

Constitution

South African Perioperative Research Group

1. Preamble

The South African Perioperative Research Group (SAPORG) is a national platform where researchers can engage with each other and contribute to perioperative research throughout Southern Africa. The group includes researchers from all aspects of Perioperative Medicine including anaesthesia, surgery and allied disciplines. SAPORG aims to meet the need for well-conducted, high quality research in developing countries.

2. Vision

The South African Perioperative Research Group is committed to promoting, supporting and co-ordinating research in perioperative medicine in South Africa. We believe collaborative research is needed to address the clinical challenges encountered in perioperative medicine. We believe there is urgent public health issues in perioperative medicine that need to be addressed, as this will make a significant impact on the health of local and international populations. We plan to foster and support South African researchers, and to conduct perioperative research of the highest standard.

3. Aims and Objectives

- Strive towards becoming a world leader in perioperative medicine research.
- To conduct relevant research in perioperative medicine with a particular focus on South African patients.
- To develop a Southern African research network.
- To identify national priorities for perioperative research.
- To create an environment that enables and provides opportunities for researchers, from international collaborators to students and registrars conducting perioperative medicine research.
- To ensure excellence in teaching and research in perioperative medicine.
- To ensure effective governance through representation, accountability and transparency.

4. Organisational Structure

Safe Surgery SA NPC will manage the administration of SAPORG through the ANSA standing committee. Administration includes the management of the membership database, member communications, attendance at meetings of SAPORG, administration of electronic research data capturing platform, fund administration and other administrative tasks as requested by the Management Committee. Safe Surgery SA will invoice SAPORG for this service on a monthly basis.

1. Membership

Membership is open to individuals with an interest in perioperative research in South Africa. The Management Committee will decide on membership fees once established. Membership registration is online at www.saporg.co.za.

2. The Management Committee

The members of the South African Perioperative Research Group will vote for members to serve on the Management Committee. Electronic voting is allowed. The Management Committee will:

- Comprise of at least four researchers registered with SAPORG. The Management Committee will elect a chairperson, who will serve on the Board of Directors of Safe Surgery SA NPC
- Meet quarterly or more frequently as agreed by the management committee. The meeting can be virtual, via telephone or electronic.
- Assist in evaluating the progress of the South African Perioperative Research Group programmes and projects; suggest projects, researchers, collaboration links and funding possibilities. Be responsible for grant applications for larger collaborative research projects, as commissioned by SAPORG members.

3. International Research Associates

A panel of International Research Associates suggested by the Management Committee will comment on and make suggestions for the most effective international links and projects to give effect to the Aims and Objectives of the South African Perioperative Research Group. Its membership will reflect the most important researchers and theorists in relevant fields, and the links the South African Perioperative Research Group establishes in its operations.

5. Amendments to the Constitution

A minimum of 75% of the Management Committee in office shall, by notice in writing be entitled to recommend an amendment to the constitution.

6. Dissolution of the South African Perioperative Research Group

A minimum of 75% of the Management Committee in office shall, by notice in writing, signed by a majority, be entitled to recommend the dissolution of the South African Perioperative Research Group.

On dissolution, all assets of the South African Perioperative Research Group shall be assigned to a body with similar aims and objectives to the South African Perioperative Research Group.