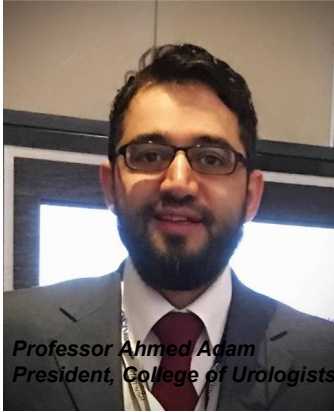




# ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL BULLETIN

## College of Urologists (CMSA)

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Professor Ahmed Adam  
President, College of Urologists

Dear Colleagues, Registrars and Friends,

I felt the need for initiating an annual newsletter / bulletin as a platform to foster better communication between the **College of Urologists** and all its constituent members.

Various important / relevant College Matters and proceedings will be mentioned within this annual newsletter.

Under my leadership during this triennium, we are focusing on maintaining the **following three pillars** in both implementation and execution:

1. **Academic Excellence and international standing of the FC Urol (SA) Examination** – A stringent exit examination with an unwavering emphasis on standards, while assisting to provide registrar educational support in attaining familiarity with the exam process and exam material to assist in them attaining their final exit **FC Urol (SA) Qualification**.
2. **Representation** – by allowing all accredited university centres, provinces, racial and gender groups to be represented on the council and examination panels
3. **Information dispersion – to allow for better transparency**, this annual bulletin, council, moderator, convenor and examiners names will be published annually.

### List of College of Urologists—Council Members (This Triennium)

*(Listed in Alphabetical Order)*

Ahmed ADAM (President)  
Farzana CASSIM  
Frans VAN WIJK  
Haroun PATEL  
Jeff JOHN  
John LAZARUS (Secretary)  
Jos MYBURGH  
Kgomotso MATHABE  
Lisa KAESTNER  
Ntuthuzelo LUSAWANA  
Shingai MUTAMBIRWA

### Updated Constitution (2021 March, Rondebosch)

Thanks to the continuous support from Prof Eric Buch (CEO), the document underlying the Constitution has also been updated (2022), and is now available for all to review:

**Link to the document:** [file:///C:/Users/A%20Adam/Downloads/Constitution\\_of\\_the\\_College\\_of\\_Urologists\\_\(2021\)\\_10\\_8\\_2022.pdf](file:///C:/Users/A%20Adam/Downloads/Constitution_of_the_College_of_Urologists_(2021)_10_8_2022.pdf)

# EXAMINATIONS—UPDATES

## Updated Rules (2021 October, Johannesburg) of the College of Urologists

The rules have now been updated after a 6-month process of discussions, refinement, and consensus agreement that was finalised last year.

### The key updates are as follows:

The pass mark for the written exam has now been formally increased

As per senate requirements, the oral Veto station been removed

Percentage breakdown has been altered to allow more weighting in the clinical components

Mark allocations have been limited to 4 Questions per exam paper with subset questions usually under 10-15 marks each.

Weighting of the individual written component question components are now heavier.

### Link to the updated document:

[FC\\_Urol\(SA\)\\_Regulations\\_20\\_8\\_2022.pdf](#)

## Speedwell marking and transition to online e-format examination

In place of the standard paper handwritten exam format the College of Urologists will be utilising an online typed platform. This will be conducted in a controlled monitored CMSA venue. We thank the Prof V Burch and all the examination personnel who have ensured this transition to be a smooth one. This progressive move to conduct the examination in an electronic format ('written' and marked) results in less postal delays and provides instant marker access with immediate result transmission to the allocated Convenor and Moderator. The implementation of this method has proven to be successful over the previous 2 FC Urol examinations and the College of Urologists will be adopting this format for all future examinations, moving forward.

### The training/video Link for Examiners and Candidates on Speedwell:

[https://www.cmsa.co.za/view\\_exam.aspx?QualificationID=37](https://www.cmsa.co.za/view_exam.aspx?QualificationID=37)

## Certificate of Urogynaecology and Certificate in Paediatric Urology

The incorporation of these certificates is underway and formal feedback will be presented once the process has been ratified.

### List of Examiners (Past year—2021)

(The 2022 list will be published in the 2021 Bulletin/ Newsletter)

We are immensely grateful for the efforts and expertise of the following individuals who assisted in conducting the 2021 set of examinations

### The name list of examination panels are as follows:

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

#### 2021 First Semester

(Convenor) Prof A van der Merwe

(Moderator) Prof J Lazarus

A van der Merwe

F Cassim

FM Claassen

H Patel

K Mathabe

L Kaestner

R Sathiram

#### Observer/s

PV Spies

AS Salukazana

#### 2021 Second Semester

(Convenor) Prof SBA Mutambirwa

(Moderator) Prof A Adam

F Cassim

FJ van Wijk

JJ Myburgh

JT John

K Mathabe

MJK Maimela

PV Spies

R Sathiram

RJ Urry

SBA Mutambirwa

#### Observer/s

LVZ Gqoli

MB Radzuma

AS Voster

## Examiners and Observers—"House Rules"

The examination process takes a lot of preparation, commitment, and valuable time from Examiners/Exam Panel members. As a constituent College we strive to put forward a well-represented panel. To achieve **Examiner status** an individual (Specialist Urologist) should observe for at least one Full prior examination (including the Clinical and all other Oral/ Online components).

Each exam will allow for at least 2 – 4 Observers depending on if online / in person. Academic HODs are encouraged to put forward Observers who have good standing and at least 5 years of Clinical Experience post **FC Urol (SA)** qualification. It is usual practice and expected that consultants from all Academic Centres in South Africa will be inducted into the College as Examiners, after 5 years within their post. Private Urologists are also encouraged to volunteer their time and experience examining - via their nearest/local University Academic HOD/nearest Council Member.

## Registrar Masterclass (#SAUREM)

### The South African Urology Registrar Education Masterclass

After the 'pilot' program in 2019, In collaboration with the SAUA Academic Subcommittee, this national teaching event will be another established event on the annual CMSA Urology Registrar Education calendar and will be held mid-year to allow senior registrars the Exam Preparation needed prior to finals.

The SAUREM event includes a weekend of Mock OSCES, Invited Lectures, a formal online MOCK written examination with an immediate instant online output result.

Thanks to the current pledged sponsorship from **Nu Angle and Karl Storz** for the transportation and accommodation of Urologists and Urology registrars for this event. We are also indebted to the SAUA (South African Urological Association) for their assistance in this regard.

Regarding the Consultant and registrar attendance, we are ensuring representation and national involvement via the Academic HODs across South Africa. Consultants who would like to volunteer as examiners/lecturers for this important event can forward their details to their local College Council member, or directly to my email address below.

Due to the need for smaller contained focused classrooms and the related travel and accommodation costs, this program is strictly restricted to senior registrars (within 1-2 years of the final examination date). From this year onward the **#SAUREM** event is formally endorsed by the CMSA (Education/Academic Subcommittees). A big thanks to all the Colleagues who have made this possible:

#### Special acknowledgement goes out to:

##### NUAngle:

Lindsay Shahim, Sonja Steyn, Louise Swanepoel, Ankia Pretorius, Woudri Rolfe, Trish Govender, Clinton Oberholster, Tamsyn Marais, Nadien Grobler and the main co-ordinating specialist: Hilda Van Niekerk.

For their commitment, organisation and sponsorship regarding the travel and accommodation for the out-of-town registrars, and specialists, covering the setup and stationery, prizes, and catering costs.

#### Karl-Storz South Africa:

Marcia Snyman, Nikkita Pillay, Muktaar Mohamed, Karen Kriel, and Johan Strydom, for their efforts and for allowing us to use the venue (Johannesburg Office - KARL STORZ (SA)) for the entire program and the unlimited access to the trainers and latest endoscopic simulators.

**CMSA: Prof Dean Gopalan** (Head: Education Subcommittee at the CMSA (Colleges of Medicine of South Africa) for his support and advice.

**SAUA (South African Urology Association):** Exec members for their assistance and support - Especially Prof Shingai Mutambirwa - National Academic Co-Chair (SAUA).

**MOCK Examiners:** All the Urology Council Members / Academic Urologists / (Consultants) volunteers from across SA: J Lazarus (Past President), P Spies, K Mathabe, Haroun Patel, J Urry, F Paterson, V Morolo, S Padayachee, N Lourens, F van Wijk, C Christofides, R Nadimpalli, C Mathye and those who supported this initiative.

**Congratulations to #SAUREM2022 Prize Winners** (Urology Registrars)

#### Mock Exam (Written):

Dr S Kruger, Dr M Hoek, Dr J Hellig (**Top 3**)

#### Surgical Simulation Stations:

Dr Sookram, Dr Kruger, Dr Afolayan, Dr Hellig

An inclusive write-up regarding the #SAUREM2022 was requested to be submitted and now will be published in the **TRANSACTIONS Journal (CMSA)** October/ November Edition.

## The Chris Heyns Memorial Lecture

In another attempt to “internationalise” the College of Urologists (CMSA), we have formally registered an open access online invited lecture that will be taking place within the first week of December (Annually). All urologists, broader CMSA members and national Urology registrars will be formally invited via the online link to attend this lecture.

The invited speaker will always be an **internationally acclaimed Academic Urologist** and will be invited on the recommendation of the sitting President of the College of Urologists. A lecture will be delivered, and the name/s of the graduates and Medallist of the previous year (**Successful candidates 2021 SS / 2022 FS and the College Medallist 2021**) will also be formally announced during this open online educational session.

Most importantly, we thank the **Heyns family** for granting us written permission to allow the use of the late ‘Prof Chris Heyns’ name for this purpose. We also acknowledge all their sacrifices during the previous years while Prof Heyns worked selflessly in ensuring that our college maintained international standards during the periods of his Presidency at the CMSA and beyond.

We also thank **Mrs Marcia Snyman and Karl Storz SA** – for sponsoring the honorarium to the international speaker. Karl Storz SA and CMSA have contracted this honorarium for the next 5 years. Special mention also goes out to **Prof Dean Gopalan (Education Committee Chair - CMSA)** and **Mrs Evelyn Chetty** for their assistance, direction, and leadership in establishing and fortifying this annual online event on the CMSA calendar. The inaugural event will take place in the first week of December. The 2022 International Speaker is in the process of confirmation.

More details/correspondence to follow shortly.

## Examination Preparation/Registrar Candidate Information Pack

Registrars may refer to the updated CMSA candidate information pack.

**Link:** [Candidate Information Pack 20 8 2022.pdf](#)

Additional Information for Candidates

**Link:** [https://www.cmsa.co.za/view\\_page.aspx?PageID=50](https://www.cmsa.co.za/view_page.aspx?PageID=50)

### Membership

Members are requested to kindly update their details and membership status, as this may affect correspondence, examiner status and CMSA matters from reaching you timeously.

## Urology Registrar Representation at the College Level

With the hope to achieve a better candidate feedback and representation, the Appointment of Registrar representation at the College Level has been implemented.

**Dr S Kruger** (Registrar – University of Stellenbosch) was appointed at the last SAUREM Meeting and will be the national SA Urology Registrar Representative for the current calendar year. This proactive move would allow for an immediate / unobstructed representation regarding registrar related matters.

**Registrar representation** to be appointed by way of vote/consensus annually at the #SAUREM venue.

### The “Spirit Awards” of the College of Urologists

Another innovation in fostering better camaraderie: Special Mention of the Individuals who have embodied the actions of commitment and ‘Spirit’ of the College of Urologists will also be nominated by council and listed in the bulletin on an annual basis.

For **The ‘Spirit Award’ of the College of Urologists (2022):**

**Dr Mantsoelengwe Viola Morolo (Pretoria)** – For providing her practice ultrasound machine on a minute’s notice during the #SAUREM2022 ultrasound session, when the sonar machine was no longer available to demonstrate to the eagerly awaiting Registrars.

**Dr Donald MacGillivray (Umhlanga)** – For invigilating and staying behind in his private practice – which he converted into an Exam venue for almost an entire day, since the KZN CMSA venue became inaccessible while the KZN floods and thunderstorms were underway.

The above Urologists have **gone the extra mile** for their College and as a token of our appreciation/acknowledgment, CMSA College Memorabilia (Insignia)

## Other CMSA Relevant, Non-Urology Links/ Matters

**The CMSA Published Social and Ethics report (2021)**

**Link:** [2021 Year End Report from the Chairman of the Social and Ethics committee 20 8 2022 \(1\).pdf](#)

**The inaugural GENERAL CMSA newsletter Vol1 2022**

**Link:** [CMSA Newsletter Vol\\_1\\_2022\\_20\\_8\\_2022.pdf](#)

## CONCLUSION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF UROLOGISTS

In closing, a special mention goes out to all fellow CMSA seniors including Prof Flavia Senkubuge, Prof Johan Fagan, Prof Eric Buch, Prof Dean Gopalan, Prof Venessa Burch and Mrs Yolokazi Kanzi and all the support staff for their vital assistance to the College of Urologists.

To all my fellow Urology Council members who have dedicated their time and effort selflessly in safeguarding this wonderful speciality – I cannot thank you enough for all your ongoing support in lightening this task.

Although as council members, all our entrusted duties are performed on a voluntary, non-remunerative basis, we are all still open to suggestions, comments, and any input regarding **college matters**. Any feedback can be directed via your local council member or directly via email to my personal address below.

Warm regards, and best wishes to all our candidates writing this semester!



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