

# SASOM Scientific Guidelines

In days gone by, SASOM established some 20 Scientific Committees whose members had a specific interest in an aspect of occupational health and were prepared to share their expertise by writing guidelines to assist all occupational health practitioners. Pressure of work and very little time for formal discussion and the writing of guidelines have driven the Committees to near extinction.

The good news is that experts with different specialisations and interests have continued to write new – and update existing – SASOM Guidelines. From time to time, a group of experts still give up a whole day to discuss a new regulation or a contentious issue with the result that the latest information, in either a new or revised SASOM Guideline, becomes available to occupational health practitioners. Occupational health practitioners are

welcome to inform the SASOM National Office of work situations or queries for which they need guidance. These messages will be relayed to experts on the subject for advice, and often find their way into an existing, or new, Guideline.

The SASOM Guidelines below are available on a CD from the SASOM National Office.

Please contact Jenny Acutt directly if you would like a copy of the CD.

A report on the African Regional Association of Occupational Health and the South African Society of Occupational Medicine Congress scheduled for 1 - 3 August 2014 will be published in the next issue of Occupational Health Southern Africa.

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