



Webinar

Specialised Series – HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Services)

Date 21 May 2025

Time: 10h00 – 12h00



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Mr Louis van Rensburg is an Emergency Care Practitioner and EMS District Manager at the NDoH. He brings over a decade of EMS experience in both urban and rural contexts.

Driven by a commitment to clinical excellence, he focuses on the development of EMS systems. A dynamic leader, he thrives in innovative, high-impact environments. He is committed to advancing emergency care standards nationwide.



Qualifications

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| Time | Topic | Presenter |
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| Programme Director: Mr Louis van Rensburg | | |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Welcome and Opening Remarks | Mr Louis van Rensburg |
| 10:15 – 11:30 | Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (Packaging for Flight) | Pierre Smit Brian C Halse |
| 11-30 – 11:45 | Questions and Discussion | All |
| 12:00 | Closure | Mr Louis van Rensburg |



Mr Pierre Smit is an Emergency Care Practitioner with 14 years' experience. He holds a Master's in Emergency Medicine from UCT (2016) and has worked with the Western Cape Ambulance Service, Hamad Medical Corporation in Qatar, and the SA Red Cross Air Mercy Service for 8 years. He thrives in outdoor, high-pressure, resource-limited environments and is strongly committed to patient safety and clinical quality improvement.



Qualifications

Ndip EMC & R, BTech EMC & R,
Mphil EM



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Mr Brian Halse is an Emergency Care Practitioner and Registered Nurse with over three decades of experience in prehospital and in-hospital critical care, trauma, and aeromedical services, including fixed-wing and rotor-wing operations, both in South Africa and internationally.



Qualifications

Ndip AEC, BTECH EMC, PGDIP EC, BN,
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