



# RARE 2018

Rare Diseases Conference

13 - 16 September 2018 | Johannesburg

Advocating for patient-centred healthcare

Join us and contribute to a legacy of prevention, treatment, and study of rare diseases in Africa and around the world.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Rare Diseases Conference | 13 – 16 September 2018  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Rare Diseases South Africa (RDSA) is proud to host the second **Rare Diseases Conference** and invites abstract submissions for the conference programme.

The theme of the conference is “**Advocating for Patient-Centred Healthcare**” and the purpose is to provide a forum for rare disease patients, patient advocates, healthcare professionals, and stakeholders to connect and collaborate, and to facilitate an ongoing dialogue on rare diseases and their associated treatment.

RareX 2018 brings together South African, African, and international rare diseases communities, as well as policymakers and government agencies responsible for matters related to healthcare services and health insurance. Stakeholders delivering essential services to the rare diseases community such as disease-specific drug manufacturers and makers of health-related consumables also participate.

All rare disease stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the conference, by presenting their findings, sharing relevant experiences, participating in interactive debates, and discussing innovations, trends, and concerns within the field of rare diseases. We also invite fieldworkers, practitioners, and patients themselves to share their experiences and challenges, and most importantly, solutions.

Abstracts representing all topics in the field of rare diseases are welcome.

### KEY DATES

- Abstract submissions open: **8 March 2018**
- Abstract submissions close: **26 April 2018**
- Deadline for amendments to abstracts: **3 May 2018**
- Authors notified: **31 May 2018**
- Registration deadline for presenters: **31 July 2018**



## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- Abstracts must be submitted in English.
- Abstract title should be typed in UPPER CASE. The title should define the topic and contain no abbreviations. Maximum word count for the abstract title is 30 words.
- You will be required to choose a theme when you submit an abstract. The themes are:
  - Auxiliary Services
  - Current and Emerging Treatments
  - Diagnostics and Research
  - Genetic Counselling
  - Genetics in Africa
  - Multidisciplinary Approach
  - Palliative and Supportive Care
  - Patient Registries
  - Rare Disease Policy
  - Rare Diseases in Public Health
  - Support Groups
  - Transitional Care
  - Other
- Indicate your preferred presentation type (Oral or Poster).
- Maximum word count for the body of the abstract is 300 words.
- In the body of the abstract, standard abbreviations need not be defined; other abbreviations and acronyms should be defined on first use.
- Do not include graphics, photographs, or tables.
- Submissions may have up to 6 authors, but only one presenter. The presenter's (submitting author's) biography (maximum word count of 100 words) should be submitted with the abstract.
- It is the submitting author's (presenter's) responsibility to submit an accurate, professionally presented abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact will be reproduced as submitted by the author.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All abstracts will be evaluated by the Programme Committee who can accept, reject, or ask for modifications or additional information.
- Carefully check your submission(s) as all accepted abstracts will be published “as is” with no further editing by the Programme Committee.
- Allocation to poster or oral presentation is at the discretion of the Programme Committee.



### HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

- Prepare your abstract according to the abstract guidelines.
- Submit it electronically via the abstract submission site on the conference [website](#).