

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME



Date: 14th August 2026

PRE-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOPS

12h00 - 13h00	Arrival & registration		
Workshops			
13h00 - 17h00	Medical management of opioid use disorder		Managing the opioid-dependant patient with chronic pain
	Lisa Dannatt Kavendren Odayar	Lindsay scholtz Lize Weich	Briony Gildenhuys Livia Van Rensburg

Date: 15th August 2026

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

Time	Topics	Speakers
07h00 - 08h00	Arrival & registration	
08h00 - 08h10	Welcome	
SESSION 1		
08h10 - 08h40	Beyond the bottle: The new face of youth substance use	Thabo Mogotlane
08h40 - 09h10	Wanting: The myth of motivation and choice	Kavendren Odayar
09h10 - 09h20	Q&A	
SESSION 2		
09h20 - 09h50	Dual realities: Treating addiction in severe mental illness	Lindsay Scholtz
09h50 - 10h20	Don't be a dealer: Prescription addiction	Lisa Dannatt
10h20 - 10h30	Q&A	
10h30 - 10h50	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
SESSION 3		
10h50 - 11h20	Beyond weight loss: GLP-1 agonists and the future of addiction treatment	Richard Goncalves
11h20 - 11h50	Harm Reduction in the South African Context: practices, pitfalls and progress	Elaine Saayman
11h50 - 12h00	Q&A	
12h00 - 13h00	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION 4		
13h00 - 13h30	Addiction in the Age of Excess: Is Addiction the modern plague in a disconnected world?	Lize Weich
13h30 - 14h00	Nicotine version 2.0: Vaping, pouches and the next public health challenge	Richard van Zyl Smit
14h00 - 14h10	Q&A	
SESSION 5		
14h10 - 15h10	Ethics - Legal to use, left Behind: The ethics of decriminalization without care	Nadine Harker
15h10 - 15h20	Q&A	
15h20 - 15h25	CLOSING	
15h25 - 16h00	CLOSING - AGM	

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