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CARDIO-ONCOLOGY SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL CARDIO-ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE

26 -27 May 2023

The Cardio-Oncology Society of Southern Africa (COSOSA), an affiliate of the International Cardio-Oncology Society (ICOS), is hosting its 3rd Annual Cardio-Oncology Conference, 26 - 27 May 2023 at The Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, Western Cape, South Africa.

Cardio-Oncology has developed as a new and necessary discipline within cardiology because of the cardiovascular adverse sequelae of cancer therapy. Cancer treatment often results in cardiotoxicity, driving up morbidity and mortality in the oncologic population. Today, any doctor involved in cancer care must have some knowledge of Cardio-Oncology so that cardiac complications in cancer patients are detected early and appropriate treatment may be prescribed before irreversible complications occur.

COSOSA is the first Cardio-Oncology Society in sub-Saharan Africa and is focused on exposing physicians in Africa to this discipline. The scientific programme has been designed to update health care professionals in the rapidly evolving field of cardiovascular health management to improve cancer outcomes. The annual conference will present delegates opportunities for interdisciplinary learning, debate, and networking with colleagues. Attendees will also greatly benefit from incredible local and international key opinion leaders specialising in the management of the cardio-oncology patient.

International faculty include pioneers in the field of Cardio-Oncology such as: **Dr Alexander Lyon** of the Royal Brompton, London, immediate past president of the British Cardio Oncology Society, president of the European Society of Cardiology and board member of ICOS. **Dr Susannah Stanway**, Oncologist & Lead for Survivorship, Royal Marsden Hospital, London and active agent in advancing oncology care in low and middle income countries. **Prof Sebastian Szmit**, Associate Professor, Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education (CMKP, Poland) and member of ICOS Education & Training Advisory Committee. **Prof Susan Dent**, Duke University, USA and President of ICOS International (Medical Oncologist). Other international names: **Prof Tomas Neilan** (Cardio-oncologist, Harvard, USA), **Dr Tharshini Ramalingam** (Cardio-Oncologist, The Royal Brompton), Prof Ashutosh Wechalekar (Haematologist), Mr Ulrich Rosendahl (Cardiac Surgeon), **Dr Wanzhu Zhang** (Cardiologist).

Local experts include Dr Y.T (Trishun) Singh (Cardiologist/Cardio-Oncologist) and president of COSOSA, **Dr Ines Buccimazza** (Specialist Breast- and Endocrine Surgeon), **Prof Ashley Chin** (Cardiologist), **Dr Ria David** (Medical Oncologist), **Dr Louis Kathan** (Clinical Oncologist), **Prof Gita Naidu** (Paediatric Oncologist), **Prof Ntobeko Ntusi** (Cardiologist), **Dr Alexia Oliver** (Medical Doctor), **Prof Andrew Sarkin** (Cardiologist), **Prof Alicia Sherriff** (Radiation Oncologist), **Dr Len Steingo** (Cardiologist) and **Dr Pieter van der Bijl** (Cardiologist).

Interested parties can learn more about COSOSA and the 3rd Annual Cardio-Oncology Conference 2023 by visiting the COSOSA website (<https://cososa.org.za>).

About the organisation:

COSOSA promotes & provides training and education for Healthcare Practitioners treating cancer patients. Our mission is to ensure that such patients not only receive optimal care for their cancer, but are timeously diagnosed and treated for cardiovascular complications arising either from cancer therapy or comorbidities that exist concurrently with the patient's cancer. The society was established as the first cardio-oncology society in sub-Saharan Africa by Dr Y.T (Trishun) Singh – also the first certified Cardio-oncologist on the African continent.

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