

This is just a quick report of the National Council (NC) meeting (only a small part) I attended as Bella was unable to attend.

The Private Practice Report set up by Bella was read. I attach it for your information.

I also attach some issues that were submitted from the Pretoria Branch. One of the main issues is how to get a "group" or "committee" of private practice radiographers to be responsible for handling tariff and billing queries from radiographers and from Medical aids.

The suggestion is that each society branch will co-opt a private practice radiographer who will then be part of this committee. Between these co-opted members 2 spokes people will be chosen to liaise with admin office and Sorsa. Presently it is only Pta branch i think who has had a co-opted private practice radiographer (Bella).

Private practice will not have automatic representation at National Council under this system, but obviously will be able to submit reports and if necessary address the council.

Most non private radiographers have little idea of the problems we encounter, but are i got the impression that if we managed to get an effective "working committee" going, NC would support us. If this committee became effective, we would have some leverage with radiographers coming into private practice in getting them to join Sorsa and Healthman.

The med aids have been sending queries about problems with billing to Sorsa who is not always sure on what to do with these queries. If we can get a responsible effective committee going that will be to our advantage and also send a msg to MA that radiographers in private practice are to be taken seriously.

Some of the problems:

Commitment from some radiographers to get involved in some way. We are mostly in Pta and Joburg branches so we need to get contacts in all the other branches.

As Radiographers we all need to understand that we need to work thru Sorsa as much as possible. There is a lot of depth of experience within the ranks that can be tapped, but at the same time we have the initiative to expand Sorsa to benefit private practice.

In order to get a representative from each branch a form will be set up with guidelines for what will be be entailed for that person.

The processes that already have been thru in private practice MUST be shared and taught to the new radiographers so that momentum is not lost in relearning things already done. Re inventing the wheel syndrome or in our case reinventing the x-ray tube.

Your ideas and inputs are requested and appreciated.

Regards
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**SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS
OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**VERENIGING VAN RADIOGRAWE
VAN SUID AFRIKA**

To	National Council
Subject	Private Practice
Branch	Pretoria
Rep	B.Steenkamp

7th September 2011

Dear Chairperson,

Since the last report I am happy to say that apart from the 20 members who applied to Healthman, I have received another 25 queries for the application forms.

As you are aware, Healthman requires 50 members or R5, 000.00 per month to start working on our fees and coding requests. Although there is no surety of who will handle the fees in future, Healthman has started revising the other specialists' fees already. I am of the opinion that the DOH will eventually be involved with medical fees again.

I wish to request that SORSA put more articles on their website to make all private radiographers more aware of what is going on and to stress the importance to become involved and join as members of Healthman.

Further I wish to stress the importance of creating a portfolio on National Council for a permanent representative for Private Practice. Members feel that they have to pay SORSA membership, but do not have the real representation on the board.

Sincerely,
Bellalize Steenkamp

Private Radiographers and SORSA

Points to discuss with National Council Meeting:

- Formation of Private Practice category within SORSA
- Handling of queries and problems submitted to SORSA by Radiographers interested in or involved in private practice.
- Setting up guidelines for radiographers entering private practice. Eg registration of business, accounts and billing, registration of own x-ray machines, negotiations for tariffs.