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PAEDIATRIC LEADERSHIP MASTERCLASS



Demonstrating Leadership in Busy Resource-
Constrained Paediatric Settings

Shaping the future of Child Health through
leadership, education, research and
workforce development

16-17 FEBRUARY 2026
WITS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

- ✓ Gain insights from local & international child health leaders
- ✓ Build practical leadership skills for clinical settings
- ✓ Practice structured problem-solving for complex system challenges



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Paediatric Leadership Masterclass Programme

Day 1: Leadership Conference

Join consultant paediatricians from across South and southern Africa for a one-day in-person masterclass on “Demonstrating Leadership in Busy Resource-Constrained Paediatric Settings.”

Through short expert talks and lively panels with both local leaders and international experts, we'll tackle urgent ward, hospital and health system challenges, unpack their root causes, and share practical, evidence-based solutions. Expect fresh insights, structured take-home tools, and new networks to strengthen paediatric care where it's needed most.

08:15 Welcome

08:30 Plenary keynote: Characteristics of effective leaders

09:00 Theme 1: Workforce and Leadership

10:45 Theme 2: Quality & Safety + Emergency & Critical Care

12:15 Lunch and Networking

13:15 Theme 3: Access to Resources

15:00 Theme 4: Advocacy in Child Health Leadership

16:30 Closing plenary: What makes an effective paediatric leader?

Day 2: Research-enabling workshop

A practical, energising workshop designed to demystify the research process. Participants will gain simple, actionable tools, insider tips from experienced researchers, and a clear pathway to begin or strengthen their own research journey.

08:15 Making research relevant

09:00 Core Skills via Case-Based Exercise

09:50 Networking tea break

10:20 Practical Pathways & First Steps

11:10 Lightning Talks: “How I Got Started”

11:30 Tools, Mentors & Communities

11:50 Closing Reflection: Research as Leadership

Day 2: Contemporary paediatric education: From concepts to practice in busy clinical settings

A high-impact workshop that distils core concepts in contemporary paediatric education into practical, usable tools. Participants will leave with strategies to strengthen teaching practices in busy paediatric training environments.

08:15 Competency-based paediatric training

09:00 Entrustable professional activities

09:50 Networking tea break

10:20 Programmatic assessment

11:10 Low-burden workplace-based assessments

11:30 Learning sciences applied to paediatric training

12:00 Optimising paediatric OSCEs

12:30 Closing integration and take-home actions