



Reference: CMS pays tribute to Prof Jan van der Merwe
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Circular 61 of 2015: CMS pays tribute to Prof Jan Valentyn van der Merwe

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) pays tribute to Prof Jan Valentyn van der Merwe, who served as the first Medical Advisor of CMS from January 2002 until February 2009. "Prof Jan", as he was respectfully known throughout the healthcare fraternity and academia, passed away on Friday, 25 September 2015.

The implementation and evolution of the Prescribed Minimum Benefits was his responsibility. Furthermore, he introduced the principles of Clinical Governance to the industry, including a publication on the concept, which serves as a guideline from a regulator's perspective, particularly for medical advisors and trustees of schemes on critical clinical aspects.



Prof Jan van der Merwe

The CMS and the entire private healthcare fraternity benefited substantially from his participation and the constructive role he played during the introduction of a number of groundbreaking initiatives to give effect to the extensive provisions of the Medical Schemes Act, which was in the process of being rolled out. He introduced a foundation of excellent clinical governance through his extensive knowledge and vast experience in both the academic institutions as well as in public and private practice.

His dedication, goodwill and groundbreaking contributions over a long period of time to many institutions, Councils, Boards, organisations and many international institutions and universities are indicative of his extraordinary academic achievements and formidable personality which will sorely be missed.

The CMS wishes his wife Estie, children, grandchildren, family, friends and many colleagues well during this difficult time.

A funeral service will be held at the NG Church Waterkloof, in Dey Street, Waterkloof, Pretoria at 11:00 on Friday, 2 October 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Lehutjo', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

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