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The South African Military Health Services (SAMHS) is an important organ of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) in that it looks after the health and wellbeing of the country's soldiers. Part of the SAMHS's mandate is to conduct academic research in medical field to build capacity as part of force preparation in order to address current and future challenges. It is against this background that SAMHS will host an annual event affording multi-disciplinary Health Care Professionals an opportunity for training, education, and development in military medicine termed the SAMHS Academic Day. This important initiative will be presented in a form of a three-day seminar that will be held from 19 to 21 September 2017 at Tempe Military Base in Bloemfontein, Free State.

Academics from various medical professions invited will use this platform to share information applicable to National Health in the quest to showcase recent research conducted by SAMHS members on military medicine and related topics, and further stimulate an intellectual debate on health related matters through an interactive discussion. These discussion sessions will be facilitated by the Surgeon General (SG) of the SANDF, Lieutenant General Aubrey Sedibe.

An event of this magnitude keeps SAMHS abreast to global health standard and retains its international service functionality as "Health Warriors Serving the Brave", under the theme "**Standard of Care: A health service delivery imperative**". A broad discussion on various topics, which include health intelligence, analysis of chemical weapons, body armour design, surgical and cancer case studies, clinical reasoning skills and determinants of career success, ethics, standard of care, and service-delivery among others will be focal point of this year's seminar.

This seminar will be opened with an address by the Surgeon General on Tuesday, 19 September 2017 and each day's proceedings will commence at 08h30.

Media is cordially invited to attend the SAMHS Academic days in Bloemfontein, Tempe Base, Big Willy Auditorium. You are kindly requested to confirm your attendance to Captain Siphokazi Dlakamela by no later than end of business hours on Monday, 18 September 2017.

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