

LAUNCH OF THE KZN HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS (HPV) WORKING GROUP

You are cordially invited to attend the launch of the KZN HPV Working Group which is a joint collaboration between the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the Africa Health Research Institute, the Centre for the Aids Programme of Research in South Africa, the Department of Health, the National Health Laboratory Service and the Cancer and Infectious Diseases Epidemiology Research Unit.

We bring you an exciting two-day programme which will consist of various sessions led by experts in the field including:

1. Epidemiology and Laboratory
2. Clinical
3. Community Engagement
4. Basic and Translational Science

Each session will be followed by round table discussions.

The event is scheduled as follows:



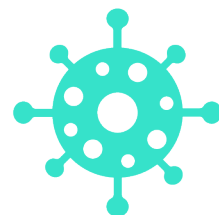
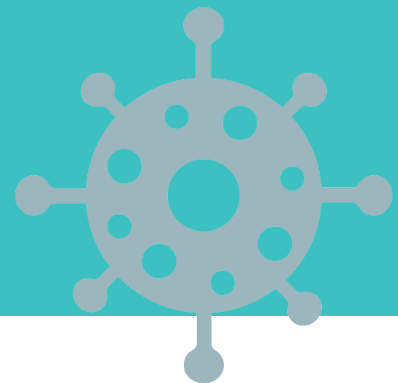
4-5TH March 2026



8h15-15h30



**K1 and K2, K-RITH Tower Building,
Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine Campus**



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RSVP DEADLINE: 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

KZN HPV Working Group Launch Agenda

Venue: K-RITH Building, K1 and K2 | Date: 04 – 05 March 2026

DAY 1- 4 TH MARCH	
Morning session: Introduction	
08H00 - 08H15	Arrival and seating
08H15 - 09H00	Welcome remarks and introduction
	Professor Motshedisi Sebitloane - Order of Proceedings- co-chair
	Professor Zaza Ndhlovu - Order of proceedings co-chair
	Professor Busisiwe Ncama- Welcome
	Dr Muthuphei Netshinombelo - Support from DOH
Session1: Epidemiology and Laboratory Session	
Chair: Professor Zaza Ndhlovu	
09H00 - 09H15	HPV Epidemiology in KZN (African setting)
	Dr Siyabonga Dlamini
09H15 - 09H30	Cervical screening and treatment policy in KZN
	Dr Neil Moran
09H30 - 09H45	HPV testing in KZN – update from the NHLS
	Mr Marlon Pillay
09H45 - 10H05	Cancer Surveillance in KZN
	Dr Nkosana Jafta and Professor Veron Ramsuran
10H05 - 10H40	GENERAL DISCUSSION- Guided by the expert presenters
10H40 - 11H00	TEA BREAK
Session 2: Clinical session	
Chair: Professor Motshedisi Sebitloane and Dr Muthuphei Netshinombelo	
11H00 - 11H15	HPV vaccine update and transition to single dose vaccination
	Professor Kathy Baisely
11H15 - 11H30	KZN's Next Big Leap: Smarter Health Data Recording
	Dr James van Vuuren
11H30 - 12H15	Other HPV related diseases: ENT, Dermatology and Breast Cancer
	Dr Andile Sibiya, TBC, Professor Boitumelo Phakathi
12H15 - 12H30	HPV in Males – Mr Damian Naidoo
12H30 - 13H00	GENERAL DISCUSSION
13H05 - 14H00	Lunch
14H00 - 14H15	Current/ Planned Clinical trial
	Professor Motshedisi Sebitloane
14H15 - 14H30	WLHIV: CASCADE Network and the LAUNCH cohort study
	Dr Nivashnee Naicker

Session 3: Round Table Discussions	
Chair: Dr Nivashnee Naicker	
14H30 - 15H00	Discussion points: Experts of the day, guidance on the topics. - Reflections of the day - Identify Collaborative grounds - Potential Funding pots for this type of HPV/Cervical cancer research
15H00 - 15H15	Closing Remarks Professor Motshedisi Sebitloane & Professor Zaza Ndhlovu
15H30	COCKTAIL FUNCTION
DAY 2- 5 TH MARCH	
08H00 - 08H15	Arrival and seating
Session 1: Community Engagement Session	
08H15 - 08H45	Ways to improve community messaging: Dr Nellie Myburg
Session 2: Basic and Translational Science	
Chairs: Dr Sinaye Ngcapu and Dr Yanga Mdleleni	
08H45 - 09H00	Immune correlates of persistence or clearance of HPV in HIV settings: HPV cohort (FRESH)/Zambia/ uMkhanyakude Dr Maphe Mthembu and Dr Andile Mtshali
09H00 - 09H15	Mechanism of the Cervical Tissue Immune Microenvironment to inform HPV vaccine design Professor Zaza Ndhlovu
09H15 - 09H30	Oncology- TBC
09H30 - 09H45	HPV and Cervical microbiome Dr Ongeziwe Taku
10H00 - 10H30	GENERAL DISCUSSION
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Meeting Ends	