence of our profession. Together, we can create a valuable resource that guides and inspires the next generation of dental practitioners.

### **How to volunteer**

If you are willing to volunteer for the public-facing topics or the Guidebook, please send an email to Ruth Boice at [pa@sada.co.za](mailto:pa@sada.co.za) indicating:

- For the public-facing articles or the guidebook for newly qualified dentists
- topic(s) of interest,
- Name
- Qualifications
- Years in practice
- Speciality,
- Contact email.
- Contact Number

We look forward to your enthusiastic response and hope to embark on this journey of knowledge-sharing together.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing the field of dentistry and supporting the professional development of our colleagues.

### **SADA WEBSITE ([www.sada.co.za](http://www.sada.co.za))**

- As we transitioned from SADA's former website ([www.sada.co.za](http://www.sada.co.za)), which was managed by E2 Solutions, to Glue Up, we have been diligently cross-checking all existing information and systematically uploading new content for our members.
- We are pleased to report that significant progress has been achieved in the loading and updating of all links. Our goal is to have all documentation and links available by the end of November, ensuring a seamless experience for our members.

### **EARNING CEUS THROUGH SADJ**

- Initially, SADJ online MCQ access was provided through links distributed via the SADARite to members.
- To enhance accessibility, we have now relocated all these links directly to the website menu item Professional Resources - Continuing Professional Development - Earn CEUs on the website.
- To access the SADJ MCQs, please visit <https://www.sada.co.za/earn-ceus> and select the specific MCQ link for the SADJ for which you'd like to complete an MCQ.
- You'll be directed to FlexiQuiz, where the MCQs are hosted. Please ensure you fill in your details (including your professional number) to proceed with the MCQ.

- Upon successfully completing an MCQ with a minimum score of 70%, you will earn the corresponding CEUs and receive a confirmation email along with your certificate. Please retain this certificate for your records.
- SADA will compile all CPD activities from the SADJ on the 1st of each month for the previous month and submit them to the HPCSA for recording. We have no influence on how long the HPCSA takes to load.

#### CPD SUBMISSION TO THE HPCSA

- In alignment with HPCSA regulations, SADA ensures that all CPD activities it offers, encompassing online SADJ MCQs, attendance at Branch events, and participation in Online events, are compiled and transmitted to the HPCSA:
  - All CEU activities (except the SADJ MCQ activities) are submitted within 10 days of the respective events.
  - SADJ MCQ activities are collated and submitted on the 1st of each month for the previous month.
- Notably, attendance data for the 2023 SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress and Exhibition was forwarded to the HPCSA on September 15, 2023.
- The HPCSA has communicated the existence of a backlog in processing this information and encourages practitioners to be patient as they work through their submissions.
- Nevertheless, if any SADA member wishes to inquire about the submissions made to the HPCSA for SADA-hosted events, they may reach out to SADA for clarification.
- Registered practitioners who attend CPD activities can access their cumulative CPD points status through their online HPCSA profiles, which is also the platform where all submissions are made.
- If you have attended a non-SADA CPD activity, it is advisable to contact the organizer or host of that event for information and updates.

Yours in oral health

**KC Makhubele**

**Chief Executive Officer**

## Upcoming Events

21 Oct	<b>SADA Southern Cape CPD Day - Fancourt 21 October 2023 (WC057)</b>
28 Oct	<b>SADA Free State Branch YDC Lecture Day – 28 October 2023 (FS031)</b>
01 Nov	<b>SADA Algoa Midlands Branch CPD Evening 1 November 2023 (AM028)</b>
17 Nov	<b>SADA Gauteng South Branch Mini Congress (GS067)</b>
30 Aug	<b>2024 SADA Dental &amp; Oral Health Congress and Exhibition</b>



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