

## MEDICAL NEWS

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**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ENCOMPASSES A WIDE RANGE OF HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS AND IS USED TO DIAGNOSE, MONITOR OR TREAT DISEASES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS AFFECTING HUMANS. SUCH TECHNOLOGIES (APPLICATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE) ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERED THROUGH EARLIER DIAGNOSIS, LESS INVASIVE TREATMENT OPTIONS AND REDUCTIONS IN HOSPITAL STAYS AND REHABILITATION TIMES.[3] RECENT ADVANCES IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY HAVE ALSO FOCUSED ON COST REDUCTION. MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY MAY BROADLY INCLUDE MEDICAL DEVICES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BIOTECH, AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES.**

The impacts of medical technology may involve social and ethical issues. For example, physicians may seek objective information from technology rather than listening to subjective patient reports Technology, Health". World Health Organization. Retrieved 20 March 2015.

A major driver of the sector's growth is the consumerization of medical technologist. Supported by the widespread availability of smartphones and tablets, providers are able to reach a large audience at low cost, a trend that stands to be consolidated as wearable technologies spread throughout the market.

On that note Laboratory Medicine Congress is hosting 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Society for Medical Laboratory technologists of South Africa.

Hosted by (SMLTSA) Society of Medical Laboratory Technology of South Africa KZN Branch.

**Date:** 19 to 21 May 2017.

**Venue:** Olive Convection Centre Durban.

The Laboratory Medicine Congress 2017 (LMC) will serve as a fundamental platform for all practitioners involved in the field of Clinical Laboratory Medicine, it will serve to share the most up-to date developments

in laboratory medicine, research results and accomplishments in their related disciplines.

This congress continues to be the premier event for all Medical technologists, technicians, assistants, phlebotomists, students, medical scientists, pathologists and other medical laboratory personnel.

LMC organising committee has put up an exciting and informative congress programme, offering plenary lectures, workshops and poters sessions. The scientific programme emphasises the various aspects of biomedical technology, serving both the generalists and the specialists while attempting to address most aspects of pathology including the complicated issue of ethics. For Medical technologist and technicians who desire to maintain a fresh perspective in the field of Clinical Laboratory Science, while gaining an opportunity to network with peers and experts from near and far, this congress is expected to surpass all expectations.

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