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SNSA statement on COVID-19 vaccination

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused devastating health and economic consequences across the world, and has had a significant impact on members of the Society of Neurosurgeons of South Africa.

While we understand that opinions differ across our communities with regard to various aspects of the pandemic, the Code of Ethics of our Society calls for us as members to maintain a standard of ethical practice that is often higher than that required by law. As neurosurgeons, we have expert skills in specific areas of medical practice, and this Code requires us to practice within the scope of our personal education, training and experience.

With respect to COVID-19 vaccination, we appeal to our members to follow the advice of experts in the relevant fields of infectious diseases and vaccinology, to support evidence-based scientific recommendations and not take contradictory positions which undermine public confidence in this critically important health intervention.

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Links:

1. SNSA Code of Ethics
2. FOSAS statement (attached)
3. Link to Professor Marc Mendelsohn video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjY67QtGKRY>