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SAMLA 2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME <i>The Human Factor in Medical Error: Ethics, Accountability and the Law Beyond Technology</i>	
DAY 1: Medico-Legal Status in SA & Accountability	
TIME	SESSION
08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments
09:00 – 09:10	SAMLA Conference 2026 Opening – Director: Conference
09:15 – 09:55	Opening Address
10:00 – 10:40	Current Status of Medico-Legal Claims in South Africa
10:40 – 11:10	Tea / Coffee Break & Networking
11:10 – 11:40	Keynote Address: The Human Factor in Medical Error: Ethics, Accountability and the Law Beyond Technology
11:45 – 12:35	Case Studies about Catastrophic Medical Errors
12:40 – 12:50	Main Sponsor Slot
12:50 – 13:50	Networking Lunch
13:50 – 14:30	Public Health Defence
14:35 – 15:15	Professional Accountability and Disciplinary Processes in Healthcare Practice
15:20 – 15:25	Sponsor Session
15:25 – 15:55	Afternoon Break & Networking
16:00 – 16:40	Accountability in Nursing Practice: Managing Professional Misconduct & Ethical Transgressions
16:45 – 17:05	International Law Conference in Antwerp 2026 – Feedback
17:05 – 17:20	Recap & Closure
DAY 2: Accountability, Governance, Technology & Ethics: How does it Impact the Human Factor	
08:00 – 08:30	Registration & Welcome Refreshments



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08:30 – 08:40	Welcome by SAMLA Board Member
08:45 – 09:25	Accountability in the Healthcare Sector: Governance, Reporting & Patient Safety
09:30 – 10:10	Leadership, Governance & Organisational Accountability
10:10 – 10:40	Tea / Coffee Break & Networking
10:40 – 11:20	Keynote Address 2 – Technology, Ethics & Accountability in the Future of Healthcare
11:25 – 12:05	Sponsor Session
12:10 – 12:50	System Failure versus Individual Negligence
12:50 – 13:50	Networking Lunch
13:50 – 15:20	Navigating Ethical Healthcare in an Era of Human and Technological Complexity: Exploring the impact of clinical wellbeing, emerging technologies, and ethical leadership on decision-making, patient safety, and medico-legal accountability.
15:20 – 15:50	Tea / Coffee Break & Networking
15:50 – 15:55	Sponsor Session
16:00 – 16:40	Malpractice litigation in Nursing Practice in South Africa: A national study
16:45 – 17:25	Validated guidelines that contributes to the prevention of malpractice litigation in nursing practice in South Africa
17:30 – 17:45	Recap & Closure
19:00 – 21:30	Cocktail Function
DAY 3: Lessons Learned & the Future of Medico-Legal Practice	
08:00 – 08:30	Registration & Welcome Refreshments Networking Tea
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome Address by SAMLA Board Member
08:45 – 09:25	Cutting Medico-Legal Claims with Medical Communication
09:30 – 10:10	Medico-Legal Lessons from Medico-Legal Case Law



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10:15 – 10:55	Informed Consent in the Digital Era
10:55 – 11:25	Tea / Coffee Break & Networking
11:25 – 11:30	Sponsor Session
11:35 – 11:50	Patrimonial damage
11:55 – 12:35	Panel Discussion – Beyond Technology: Preserving Humanity in Healthcare
12:40 – 13:10	Conference Resolutions & Future Directions
13:15 – 13:30	Final Reflections & Closing Remarks
13:30 – until we meet again	Packed Lunches