

## Membership Renewal Letter



Rural Doctors Association of Southern Africa  
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Dear Health Practitioner

We are in the process of updating our database and have noticed that your membership fees are in arrears. We would like to continue to provide a useful and relevant service to rural health workers in Southern Africa, and would like your input to make this possible.

Should you wish to remain on our database, please update your details on the accompanying form and send it back to us along with proof of payment of your annual membership contribution.

Annual membership costs are R200 for doctors and R75 for students and allied health workers and are renewable in August each year.. Paid up members are entitled to:

- regular newsletters and updates on RuDASA activities
- opportunities to network with rural practitioners on a local and national level, reducing perceived isolation
- discounted registration fees for RuDASA's annual rural health conference
- opportunities to serve on provincial and national RuDASA committees
- access to channels for raising concerns and ideas and influence policy developments in the field of rural health
- support in dealing with e.g. unfair labour practices and other HR challenges (Note: RuDASA is a support organization and not a labour union)

In addition, please assist us by completing the questions on the following page to assist us to ensure that we continue to 'inspire others towards rural health'.

Please send the completed sheet to RuDASA:

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Name: _____
Contact no.: _____
Email address:- _____

What challenges do you face as a health practitioner practicing in a rural area?

- Difficulty in accessing CPD activities
- Need for further education opportunities
- Staff shortages
- Drug stockouts
- Locum shortages
- Problems doing locums at hospitals
- Lack of clinical supervision
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to offer your expertise and assistance to RuDASA?

- Offer clinical (telemedicine) support (specialist or otherwise)
- Become an accredited elective site for medical and/or other health science students
- Contribute towards our university sponsorship fund(s)
- Become a clinical mentor to e.g. a sponsored student
- Provide detailed information on your hospital for a new website promoting rural community service
- Serve on the provincial RuDASA committee responsible for coordinating communication between doctors on a local level
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to recommend RuDASA to another rural health practitioner?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact no. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you very much We value any other comments or suggestions and look forward to continuing to engage with you as we strive together to improve health care for all rural people.

Regards in rural health

The RuDASA Committee

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