

ISPOR Global Networks EMEA Digest: June 2019

ISPOR South Africa Chapter News

ISPOR South Africa Chapter hosted a successful workshop on *What is new in EBM? Current Controversies and Contingencies* in 2018, as a follow-up course on the *Complex clinical trials: Understanding their design and interpreting results* in Johannesburg. The EBM Workshop was well received and therefore presented as a first for ISPOR SA Chapter in Cape Town, thereby increasing the reach, enabling more members to easily attend the ISPOR educational initiatives. This workshop offered great interaction between delegates and Prof Paul Rheeder who was praised as an excellent presenter. Key learnings were: The latest and newest trends one need to be aware of in Evidence Based Medicine; How to integrate these new trends in day to day work and How these new trends impact on our engagement with various stakeholders.

The second ISPOR SA Chapter Workshop for 2019 covered *A DIY guide to adapting global models to a South African context with local costing parameters*. As majority of the models submitted to the South African private funders are local adaptations of global models, this workshop covered both theory as well as a practical session where delegates were guided to work through the adaptation of a working model using real world data as obtained from local data sources. The workshop helped delegates gain the confidence to be more self-sufficient in terms of sourcing and assimilating local cost data to adapt global health economic models to a South African context. They were also guided to assess/review the methodologies relating to South African costing exercises and learn how to prioritise effort expended in local costing adaptations with reference to model sensitivity analyses. Delegates represented a variety of stakeholders including research, industry, academia and private funders.

The ISPOR SA Chapter is excited to host the 8th Annual Conference in Johannesburg on 16 and 17 September 2019. The conference will include short courses, discussion sessions, networking opportunities and the first ever ISPOR SA Chapter Think Tank attracting experts from a variety of stakeholders for robust discussions on the changes and trends in the South African healthcare system. There will once again be opportunity for students and researchers to showcase their research by poster- and podium presentations.

More details will be made available under the ISPOR SA Chapter tab on the ISPOR website, as well as the ISPOR SA Chapter LinkedIn page.