

SASGO

The South African Society of Gynaecologic Oncology Constitution

1. Name

The Society is known as the South African Society of Gynaecologic Oncology (SASGO).

2. Affiliations

SASGO is affiliated to the South African Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SASOG) and agrees to the broad vision and mission of SASOG. SASGO is also affiliated to the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) and supports the vision and mission of IGCS.

3. Vision

To promote excellence in gynaecologic cancer care.

4. Mission

- 4.1 To provide a scientific society for its members.
- 4.2 To be involved in training in gynaecologic oncology on all levels in South Africa.
- 4.3 To fulfil its advocacy role on behalf of women in South Africa by liaising with concerned governmental and non-governmental health care groupings, institutes for training and examination as well as registration authorities and related advisory and research groups and bodies.
- 4.4 To promote research in the field of gynaecologic oncology.
- 4.5 To explore ways to improve and ensure quality control in gynaecologic cancer care.
- 4.6 To support the existence and functioning of SASGO by continued communication, marketing and fund raising.

5. Membership

Categories

- 5.1 *Full members:* Gynaecologic oncologists registered with HPCSA in that capacity as subspecialists, or eligible for such registration.
- 5.2 *Associate members:* Persons involved in health care interested in gynaecologic oncology. This category includes fellows in training, general gynaecologists as well as other health workers in related disciplines (of note: radiation oncology, medical oncology, anatomical pathology and clinical pathology).

- 5.3 *Honorary members:* This will be offered from time to time to persons who have made an important contribution to the field of gynaecologic oncology.

Obtaining membership

Eligible persons can apply or be nominated for full membership. In cases of doubt about eligibility for full membership the final decision rests with the executive committee of SASGO.

Associate membership is available to all interested applicants or nominated persons.

Decisions on honorary membership will be taken at General Meetings of SASGO.

6. Membership fees

An entrance fee will be payable by all new members in the "full" and "associate" categories.

Annual fees as set by the Executive Committee will be payable by members in the "full" and "associate" categories. Differential fees will exist for different categories. Any member who remains in debt for membership fees for two years will automatically be erased from the membership register.

7. Management

The affairs of SASGO are managed by an executive committee elected at a General Meeting. A President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected from the membership and will serve a term of three years. A second consecutive term of office is allowed whereafter the incumbent must step down. Re-election to office can take place after a further cycle of three years. SASGO strives to have some continuity of its management.

8. General Meetings

General Meetings will be called annually and no further apart than bi-annually. Members will receive notice of meetings and issues at least six weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

9. Changes to the Constitution

The Constitution can be changed by a majority vote at the time of a General Meeting after a notice period of six weeks prior to the meeting. A quorum will be defined as half the members of the SASGO plus one. Proxy votes will be permissible. A majority will be defined as two thirds of the members present.