



# SAHTAS

Southern African Health  
Technology Assessment Society

## WHY SAHTAS?

In addition to many other health-related challenges, Southern Africa as a region has the highest prevalence of HIV and TB in the world. The disproportionate disease burden mandates accessible, affordable and equitable healthcare delivery. This in turn requires evidence-based decision-making, resource allocation and utilisation of health technologies as part of cost-effective healthcare.

The Southern African Health Technology Assessment Society (SAHTAS) has been formed to promote the practice and application of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in support of the above.

SAHTAS embraces all stakeholders including researchers, agencies, policymakers, industry, academia, health service providers and patients/consumers, and acts as a neutral forum for collaboration and the sharing of information and expertise in Southern Africa.

## OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the practice and application of HTA in the Southern African region
- To develop the scope of practice for HTA professionals
- To support collaborative efforts for HTA-related capacity building
- To conduct regular meetings to promote networking and interaction
- To promote the role and use of HTA in health system policy-making and healthcare service planning and optimisation.

## INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER:

We invite all those interested in the promotion, practice and application of HTA to join SAHTAS.

Membership details and application forms are available on our website: [www.htasa.org.za](http://www.htasa.org.za)

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1<sup>st</sup> Regional Conference

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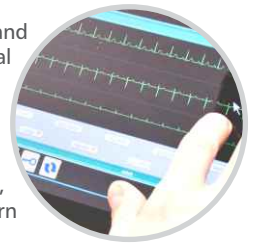
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Technology is often blamed for increasing costs of healthcare yet technology is a great enabler and – when used appropriately and judiciously – adds undisputed value to the procedures, processes and systems associated with healthcare delivery, with the further potential of helping alleviate critical shortages of health professionals and workers.

However, health technologies need to be judiciously selected, implemented and managed, and this is where Health Technology Assessment plays a vital supporting role.

The 1st SAHTAS Regional Conference will offer health professionals and healthcare delivery stakeholders in general the opportunity to share ideas, network with like-minded peers and learn of the latest developments in HTA, with a particular focus on challenges and opportunities in the Southern African regional context.



For more information visit: [www.conference.htasa.org.za](http://www.conference.htasa.org.za)

**Important dates:**

Abstract submission closes: 26 June 2015

Early Bird Registration deadline: 7 August 2015

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