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Dear Doctor

Re: The Unity Forum of Family Practitioners and Vaccines for Healthcare Workers Initiative

Over the past month of launching our new v4hcw platform and information hub, we have had many queries regarding our purpose and what we aim to accomplish.

The Unity Forum of Family Practitioners (UFFP) was created in 2018 when Family Practitioners realised that they needed to be part of a collaborative medium in order to be heard. As we are all aware, there is always strength in numbers.

The founding members of UFFP includes SAMA (The South African Medical Association), ASAIPA (Alliance of South African Independent Practitioners Associations), EMC (Emerging Market Healthcare Ltd), IPAF (Independent Practitioners Association Foundation) and SAMDP (The South African Medical and Dental Practitioners Association).

Whilst these are the founding members, the UFFP advocates on behalf of all GP's irrespective of which organisation you belong/ do not belong to. The vaccines for healthcare workers (V4HCW) platform was created as an inclusive platform for all GPs who work in South Africa. The purpose of creating a platform not affiliated to any one GP organisation was to ensure that all Family Practitioners were comfortable to join and did not feel excluded, hence the V4HCW website was created under the banner of the UFFP. The Unity Forum also wanted to create a database that included every GP across the country in order to ensure that Family Practitioners were included in the vaccination programme. We realised with concern, that the South African medical fraternity did not have a database specific to Family Practitioners, and this is what prompted the inception of the V4HCW website.

We trust the above explanation, provides clarity regarding the Unity Forum of Family Practitioners and the Vaccines for Healthcare Workers Website.

We encourage you to please register on the V4HCW website. A document explaining the process has been attached to this communication to assist you with registering, obtaining a voucher and booking an appointment.

Vaccines for healthcare workers has also worked on an information hub regarding COVID-19 vaccines for your perusal.

The link to the information hub is as follows:

<https://v4hcw.beepdsmart.com/card/v4hcw-zaf-directory>



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