

CMSA 2026 CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Invites you to a Webinar on:

on

**"From the Pitch to the Stage: Transforming
Lives in Epilepsy and Parkinson's Disease"**

25 June 2026 at 18.00-19.30

DATE & TIME:	25 June 2026	18:00 – 19:30	
PROGRAMME:	18:00 – 18:05	Welcome & Introduction	Prof B Cassim
	18:05 – 18:35	Utility of Stereo-EEG in the Work-up of Drug-Resistant Epilepsy	Dr AJ Soni
	18:35 – 19:05	Device Assisted Therapy for Parkinson's Disease	Dr F Amod
	19:05 – 19:30	Question & Answer	

REGISTRATION LINK:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/f_qbYJoiRKWkXfblBswxew



DR AAYESHA J SONI

MBBCh (Wits); Dip PEC(SA); DA(SA); FC Neurol (SA); MMed (UCT); Fellowship (Epilepsy & EEG, Western Univ., Canada)

Aayesha Soni completed her undergraduate medical degree at the University of Witwatersrand (2014) in South Africa, for which she was a recipient of the prestigious Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for the duration of her studies. She then completed her Neurology registrar training at the University of Cape Town and became a fellow of the College of Neurology, South Africa in 2023, followed by completing the Richard S. McLachlan Clinical Fellowship in Epileptology at the London Health Sciences Center in Ontario, Canada in 2025, where she was the recipient of the IFCN Education Fellowship Award (2024/5). Her interest in research is evidenced by 27 peer-reviewed publications, and a completed Master of Medicine in Neurology (2022) through the University of Cape Town. Aayesha also has a keen interest in healthcare advocacy and human rights, which has earned her recognition as a recipient of a number of awards including the Emerging Star Award at the South African Health Excellence Awards (2025), American Academy of Neurology International Scholarship Award (2024) and Advocate at the Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum (2025), as well as being named as 100 Young Mandela's of the Future (Leadership Category; 2018) and Mail and Guardian's Top 200 Young South Africans (Health Category; 2017).



DR FERZANA AMOD

Dr Ferzana Amod trained at the University of Witwatersrand, and did her Neurology Fellowship at in Durban. She joined the Neurology Unit at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Hospital as a Consultant in 2010 and is also an Honorary Clinical Fellow at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Dr Amod runs the Movement Disorder Clinic and has developed the Deep Brain Stimulation Protocols for the hospital. She has served on several committees for the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society: Infection Related Movement Disorders Interest Group,(2021 to date), Chairperson of the HIV Related Movement Disorders, (2021 to date), African Education Committee (2018 to 2024), African Section Executive Steering Committee (2021 to 2024), Southern Africa representative for the global PD Non Motor Group (PDNMG) and Global Alliance on Parkinson's Equality and Diversity: Care and Research (GAPPED). Her thesis was The Utility of fluorine-18-labelled-fluorodeoxyglucose-PET in degenerative Parkinsonism in an African population. Currently she is collaborating with the University of Newcastle, Michael J Fox foundation and the Global Parkinson's Consortium.