



Department of Paediatrics & Child Health

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Programme and Abstract Book

Tuesday, 29th and Wednesday, 30th October 2024

**Venue: D3 Lecture Theatre, Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital
(in-person only)**

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Session 1: Chairperson:		D Le Roux
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14H35 – 14H50	Gene expression, clinical and demographic data distinguish Kawasaki Disease from other inflammatory conditions in South African children.	T. Spracklen
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Session 2: Chairperson:		B Eley
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Session 4: Chairperson:

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13H15 – 13H30 A landscape analysis of paediatric and congenital heart disease services in Africa. [T Aldersley](#)

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