

# POSITION STATEMENT

## PSYCHIATRIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

SASOP recognizes that there has long been a hybrid system using both DSM and ICD classification systems in the practice and teaching of Psychiatry in South Africa. SASOP takes note of the recent American Psychiatric Association's publication of the DSM-5 and the forthcoming publication of the World Health Organization's ICD-11. Acknowledging the complexities of psychiatric diagnosis and the global efforts in this area, SASOP is taking the position that there needs to be a transition from the current DSM-IV TR/ICD-10 to DSM-5/ICD-11 systems.

The timing of this transition will vary according to the different contexts and requirements of the SASOP members involved in the practice and teaching of Psychiatry in South Africa. Members are encouraged to participate in discussions in this regard in the various sectors, e.g. private (PsychMG and SASOP Private Sector Group), public (SASOP Public Sector Group) and academic sector (College of Psychiatrists, academic departments of Psychiatry). This position statement was drafted by the Psychiatric Classifications Task Team of SASOP after their consideration and deliberations