



Dear Pharmacy Professional/Stakeholder,

SAPC e-Note: September is Pharmacy Month

Following a hiatus in 2020 to allow pharmacy professionals to focus on the urgent and important duty of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, Pharmacy Month is back! The 2021 Pharmacy Month theme is “Think Pharmacy”. This theme aims to encourage members of the public to always think pharmacy first for their primary health care needs.

As such, we urge all pharmacy professionals, including learners and students, to be ambassadors for the pharmacy profession and the value it continues to add in promoting and ensuring the health of the South African population this Pharmacy Month. Pharmacists are more than medicine dispensers, they are medicines and health experts who provide competent counsel and care to their patients and their colleagues in the health care team for the sole objective of ensuring speedy therapeutic outcomes for their patients.

The 2021 Pharmacy Month awareness programme aims to highlight to community members that their pharmacy professional:

- Is accessible;
- Can provide medicines and information about them;
- Is part of a team that looks after a patient’s health and well-being;
- Can offer quality health care for patients and their families;
- Can provide advice on leading a healthy lifestyle, as well as immunisation and family planning;
- Can help with health screening and testing; and
- Can provide help with self-care and first aid, amongst other health care services.

Pharmacy Month material can be accessed and downloaded from the South African Pharmacy Council website, at www.sapc.za.org/PharmacyMonth

Pharmacy professionals on social media are encouraged to share their experiences and activities using the following hashtags: #thinkpharmacyfirst, #knowyourpharmacist, #knowyournumbers, and #thankyourpharmacist.

Pharmacy professionals are encouraged to share short reports and images of their Pharmacy Month activities with the Office of the Registrar by email to Elmari.Venter@sapc.za.org

Yours faithfully,

VM Tlala
Registrar/CEO



