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SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

# Public Hearings for the Health Market Inquiry

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# Introduction and Background

- Who is SASA
- Who do we speak on behalf of
- SASA and the patient
- Why we asked for the opportunity to communicate with the public on the Health Market Inquiry

# Skills and Sustainability

- Qualification Process
- What skills the country has for Anaesthesia compared to what it needs
- Consequences of scarcity of skills
- Potential solutions to address skills shortages
- Barriers to addressing skills shortages

# Medical Practitioner Independence

- Why the stringent HPCSA rules exist
- Consequences for Competition
  - direct employment and alternative reimbursement models
- Importance of strong and efficient regulatory environment

# Market Power

- What the law currently allows practitioners
- Price Takers
- Price Benchmarking



# Rising Healthcare Costs

- What drives healthcare costs – a view from the coalface
- How this impacts on your doctor and specialists
- An example of a medical scheme rate for an Anaesthesiologist
- How this all then translates to the experience of the patient

# Conclusion

- Committed to sustainable access to healthcare services in South Africa
- Clinical needs must always be the primary driver
  - specialists ethically bound with no conflict
- No individual market power of practitioners
- Seek fairness and transparency
- Patient needs always the central focus

