

MEDIA STATEMENT

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SOUTH AFRICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (SADA) STATEMENT ON GLOBAL CONFLICTS

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The South African Dental Association (SADA) acknowledges the suffering and complexities surrounding conflicts such as the Israel-Palestine and Ukraine-Russia crises. Our thoughts are with those affected, as we recognize the toll on civilians and healthcare systems.

While these conflicts are of global concern, SADA's role is to remain neutral, focusing on advancing oral health and ethical dental practices. We support the international bodies working towards peace and humanitarian relief, wishing them success in their efforts.

SADA will stay sensitive to any associations or activities linked to these conflicts, ensuring our actions align with our mission to promote health and respect diverse viewpoints within our membership. We advocate for the protection of healthcare workers, facilities, and the right to care for all.

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About SADA:

The South African Dental Association (SADA) is the peak national body for the dental profession in South Africa representing the large majority of active registered dentists, both in the public and private sectors in South Africa. It is a non-profit professional association with a voluntary membership organisation represented by a total of 11 branches, one in every province of the Republic of South Africa, with Gauteng and Eastern Cape provinces having two branches each. The Association represents the interests of both the oral health profession and its members in South Africa.

The Association is committed and engaged in processes relating to setting industry standards and formulating policies. Learn more about SADA at https://www.sada.co.za

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