

## SAPA HAS A NEW VISION

The South African Paediatric Association has a renewed vision: to contribute towards a nation of **thriving children**. We have adopted the logo 'Striving for thriving kids'. With this in mind, we are also refreshing the look and feel of SAPA. Our new website will launch soon and will allow paediatricians all over South Africa to connect and learn from each other. The new logo adds freshness and vibrancy that reflects the excitement we feel about serving the needs of our children through their paediatricians.

### NASTY BUGS IN THE NEWS

**COVID-19** is causing widespread panic and having a significant impact not just on health, but also on business, sport and travel. The numbers of cases in South Africa is **growing daily**, with the NICD reporting 13 positive cases by 11 March 2020. Follow [@nicd\\_sa](https://twitter.com/nicd_sa) on Twitter for frequent updates on the situation in South Africa. The NICD have produced a very useful [toolkit for health workers](#) which is updated regularly as more information becomes available.

**Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE)** is in the public eye again. The Gauteng Department of Health confirmed that [10 babies had died at Tembisa Hospital](#) neonatal unit due to a CRE outbreak. Tygerberg Hospital (Western Cape) neonatal service reported [a CRE outbreak in February 2019](#). [Ballot et al.](#) recently published a retrospective review of multi-drug resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (MDRE), noting a significant increase in MDRE infections in neonatal sepsis. It is up to all paediatricians in South Africa to model, teach and improve personal and systemic infection prevention and control practices and antibiotic stewardship programmes. Sharing of best practice and [lessons learned](#) is necessary to protect neonates and children in our hospitals.

### NEW VISION: NEW MOTIF

The [Dreamsmiths](#) team helped SAPA create an icon that generates an immediate identification with paediatrics, and denotes nurturing care. The circular motif (see below) captures the playful nature of children, while the careful alignment and measured lettering grounds the logo in the medical and research component of paediatrics. A fun, diverse colour palette was chosen to reflect the vibrancy of children, alluding to our ultimate objective – seeing a nation of healthy, happy children.

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### A FUTURE FOR THE WORLD'S CHILDREN? A WHO-UNICEF-LANCET COMMISSION

Creating an environment in which children can reach their greatest potential is an ideal often spoken about in child health circles. In some countries this ideal is a reality, with a high child-flourishing index. However, the earth is being destroyed through reckless action in the same places, leaving an environment unsuitable for children who have been equipped to thrive. This paradox is true in reverse as well, where countries with a low child-flourishing index have

significantly less detrimental impact on the environment. While the earth is theirs for the taking, these children are not able to take full advantage. No country has managed to find a balance or means to correct the paradox, while the damage to the earth by some has major implications that transcend borders. For more on the measures to combat the crisis, read the recently released Lancet [commission report](#).

SAPA WEBINARS are held on the **last Wednesday of every month at 17h00**.

To attend the webinar, log in to <http://meeting.uct.ac.za/sapa>

**25 March 2020:** Paediatric infectious diseases by Dr Gary Reubenson

**27 May 2020:** Burden of childhood disease in SA by Prof. Haroon Saloojee



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