

Gauteng Health Research and Innovation Summit 2019

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) hosted its second Health Research and Innovation Summit in February 2019. The theme of the summit was 'Research and innovation for quality healthcare towards long and healthy lives'. The summit was attended by a diverse group of professionals from all walks of life, the value of whose collective experience shows the GDoH to be a highly reliable organisation. This reliability can be seen in the use of cutting-edge evidence and innovation for staff safety, health programmes efficiency, effectiveness, equity and patient-centredness, to ensure productive lives for all patients and citizens in Gauteng. In accordance with the National Development Plan, which is line with the Sustainable Development Goals agenda, the GDoH is committed to using innovation and research as a catalyst for achieving long and healthy lives. The GDoH is committed to the provision of high-quality, efficient and accessible health

services towards this goal. It also aligns with the recovery road map that is redirecting the GDoH onto a journey of recovery and sustainability.

There were eight commissions identified, in line with the National Health Research Committee policy, and some of these were adapted to the province. The commissions are structured in such a way as to focus on all the identified recovery focus areas: maternal and neonatal healthcare; health and wellness; mental health recovery; current innovations in healthcare for optimising operations; and management systems.

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