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**Dr M Naidoo**

President: SASES

Dear Dr Naidoo,

### **Re: laparoscopic surgery for appendicitis**

Laparoscopic surgery is well established as standard of care for patients who present with acute appendicitis to the teaching hospitals affiliated to the Department of Surgery of the University of Cape Town (Groote Schuur Hospital, Victoria Hospital, New Somerset Hospital, and Mitchell's Plain Hospital).

Our trainees are expected to be competent in this procedure, and to use it as a surgical approach, based on their clinical judgment, irrespective of patient age and gender.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugenio Panieri'.

**Prof. Eugenio Panieri, FCS (SA)**