

# FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO



Our launch took place in Johannesburg on the 7<sup>th</sup> April and marked the official go-live of Phase One of the CareConnect HIE. The event attracted significant interest and support from the industry and the media and was everything we had hoped it would be. We would like to extend special thanks to the speakers at the event, Dr Nicholas Crisp, DDG for NHI; Henry Adams, Country Manager for InterSystems, Angie Bass, Executive Vice-President of Velatura HIE (USA), Matthew Prior, Chair of the CareConnect Board and Dr Boshoff Steenekamp, Chair of the CareConnect IACC and to all those who took time out of their busy schedules to celebrate this historic occasion with us.



**Matthew Prior**  
CareConnect Board  
Chair



**Dr Nicholas Crisp**  
DDG for NHI



**Angie Bass**  
Executive  
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Velatura HIE (USA)



**Dr Rolan Christian**  
CareConnect CEO



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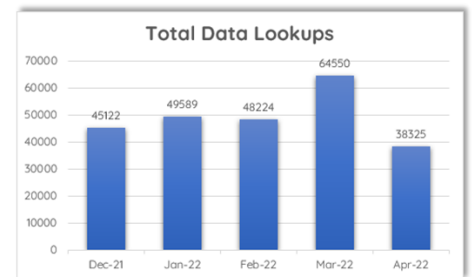
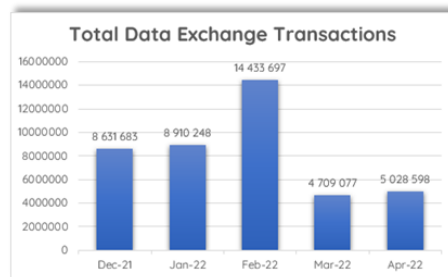
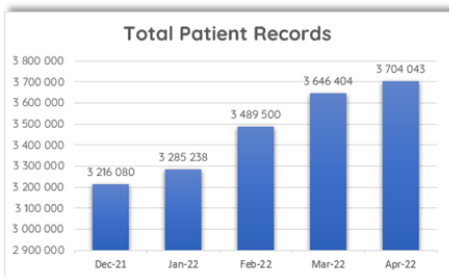
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## Thank You

This milestone is the culmination of over two years of dedicated commitment by the many individuals representing Founding Member organisations and our partners in the various working groups. We extend deep gratitude to these individuals for making the HIE a reality.

## Exchange in Action

All six Founding Members are now able to transact and exchange information. To date, more than 3.7 million patient records have already been loaded onto the system and more than 50 million transactions have been recorded, with an average response time of below 5 seconds. While these numbers are growing all the time, it is clear that our member organisations have already begun to derive value from the HIE through streamlined hospital admissions procedures and the introduction of new efficiencies into their systems.



## Phase Two: Radiology, Pathology and more data

With Phase One now firmly under our belt, our sights are set on Phase Two, which includes the addition of Radiology and Pathology information onto the HIE. This will bode well for the value proposition to future participants of the HIE and paves the way for the development of many more use cases. The addition of this information also means that the CareConnect HIE can provide a single integration point for all health information for its participants.

During this Phase, CareConnect will also invite participation from other healthcare organisations to share and exchange information that will make a positive impact on healthcare delivery.





## Our new Clinical Services Unit



*Prof. Hyla Kluyts*

As a clinician and patient orientated organisation, the participation of health professionals in the development of the HIE is key to its success. We have thus established a Clinical Services Unit which will work with clinicians to ensure that the HIE delivers clinically relevant use cases that will add value to their work. Professor Hyla Kluyts, a Specialist Anaesthetist and academic is responsible for developing the CSU.

We are delighted to welcome Professor Kluyts into the CareConnect fold and wish her every success in her role in creating the CSU.

Professor Kluyts is a specialist anaesthetist with experience in critical care and a clinical interest in perioperative medicine. A collaborator and facilitator by nature, Prof Kluyts founded a non-profit company to support collaborative perioperative research and develop tools to improve access to data for perioperative clinicians. With experience in both in the public and the private health sectors and six years on the executive committee of the SA Society of Anaesthesiologists, Prof Kluyts has a firm grasp of the challenges faced in both sectors. Her participation as member of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists' Safety and Quality of Practice committee, and engagement with international colleagues, has broadened her view of the local and African situation in the context of global healthcare.

Prof Kluyts' medical and leadership abilities are augmented by expertise in diverse areas such as Open Science, Clinical Data Science, Citizen Science and Health Economics and Outcomes Research, a skill-set well aligned with CareConnect's mission.

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## Farewell Biddie!



Our best wishes to Dr Burnett (Biddie) Biddulph who will be retiring at the end of April. Dr Biddulph has led CareConnect since its inception and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to him for his superb leadership and for leaving us with an organisation which is credible, robust and which has the potential to bring about positive change in South Africa's health sector.

Hamba Gashle, Biddie! We will miss you.

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