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Dear Prof Schneider

**PASSING OF PROF DAVID SANDERS**

We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Prof David Sanders on 30 August 2019.

Although David was not an active member of the College of Paediatricians, he often attended CMSA events and never shied away from boldly advocating for the CMSA to give attention to social and community health, including in its curriculum assessment.

His legacy lives on through the establishment of a subspecialty in child health and community paediatrics, which he saw as a response to his tireless commitment to social solidarity. He was a great supporter of the CMSA's initiatives in recent years and for the past few years he assisted registrars preparing for the final fellowship exams (the FCPaed II).

David was a regular attendant and speaker at the South African Paediatric Priorities conference, was popular among his peers and valued for his strong views on critical health issues and his ability to generate solid recommendations.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Prof Sanders' colleagues, family and friends at this difficult time. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Flavia Senkubuge  
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