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21st Annual Industry Results Presentation and Clinical Quality Conference

On 15th August 2025 HQA will be hosting its 21st annual Industry Results Presentation and Clinical Quality Conference.

The agenda for this year's conference includes presentations and panel discussions on the role of AI in healthcare, the drivers of the high caesarean section ratio and the impact on quality, the need to retain access to detailed data in an environment where capitation, fixed fees and value-based remuneration are fast becoming the norm, whereto with PROMS and PREMS, and some insights into exciting new developments.

A formal invitation and the final program shall be made available as soon as finalised. Please diarise 15th August 2025 in the meanwhile.

2025 Indicator and Methodology Review

The CAB (Clinical Advisory Board) and TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) already met 3 times and once respectively in 2025, completing the indicator and technical methodology reviews for the 2025 reporting cycle. Some new indicators were added and some modifications were approved. The TechSC (Technical sub-committee) is now preparing for the annual Industry Results Presentation and Scheme Reports. Apart from reviewing and developing indicators, areas under attention include an enhancement of indicator clarification, weighting, and a methodology for determining prevalence of disease more accurately.

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New Members and Participants

It is an honour to welcome Anglo Medical Scheme and Witbank Coal Medical Aid Scheme as new participants in 2025, and the National Pathology Group as a new member of HQA. There is also a possibility of a large scheme from north of the Limpopo to join as a participant in 2025, a step that will make healthcare quality measurement and reporting across regions in Southern Africa possible.

Practitioner Report

HQA completed a second pilot report for practitioners in the first quarter of 2025. Feedback that was obtained during a presentation and discussion of the report will be used to make enhancements as part of a process of continuous development and progression. A strategy to roll out the report to more practitioners is now being developed.

Measuring and Reporting to Include All Role players

HQA is working towards a scenario where all role-players are included in measuring and reporting healthcare quality.

Registry for Prostate Cancer

The registry for localised prostate cancer is now going to be expanded to include metastatic prostate cancer. Successful discussions in this regard were held with urology and radiology specialists in the private and public sectors. The registry will be governed by a multi-disciplinary steering group within the Prostate Cancer Foundation. HQA's role as part of the registry will be to report clinical and patient reported outcomes.

Public Reporting

HQA will continue to release more of its results publicly. Currently public reporting includes flu coverage, colorectal cancer screening, mammograms, and effectiveness of diabetes care. HIV and maternal and newborn measures are considered as new additions for the next cycle.

Collecting and Reporting on PROMS

Measuring and reporting on healthcare quality is incomplete without the voice of the consumer of healthcare services. To address this, HQA will develop a strategy in conjunction with its member organisations. As a first step, a PROMS questionnaire is already part of the prostate cancer registry indicator set.

**'If everyone is moving forward together,
then success takes care of itself!'
Henry Ford**

