SAPC e-Note

Dear Pharmacy Professional/Stakeholder,

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The South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) is pleased to inform patient-facing pharmacy professionals in the private sector (institutional and community pharmacy) that it has received confirmation that the Pharmacy First Working Group has secured 10 000 J&J vaccine doses in Phase 3b of the Sisonke Vaccine Trial. This specific allocation has been set aside for **patient-facing** Pharmacists, Pharmacist's Assistants (Qualified and Learner Post-Basic), and Pharmacy Nurses.

How to enlist?

Pharmacy owners and responsible pharmacists who may have not yet enlisted themselves through pharmacy associations (specifically the ICPA and/or PSSA), are urged to urgently enlist their patient-facing Pharmacists, Pharmacist's Assistants (Qualified and Learner Post-Basic) and Pharmacy Nurses by completing the attached spreadsheet and sending it via email to **info@icpa.co.za**

Please note that all data fields need to be completed and **only** Pharmacists, Pharmacist's Assistants (Qualified and Learner Post-Basic) and Pharmacy Nurses are eligible. Eligibility will be checked against SAPC and/or South African Nursing Council (SANC) registers.

What if I am not included in this Sisonke Vaccine Trial?

The Sisonke Vaccine Trial is not the actual Phase 1b rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine announced by the Department of Health (DoH) but only a clinical trial/study. As such, pharmacy professionals who do not meet the inclusion criteria in the current allocation within the trial should continue to enrol on the DoH's EVDS (https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za) for Phase 1b of the national vaccine rollout, which is expected to take place from the beginning of May 2021.

Your sincerely,

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