FAREWELL, DR MO SONI

It was with some sadness that we took leave of Dr Soni who at the end of March 2016 officially retired as head of the Clinical Unit of Cardiac Anaesthesia at IALCH. For well over two decades he had served as the cornerstone of Cardiac Anaesthesia. His knowledge and expertise in Paediatric Cardiac Anaesthesia has remained largely unchallenged. Over the years several specialists have trained under his careful watch in this highly specialised area of Anaesthesia. Dr Soni first joined the Department as an M.O. in July 1992 after moving from Zimbabwe where he had completed Masters Degree in Anaesthetics training received in Zimbabwe, Dr Soni also spent several months as a registrar in training at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Birmingham UK. His original medical degree is from the University of Alexandria in Egypt. Dr Soni and his wife, Dr Farida Amod, a physician/microbiologist in private practice, are the proud parents of three sons. Ahmad, Bilal and Yusuf. Two of the sons are in University and the youngest, Yusuf is still in school. Their oldest son is following in the footsteps of his parents and is currently studying Medicine at UCT. Dr Soni’s clinical ability, in-depth knowledge and his calm and reassuring presence in the theatres of IALCH will be strongly missed. We would like to wish Dr Soni and his family well as he enters the next stage of his life’s pathway.

Friends and Colleagues are invited to a Farewell Function which will be held on Tuesday, 3 May, 16h30 to 18h00 in the Anaesthetic Dept @ IALCH to bid Dr Soni farewell. 
RSVP: Camy Singh singh@ukzn.ac.za

CONGRATULATIONS: To Dr David Munnik and his wife on the birth of their baby boy on Tuesday

DoH CIRCULAR No. 23 OF 2016

Attention: District Managers, Hospital Managers, Heads of Institutions, CHC Managers and Head Office Managers.

Performance Management and Development System: Payment of Pay Progression for the assessment period 1/4/2015 to 31/3/2016 for employees on salary Level 1

Objective:
1) The development of a scoring tool for the measurement of performance in managing hypotension and intra-operative cardiac arrest during spinal anaesthesia for caesarian section

Joubert, Danielle. Overestimation of the prognostic utility of biomarkers such as BNP when a meta-analysis uses optimal study specific thresholds

Nqala, Mampondonke Onke. Remote clinical support by telephone for rural district hospital medical officers in the Eastern Cape

Raiman, Mohamed. Comparison of hydroxyethyl starch colloids vs crystalloids of surgical patients-A systematic review and meta-analysis

Simmers, Dale. The use of pre-operative B-type natriuretic peptide as a predictor of atrial fibrillation after thoracic surgery: systematic review and meta-analysis.
The CCSSA KZN branch invites you to attend a CME lecture as follows:

**CCSSA CME**

- **Date:** Monday 25 April 2016
- **Time:** 17h00 for 17h30
- **Venue:** K1, KRith building, NRMM
- **Speaker:** Professor Dave Muckart
- **Topic:** Pugilism and Prostitution—Confessions of an ICU Hooker

Followed by CCSSA KZN branch AGM 18h30 - 19h00 (CCSSA members)

**PMB SASA CME 2016**

- **Date:** 21 May 2016
- **Venue:** Protea Hotel, Hilton, KZN
- **Time:** 07h45 – 14:00
- **Enquiry:** Colette Govender
- **Tel:** 033-8973413/4
- **Email:** colette.govender@kznhealth.gov.za

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- **CLINICAL FORUM**
  - **Unit:** KDHC
  - **Consultant:** Brouckaert A
  - **Unit:** Pain
  - **Consultant:** Bechan S

- **RESEARCH**
  - **Registrar:** Nurse C
  - **Registrar:** Ndlovu Z

**UPCOMING COLLEGE EXAMS**

- **FCA Part I Written without Orals**
  - **Dates:** 11 – 15 April
  - **Venue:** IALCH

**NEXT DAWN**

- **Fri, 15 Apr 2016**

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**DEPT WEBSITE**

http://anaesthetics.ukzn.ac.za/

**BIRTHDAYS**

- **Tuesday, 12 April 2016**
  - Rajesh Ramjee, Zanine Moyce

  **Friday, 15 April 2016**
  - Sandhya Jitho

**Thought for the Day!**

"I used to think the worst thing in life was to end up all alone, it’s not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people that make you feel all alone.”

~ Robin Williams