



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Press release 18 of 2013: The CMS mourns the passing of a great hero and global icon**

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) wishes to express its condolences and support to the Mandela family and South Africa on the passing of Mr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, fondly known as Tata Madiba.

After a long battle with a recurring lung infection, the global icon finally departed. Mr Mandela transcended his own life and sacrificed it for the people of South Africa, bringing peace and nation-building.

The CMS joins millions of South Africans in extending its deepest sympathy to Tata Madiba's family for their great loss. We trust his family will find strength in knowing that he lived a long and collectively unique life, leaving a legacy the country and the world will forever remember.

The CMS would like to extend its gratitude to the healthcare professionals who tirelessly cared for Tata Madiba and were responsible for his health whilst in and out of hospital.

South Africa has lost its greatest son, however, it is now up to all South Africans to pick up the torch, follow in his footsteps, and finish what he started and complete our walk to freedom. His legacy will forever remain in our hearts.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Hamba kahle, Madiba!