

Inaugural SA Health Excellence Awards call for nominations

The inaugural South African Health Excellence Awards, hosted by private healthcare group Clinix in partnership with the South African Clinician Scientists Society, is now open for nominations. The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, 24 November 2018, at Emperors Palace in Johannesburg.



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The awards aim to celebrate excellence in healthcare by identifying leaders in a range of categories who have contributed to research, teaching and advancement of medicine in South Africa.

In calling for nominations, CEO of Clinix Health Group, Dr Khamane 'Kop' Matseke, Group CEO said, "We are cognisant of the challenges in the South African health sector. What we do not talk about or celebrate sufficiently is the excellence, commitment and dedication that exists in the sector. It is for this reason that Clinix and the South African Clinician Scientists Society have come together to host the inaugural South African Health Excellence Awards."

Nominations opened on Tuesday, 2 October, and will close Thursday, 18 October. Nominees from the broader medical fraternity can enter any of the five categories and are welcome to enter multiple categories.

Categories include:

1. **Scientific Excellence Award:** This award is for an individual who has led ground-breaking research, which has contributed to the advancement of medicine in South Africa.
2. **Research Excellence Award:** This award is for an individual who has published extensively, and has taught, mentored and supervised undergraduate and postgraduate students in a manner that has inspired them to become researchers.
3. **Clinical Excellence Award:** This award is for an individual who has excelled in their field as a clinician, through great clinical expertise, teaching and role-modeling.
4. **Leadership Excellence Award:** This award is for an individual who has demonstrated great leadership in any area of medicine, including a university, corporate institution, private and public hospital, or public administration over at least 20 years in their contribution to strengthening the South African healthcare system.

5. **Emerging Leader Award:** This award is for an academic under the age of 40 who has demonstrated leadership capacity by holding leadership positions in an academic institution, and serving in national and international committees and organisations.

As part of the winners' packages, Clinix will amongst others support a health cause of their choice, while celebrating and honouring them at the awards ceremony on 24 November.

The judging panel comprises a number of well-respected South African businesspeople and leading medical practitioners, including:

- Professor Jimmy Volmink, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Stellenbosch University
- Professor Bruce Biccard, President of South African Society of Anaesthesiologists (SASA), Second Professor and Second Chair in Anaesthesia Deputy Head of Department at the University of Cape Town
- Professor Ncoza Dlova, Associate Professor, Chief Specialist and Head of Department of Dermatology at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine (NRMSM) at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal
- Dr Judy Dlamini, Chancellor of Wits University and Chairperson of the Mbekani Group
- Professor Modise Zacharia Koto, Head of General Surgery at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
- Dr Rolene Wagner, CEO of Frere Hospital
- Dr Ernest Kenoshi, former CEO of the Steve Biko Academic Hospital and Acting Head of Department at the Gauteng Health Department

Nominations can be submitted by:

- Visiting www.clinix.co.za, clicking on the banner, completing and submitting the e-nomination form.
- Emailing the completed nomination form accessed on www.clinix.co.za to healthawards@clinix.co.za.
- Accessing the Clinix [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, and clicking on the link to the e-nomination form.

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