



**SASA**  
SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS  
NATIONAL CONGRESS 2026  
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## CONGRESS PRIZE RULES

SASA invites all interested and eligible persons to compete for the Nurse Presentation Awards as the SASA National Congress.

### RULES GOVERNING THE NURSE PRESENTATION AWARDS

The prizes to be awarded are:

- The SASA Prize for best Practical Peri-Anaesthetic Nursing Presentation
- The SASA Nurse Prize for Communication skills

Conditions of Entry:

- To be eligible for any of the prizes for Nurse Presentation, an applicable abstract must be submitted and accepted for presentation at the Nurse Refresher Program during the annual SASA Congress.
- All submissions must cover an area of Practical Peri-Anaesthetic Nursing. It can be from either a general or research perspective.
- Although not a limiting condition of entry, preference will be given to submissions from the nursing fraternity.
- The abstract of the presentation must reach the Congress Organiser before the specified closing dates for abstract submission.
- Condition for all research submissions: Only work done in Southern Africa will be accepted and must be in the field of Peri-anaesthetic Nursing.

- The scientific committee of the Congress shall select the best papers to compete for the awards.
- The award cannot be awarded to the same winner in consecutive years. This does not preclude a previous winner from entering a free paper and presenting their research.
- Each nurse presenter award will consist of a cash prize, the quantum of which is reviewed annually by SASA. In 2024, this amount is R2 500.00
- This award is funded by SASA National and not by the Congress.



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## THE SASA PRIZE FOR THE BEST PRACTICAL PERI-ANAESTHETIC NURSING PRESENTATION

The maximum time for presentation shall be 15 minutes with 5 minutes allowed for discussion.

The accepted abstract presentation must cover an area of practical peri-anaesthetic nursing. It can be presented from either a general or research perspective.

## THE SASA NURSE PRIZE FOR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The prize shall be offered to the Nurse Refresher Program presenter of an accepted abstract, who demonstrates the most outstanding ability in communicating information on a peri-anaesthetic nursing related subject. The prize is offered for teaching and communication skills and not for research quality.

Awarding of the prize will be determined by the following major factors:

- Suitability of chosen subject.
- Ability to convey message to an audience at the SASA Nurse Refresher Programme.
- Organisation of presented material.
- Applicable usage of audio-visual aids.
- Confidence of speech.
- Presenting and teaching style.
- Ability to handle discussion from the audience.

Time allowed for the presentation will be 15 minutes with a 5-minute discussion period.



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