2023/24 Learning experiences in business, financial and lifestyle management for South African healthcare professionals

"I have attended eight conferences this year – two overseas. This is the best one.” *
Respiratory physician

"10,000 internet searches answered in a three-day course.” *
General surgeon

"Thank you for a superb course – I think it is potentially life changing!” *
Geriatrician

* Testimonials are from courses conducted in Australia.
Introducing The South African Health Business Academy – In a world marked by rapid advancements and intricate challenges in the realm of healthcare, a beacon of transformation and knowledge has emerged – South African Health Business Academy (SAHBA). As a herald of innovation and a harbinger of change, this academy stands at the forefront of redefining the medical profession.

The Healthcare Landscape of Today and Tomorrow – The complexities of the modern healthcare landscape demand an evolution in the way we run the business of healthcare in South Africa. SAHBA takes up this mantle with a profound sense of responsibility, recognising the need for a comprehensive approach that bridges medical expertise with business acumen and technological prowess.

A Vision of Excellence – Under the leadership of its esteemed Programme Directors and Faculty, SAHBA envisions a world where healthcare learning outcomes transcend traditional boundaries. This institution is not just offering a curriculum; it’s a dynamic ecosystem that fosters collaboration, cultivates creativity, and ignites innovation. With a faculty of distinguished educators and industry experts, the academy is committed to nurturing a new generation of healthcare leaders who are well-equipped to steer medical practice into professional businesses.

Cultivating Holistic Healthcare Professionals – Gone are the days when healthcare professionals could thrive in isolation within their specialised domains. SAHBA recognises the demand for a holistic approach to healthcare. By offering a diverse range of themes that encompass medical administration, health policy, technology integration, and business management, the academy ensures that its delegates are poised to address the challenges of growing legacy practice businesses in a difficult South African healthcare sector.

Beyond Theory: A Nexus of Practicality and Research – The academy’s commitment to bridging theory and practice is reflected in putting a variety of subjects that are on offer. By presenting practical modules and themes, the academy seeks to create a synergy that produces innovative solutions to real-world problems. This focus on practicality positions delegates of SAHBA as trailblazers, capable of making an immediate impact in their fields.

Joining the Journey – As we embark on this remarkable journey with SAHBA, the SA Medical Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to the visionaries, educators, partners, and delegates who have contributed since its inception. Together, let us embrace the challenge of shaping the future of healthcare, guided by the transformative vision of SAHBA.

P.S. Please follow the links below for an insight into the origins of the SAHBA programme and to get a sense of the learning experiences soon to be delivered for the South African healthcare community.

Dr. Edward Ngwenya
Vice-chairperson – The SA Medical Association

The Course Experience

The Alumni Programme Experience

Dr Caroline Corbett
Anaesthesiologist, President of the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists, Co-founder and inventor of the SmartBlade Videolaryngoscope, winner of the WFSA Global Innovation Award, winner of the AWIEF Top Woman in Technology Innovation in Africa.

Professor Dion du Plessis
Urologist, past Corporate Medical Director Netcare, ex Dean of Medicine University of Pretoria, recipient of the Lex Visser Life Time Achievement award and legend in his own lifetime.

Dr Taheera Hasim
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, twice recipient of the Women of Wonders award & finalist for Mrs South Africa.

Dr Nthabiseng Legoete
GP, Rehabilitation Medical Officer, Social Entrepreneur, Founder of Quali Health and passionate advocate of affordable, high-level healthcare services to the disenfranchised communities of South Africa.

Dr Lethabo Machaba
Paediatrician, founder of Business Side of Medicine, Executive TV Show Producer and Host, Author and Motivational Speaker. Co- Director and Executive member of the African Female Paediatric Network (AFPN).

Dr Riaz Motara
Cardiologist, CEO of BrandMed and digital health evangelist with particular interest in cardiac endocrinology and preventative cardiology.

Dr Edward Ngwenya
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, Member of the Board of Trustees – PPS & Vice-Chairman of the South African Medical Association (SAMA).

Dr Unben Pillay
GP, founder of the Smart Health Summit & CEO of Alliance of South African Independent Practitioners Associations (ASAIPA).
A medical practice is a business. For a business to operate at its full potential, there needs to be a fair degree of entrepreneurial spirit and framework embedded within it.

This course was developed for those transitioning from public to private practice and will provide comprehensive training on the fundamental principles, strategies and actions required for successful establishment, management and growth of a healthcare business as well as financial and personal life.

Further, we will address the metaphorical elephant in the room: the changing face of healthcare delivery, driven by the confluence of consumer demand, technology and thought leadership.

**The themes we will explore include:**
- Starting with the end in mind
- Re-imagining healthcare
- Practice set-up
- Medical practice business planning
- Practice management and the role of the practice manager
- Systems, policies and procedures
- Practice growth strategies
- Medical practice marketing and community engagement
- Software as a business tool
- Data science and business intelligence
- Tax, accounting and business structures
- The legal framework
- Employment and recruitment
- Medico-legal risk management
- Business risk management
- Personal risk management
- Banking and finance
- Doctor wellbeing and sustainability
- Wealth creation and lifestyle planning
- Asset protection and estate planning
- Practice design, construction and fit-out

... IN AN AGE OF DISRUPTION

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“The rule of business growth says that every business, like every child, is destined to grow! Needs to grow. Is determined to grow ... Once a doctor has started a practice, it is his or her job to help it grow. To nurture it and support it in every way. To infuse it with: purpose, passion, will, belief, personality, method.”

Michael E Gerber, The E Myth Physician

Aimed at doctors and managers established in practice, this course will address why growth is crucial for survival as well as the mindset and strategies required to achieve business and lifestyle success.

The themes we will explore include:

- How to be a leader in healthcare disruption
- Achieving patient satisfaction
- The role of data science and business intelligence
- The group, multi-discipline and multi-site practice
- Systems, policies and procedures – your platform for growth
- Contracted doctors – attracting, nurturing, retaining and creating a path to equity
- Leadership and team building
- Advanced marketing strategy
- Growth through practice design
- Advanced wealth planning
- Risk management – professional, business and personal safety nets
- Getting ready for practice succession

It is a must-do course for clinicians – one of the best I have ever attended. Truly inspiring and wonderful speakers!”*

General practitioner

This course has given me knowledge from an array of experts, but most importantly provided clear directions and inspiration for adding value to the practice and growing it!”*

Plastic surgeon

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Every business, if managed with a view to the end-game can achieve saleable, transferrable value.

A medical practice presenting a compelling opportunity for a buyer is one that maximises the value embedded in the practice itself, and minimises the type of value that is difficult to transfer, i.e., the personal goodwill from the particular qualities and experience of an individual or group of doctors.

A retreat in every sense of the word, this unique learning and lifestyle experience is set in the historic and iconic Babylonstoren, nestled in the heart of the stunningly beautiful Franschhoek wine country of Cape Town.

Our venue perfectly complements our retreat agenda and offers doctors and their spouses the opportunity to step away from the practice to evaluate the next steps to realise the saleable value of their business.

Over the course of three days and two evenings, delegates will be introduced to the four key principles of the practice valuation formula – they will also be guided, through both group and individual sessions, in the process of developing a succession plan tailored for their business.

Whilst the education agenda is focussed on learning, guidance and action-planning, we will also take advantage of the lifestyle offerings of our venue and surroundings through sumptuous meals, excursions and social gatherings lubricated by the finest wines of the region.

Gain a deep understanding of the following themes:

- From practice to business
- The characteristics of a saleable practice
- The re-imagined medical practice – understanding and embracing disruption
- Improving practice efficiency through systems, policies and procedures
- Engaging and motivating your people
- Securing and optimising your referral relationships
- Marketing strategy for growing value
- Practice design for attracting successors
- Managing the risks of sale
- The role of the practice/business manager
- Financial and lifestyle planning considerations
- Retirement on your terms

Encouraged me to re-look at my practice, to improve its profile and saleability. Identified important areas to address and who I should go to for help.”

Obstetrician and gynaecologist

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Program key features

• CPD point entitlement.
• Intensive lecture and workshop style presentations by leading professionals in business and financial disciplines specialising in healthcare consultancy.
• Completion of needs analyses and action plans.
• Course app and resource centre.
• Networking social functions.

Further information

Resources such as the course app, pre-course reading, presenter and course schedules, as well as social programme details, will be forwarded upon registration.

In the meantime, should you have any queries, and/or wish to express your interest in attending an event, please contact our Programme Director:

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Please note: Cancellations must be notified in writing to steven.macarounas@bmlinstitute.com.au. Cancellations received up to two weeks before each event will receive a refund of monies paid less a cancellation fee of R1 800. No refunds will be made after this date.

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Dermatologist

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