



WHAT DOES SAMLA, WESTERN CAPE HAVE ON THE CARDS FOR 2018?

The South African Litigation climate is precarious these days to say the least. We are in a transition period between classic: *“yes, I have sued you and I will see you in Court”* vs *“I believe X is your client, I have evidence that he did Y, can we schedule a meeting to discuss the way forward....”*.

SAMLA's main focus is one of education and talking about change and effect. The topic pool is vast and deep and we accordingly want to try something new to appease as many member's interests and needs as possible:

We are inviting you to join us every 8 - 12 weeks for an evening of discussion and debate; then, in August we will have a 2-3 day formal seminar/workshop on one subject. This year the focus will be on **Case Management**. This is a new buzz word among lawyers and medical practitioners/experts. The workshop will explore:

1. The “definition” of a Case Manager (CM).
2. How has the need for CMs evolved in the medico-legal industry over time, and what are the current trends of practice?
3. Considerations when appointing a CM:
 - a. Identifying **when** a CM should be appointed – i.e. for what reason and what sort of cases? Should a CM be appointed by patient's attorney straight away so that a proper account of what should be claimed, quantum wise, can be assessed?
 - b. The **qualifications**, experience and geographical location of the CM.
 - c. **Roles**, functions and activities of the CM, including boundary setting and ensuring that there is no conflict of interest.
 - d. Required hours of service over time, fees, travel expenses, contract requirements, etc.
4. Components of the CM duty: including the identification of needs, developing the case management plan, implementation and co-ordination of care activities, evaluation and follow-up, termination of the CM process etc.
5. CM's who know the patient and his/her family are vital when a Trust/ Curator *Bonis* is appointed;

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6. Establishing a society of CM's?
7. Discussion regarding the development of:
 - a. A protocol/guideline for medico-legal CM's;
 - b. Training for medico-legal CM's;
 - c. A consortium / network of suitably qualified medico-legal CM's.

The evening topics will initially be the brainchild of the SAMLA Western Cape Team who consists of: Anita Erens - Physiotherapist, Dr Paul Dalmeyer - Gynaecologist, Julia Buchanan – OT, Adv Natalie Lawrenson, Dr Marlene Wasserman - Sexologist, Eugene Rossouw - Prosthetist, Rowan Haarhoff – Lawyer (Actuarial), Stephanie Wainwright - Speech Therapist, Romany Sutherland, Attorney.

In the second half of the year we will invite members to provide us with topics that they want discussed.

Examples of some of the upcoming topics will be:

1. Feedback and Discussion on MPS and Ethiqal (Constantia Insurance) cooperation agreement, changing the way clinical negligence matters are litigated upon.
2. Osseointegration: A new innovation in prosthetics – improving quality of life for amputees and saving costs of prosthetic use in the long term
3. PTSD/Depression/Suicide rates among medical practitioners.
4. Briefing an Expert Committee and not just one expert.

THE FIRST TOPIC FOR 26 MARCH 2018, 18H00 – 20h00 @ THE LUNG INSTITUTE:

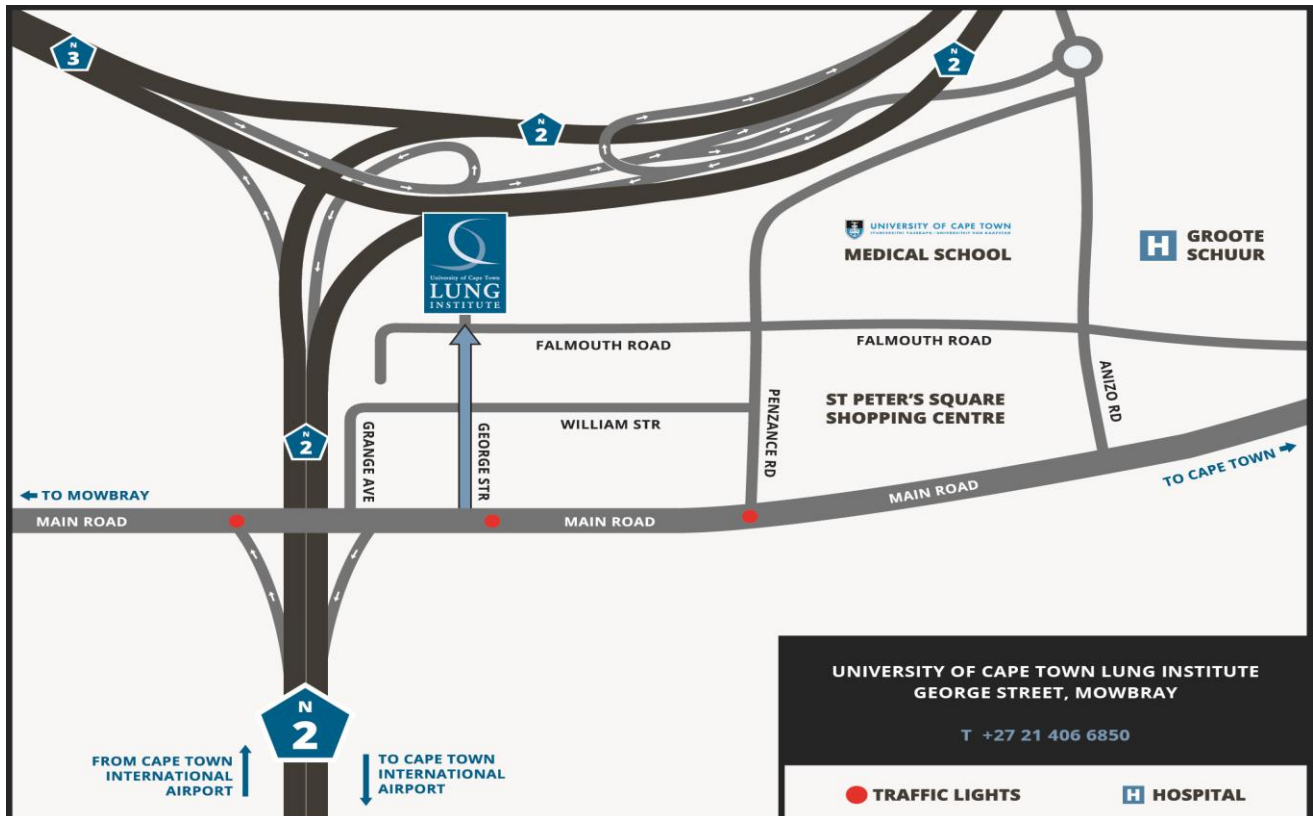
Costings in Expert Reports; Quantification of Future Medical Expenses; and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ACC)

17h30 – 18h00	REGISTRATION & TEA/COFFEE	
18h00 – 18h15	Introduction and News	Romany Sutherland , Chair SAMLA WC
18h15 – 18h40	Costing in Expert Report, there is not a specific schedule of fees for each profession. How do we know what fees to quote and what costing to use for devices...	Romany Sutherland Attorney at LLA INC Attorneys, Suzette van der Merwe , Attorney at MacRobert Attorneys, and Anita Erens , Physiotherapist and SAMLA WCape Secretary
18h40 – 19h00	Taking the mystery out of calculating future medical costs	Willem Boshoff (Actuary), Munro Forensic Actuaries..
19h00 – 19h30	ACC – Devices, cost, supply, assessment	A Presentation by Edit Microsystems
19h30 – 20h00	Questions and discussion	



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VENUE: THE LUNG INSTITUTE: GEORGE STREET MOWBRAY, CAPE TOWN



COST: R250 for non-members and R180 for SAMLA members.

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Application for CPD points will be made.

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