



NATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL'S UPDATE TO MEMBERS



Newsletter



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Welcome to the Q1 Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the Q1 edition of the ZiMA newsletter! As we begin a new year, we are excited to share the latest updates, achievements, and upcoming initiatives within our vibrant medical community. This newsletter highlights not only our collective progress but also the dedication and resilience of our members as we continue to advance healthcare standards and foster collaboration across our profession.

We invite you to explore the articles, announcements, and opportunities featured in this issue. Thank you for your continued commitment and passion for excellence in medicine. Wishing you all a productive and inspiring quarter ahead!

Obituaries

It is with profound sadness that we notify the profession of the passing on of the following medical practitioners who have passed away Dr. Davison Taremba, Dr. Blessing Madongorere, Dr. Goodnow Tanaka Machadu and his wife Mrs. Sakhile Machadu (a pharmacist). Their contribution to the fraternity was immense and may their souls rest in peace.

From the Secretary General's Desk: A Call to Unity and Purpose

A wise man once said, sometimes you may feel like you are all alone and not making a difference. Indeed, there are moments when progress feels slow and individual effort seems invisible. Yet history reminds us that every enduring civilization was built by people who pressed forward without certainty of seeing the full impact of their work. Medicine is no different. Some of what we do safeguards today's patients; much of it protects generations yet to come.

Our profession is facing serious and deliberate threats. Globally, medicine has increasingly been treated as a commodity rather than a calling. Non-medical and purely commercial interests have entered spaces traditionally governed by professional ethics, clinical judgment, and patient-centred values. In this environment, profit risks overshadowing care, patients risk becoming "clients," and doctors risk losing autonomy, voice, and professional identity.



These developments did not arise overnight. They are the result of long-term strategies that identified and exploited our weaknesses—division, apathy, and disengagement. Ironically, these are challenges we have the power to correct. Our profession possesses immense collective strength, but it remains underutilized when we fail to act together.

The moment demands unity of purpose. Our strength lies in solidarity, professionalism, and principled leadership. When we choose to stand together, we have proven what is possible including mobilising resources for colleagues in distress within days. Yet at other times, we have remained silent when core professional interests and clinical independence were at stake.

Let us reclaim the “arena mentality.” The future of medicine belongs to those who are in the arena every day—caring for patients, making difficult decisions, and carrying the moral weight of the profession. Credit belongs to those who show up, not those who merely observe.

Despite pressure, fatigue, and systemic strain, the medical profession must remain a beacon of integrity and compassion. Our responsibility is not only to treat illness, but to protect the soul, standards, and autonomy of medicine itself.

History will not judge us by titles or positions held, but by the lives we touched, the profession we defended, and the systems we strengthened—together.

Unity is not optional. It is our survival strategy.

Membership

We would like to commend some of our affiliates for heeding the call and remitting subscriptions to ZiMA. The secretariat is urged to continue following up with affiliates for the remittance of subscriptions that were paid in the third and fourth quarter of 2025. Members are also encouraged to ensure that their details are correctly captured by their respective association administrators so that when subscriptions are remitted to ZiMA



We have a database containing accurate information of all our members. We are a registered nonprofit making private voluntary organisation (PVO) and solely depend on our membership to continue steering the business of the profession in the right direction.

Shop License Fees

The association still does not have enough legal fees to manage the issue of the shop license fees as well as other legal issues that may need to be addressed by the association. Members are called upon to pay the USD \$20 to cater for legal requirements.

Payments can be made into the following bank account -:

Account Name	Zimbabwe Medical Association
Bank	CBZ
Branch	Wealth Management
Account Number	04421966870026 (FCA)

Please indicate: Name of depositor - Legal Fees

Email all proof of payments to accounts@zimazw.org and tchiteure@zimazw.org

Eco cash payments: Merchant Code: 052896,
Merchant Name: Zimbabwe Medical Association

ZiMA Activities

Our calendar of events for the year has been compiled by the council of connected associations. A few associations are yet to submit their annual schedule of events. We implore affiliate leadership to make sure that these calendars are promptly shared to the ZiMA secretariat. The 2026 consolidated calendar can be accessed here: [ZiMA 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS.docx](#)



Important calendar dates to note:



- CAA CME Dates
- February 28
- May 23
- July 4
- September 14
- ZiMA Annual Scientific Conference
- 19 – 23 August 2026
- Charity Dinner
- 27 November

ZiMA CAA Q1CME

Medical Practitioners carry the weight of care every day. Your dedication is invaluable—and so is your well-being. The upcoming ZiMA CME meeting titled "**Wellness for Medical Practitioners: Physician, Heal Yourself**" is dedicated entirely to YOU! Because a strong healthcare system begins with healthy doctors.

Registration is open, join us for this epic event & let's prioritize your wellness!!





THEME: WELLNESS FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS:

“PHYSICIAN, HEAL YOURSELF”



6 CPD POINTS

Payment Details
 ZiMA, CBZ Bank,
 Wealth Management Branch
 Acc: 04421966870026 (USD)

Ecocash Merchant #:
 052896

Paynow:
<https://www.paynow.co.zw>

Location: ZiMA House 172 Baines Ave, Harare

Date: 28 February 2026

Time: 8 am - 1 pm

Fee: 10 USD

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ZiMA Annual Conference

The ZiMA Annual Scientific Conference is scheduled for August 19–23, 2026. The executive will make an announcement on the conference venue once it has been finalized. The scientific committee is also working on finalizing the conference theme, once the theme is confirmed the call for abstracts will be open until the 30th of May 2026. Stay tuned for further updates on this matter.

Scientific Committee

The ZiMA Scientific Chairperson requests all affiliate leaders to second their affiliate scientific chairpersons to the ZiMA national scientific committee. Seconding, members guarantees that our affiliates participate in the development, scoring, and completion of the conference abstract book for the ZiMA Annual Conference.



Elections

2026 is an elective year for the association. Updates on the nomination process, campaigns, and elections will be availed by the elections committee, which is chaired by Dr. Audrey Chivaura.



The following posts are open for contest -:

- ✓ National President
- ✓ Vice President
- ✓ Secretary General
- ✓ Treasurer

To guarantee that members get timely updates and information on the election process, association members are urged to promptly notify the ZiMA secretariat of any changes to their contact information (emails and phone numbers). Only paid-up members of the association will be allowed to cast their vote. Your vote is your voice, ensure that you cast your ballot this year and help elect your preferred office bearer into office.

Updating of Affiliate Association Executive Details

Our secretariat has actively updated the contact details of the various affiliate association leadership; this will greatly assist us to ensure that communication between ZiMA and its affiliate associations is seamless.

Cybersecurity and Data Protection (Licensing of Data Controllers and appointment of Data Protection officers)

The association sent through parallel communication requesting guidance from the MDPCZ and MOHCC to attain support for implementation given the unique challenges faced in the healthcare sector. Follow up letters have been sent through as continued engagement.



Advertising Policy

The Ministry of Health and Child Care will be hosting consultative workshops on the development of a Statutory Instrument on the Advertising of Healthcare Services on the following days; 25th of February (Harare) and 27th of February 2026 (Bulawayo). In light of these upcoming consultative meetings, members are encouraged to share perspectives, concerns, and recommendations on the amendment to advertising for health policy.

To this end, the ZiMA Legal Committee kindly requests the contributions and insights of all affiliate associations on the advertising for health policy. Your inputs are essential in ensuring that our proposals are well-rounded, inclusive, and truly representative of the diverse interests within our profession. An online meeting to engage members will be held on Monday the 23rd of February 2026 at 1800hrs CAT ahead of the meeting. All members who are unable to attend can share written contributions to their affiliate executive.

CPD Guidelines

The Medical and Dental Practitioners Council guidelines point 6.3.1. states that a minimum of 30 continuous professional development points must be attained from physical meetings. Attendance of online meetings awards 0.75 points per hour with a maximum of 6 points. Please be guided accordingly on this matter.

Request for attachment of referral letters

It has been noted that some medical aid societies are circulating a policy document to request confidential patient information from health care professionals to be attached to claim forms being submitted to the health funders. This information is very sensitive and highly confidential and the association has written to the Medical and Dental Council of Zimbabwe on the matter basing on circular 2/23 which states that this is a violation of patients right to privacy as provided in the constitution Amendment (No. 20) Act 2013, the supreme law of the land. It is also a violation of the ethical rule of confidentiality as provided in S.23 of the Medical Practitioners (Professional Conduct) Regulations, published in S.I. 41 of 2004. Members should not share confidential information. The response from council has since been circulated.



ZiMA Benefits

1. Medical insurance

The medical aid scheme for doctors at CIMAS is still available, members are encouraged to take up this cover.

2. ZiMA Malpractice Fund

Members are urged to take up indemnity cover. Please note that the 2026 insurance premiums are quoted in USD, with the option to pay in ZWG\$ at the prevailing auction rate on the date of payment.



STAY PROTECTED!
Your Protection Matters. Renew Your ZiMA Medical Malpractice Insurance Today.



WHY RENEW?

- ✔ Ensure continued coverage.
- ✔ Protect your practice and your future.
- ✔ Peace of mind with comprehensive support.

ENHANCE YOUR COVERAGE WITH OUR RIDERS.

Personal Accident Cover: This rider provides a lump sum payment equal to 50% of the limit of liability in the unfortunate event of a doctor's accidental or violent death.

Temporary Income Protection: This rider offers monthly income support equal to 5% of the limit of liability if a doctor is unable to work due to illness or accidental injury. It includes a waiting period of two weeks for accidents and six weeks for illness, with benefits payable for a total of three months, including the waiting period.

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All payments should be made to the ZiMA Malpractice Self-Insurance Bank Account, with the following banking details:

LOCAL ZWG\$ ACCOUNT DETAILS	NOSTRO (USD\$) ACCOUNT DETAILS
Acc Name: ZiMA Self-Insurance Fund	Acc Name: ZiMA Self-Insurance Fund
Bankers: CBZ	Bankers: CBZ
Branch: Newlands	Branch: Newlands
Account # (ZWL): 68961304460014	Account # (USD): 68961304460024

Please remember to scan and email your proof of payment to Minerva Risk Advisors email: destiny.manatsa@minerva.co.zw or deliver a copy to your nearest ZiMA office.



In addition to your renewal, we are pleased to inform you that your policy comes with the following Life Assurance benefits at no extra charge:

Riders	Description
Personal Accident Cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pays a lump sum (50% of limit of liability) if the doctor dies due to accidental or violent means.
Temporary Income Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pays a monthly income (5% of limit of liability) if the doctor cannot work because of an illness or accidental injury. • Waiting period of two weeks for accidents and six weeks for illness • The payment period is 3 months, including the waiting period • An Own Occupation with Own Employer definition is used to determine eligibility for benefit

4. ZIMA Nyaradzo funeral fund

This fund remains active, and we urge our members to make use of it. It has since been migrated to an affordable USD based fund to ensure services offered prevail.

5. Corporate partnerships

Members are reminded of the relationship ZiMA has with various corporates to assist members. May all members contact the office for enquires about opportunities with banks such as CABS, Stanbic among others.

ZiMA Offices

The office is now fully operational, and our teams are ready to serve you!

We look forward to working together to advance medical knowledge and improve patient care in the months ahead.

Dr. Musvo Mapfanyangira
National Secretary General

