

Dear fellow SASCRO members,

Attached please find a notice of the SASCRO AGM on August 9. The SASCRO executive committee elections will take place at the AGM and the nomination and proxy forms are attached. These documents as well as the minutes of the last AGM are also available on the SASCRO website at <http://sascro.org/category/sascro-agm/>

The first aim of SASCRO is to represent the interests of all Clinical and Radiation Oncologists in South Africa. We all own SASCRO. Its success depends on the members we elect to its committee.

The other aims of SASCRO are to uphold the central role of Clinical and Radiation Oncology in the multi-disciplinary care of cancer patients as well as to contribute to a national perspective on the care of patients with cancer and to promote research and training.

These aims will be discussed further at the AGM.

Some specific topics for discussion are mentioned briefly below:

- A. SASCRO's functional structures and the 2019 census of SA oncologists
- B. SASCRO initiatives since the last Congress:
 1. SA Journal of Oncology and its timeline for accreditation
 2. SACO 2019
 3. SASCRO statements on its websites for example the role of IMRT and VMAT as part of Universal health care and IORT for breast cancer.
- C. Ongoing Activities:
 1. Recent examples of interactions with National organizations:
 - SAHPRA – there was a delay in licensing linear accelerators in both Academic and Private Sector. Direct correspondence with its Chair played a facilitating role in the process
 - Dept of Health – There was a request to comment on National Prostate Cancer guidelines policies. SASCRO recommended the addition of prostate irradiation in patients with good prognosis metastatic disease
 - SAMA – There was a request to comment on some technical aspects of radiation oncology to assist them in their preparation for NHI
 2. Support for learning activities
- D. Future Issues – Examples are
 1. Structure and function of the Committee as SASCRO enlarges and expands its activities. Further information on this will be distributed prior the AGM
 2. Professional reimbursement & coding.
 3. SACO 2021, which will be held in Sandton
 4. A practical perspective on NHI

I look forward to discussions on these and other issues at the AGM and a successful and enjoyable SACO 2019.

Kind regards,
Raymond Abratt
SASCRO Chair

