

Dept of Environment Affairs and  
Tourism

12<sup>th</sup> AMCEN Session

7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Sandton Convention Centre

Johannesburg

*Medical Information – Delegates Hand Book*

*Department: National Health*

*Directorate: EMS & Disaster Management*

## HEALTH AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The National Department of Health, Directorate Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Management is responsible for the coordination of health and emergency medical services and disaster planning for all Government Hosted events.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

With respect to the Dept of Environment Affairs and Tourism – 12<sup>th</sup> AMCEN Session – the Gauteng Department of Health has been tasked with providing emergency medical services to the event. This on-site service is extended to all Ministers, VIP's, delegates and support staff and consists of a medical facility at Sandton Convention Centre – situated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Management Offices, with full resuscitation capability, an on-site doctor, advanced life support paramedic and a fully staffed ambulance operating from 08h00 until 17h00 daily.

### PORT HEALTH SERVICES:

The National Department of Health also ensures the provision of Port Health Services at all of its International Airports (O.R. Tambo, Durban etc), to ensure that all visitors/delegates comply with the South African Department of Health and the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines and policies pertaining to Vaccination Certification.

### Immunisations:

#### Yellow Fever:

In terms of both the South African Department of Health and World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines and policies pertaining to Yellow Fever, a Vaccination Certificate from travellers over one year of age entering South Africa from yellow fever endemic regions is required. Visitors who travel through or disembark in these Yellow Fever Endemic areas are required to be vaccinated against the disease before entering South Africa.

#### Malaria:

The conference site, Gauteng Province, is Malaria free. If you plan to travel outside the province be aware of Malaria areas in the country. No official conference events are planned to take place in Malaria zones. If you plan further travels in a Malaria zone, consult your travel doctor to prescribe the most appropriate anti-Malaria agent for your purposes.

#### Health Care:

As with all international travel, it is strongly advised that delegates are adequately covered by international health insurance for the duration of the conference.

An on-site emergency medical facility is available to delegates during conference hours at the venue.

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**Ambulance Transport:**

Ambulance transportation to either state or private healthcare facilities is for the account of the patient.

**Hospitalisation:**

Hospitalisation to either a state or private healthcare facility is for the account of the patient.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:**

The Department of National Health utilizes the services of the City of Johannesburg Environmental Health to ensure that there are no potential environmental threats to delegates ranging from water contamination, food sanitation to public health hazards and surveillance.

***The above –mentioned are provided so as to ensure your health and safety.***

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	– TOLL FREE	10177
SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICES	– TOLL FREE	10111
ALL EMERGENCIES CELLULAR	– TOLL FREE	112