



Personal Information

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Work Experience

	October 2018 - present
	Microbiologist / Business Development
DATES	- Establish a market for the new business and develop relationships with key partners.
POSITION	- Develop and review microbiology protocols and operating procedures.
RESPONSIBILITIES	- Develop a strategy and implement new testing sites for COVID-19
	JDJ Diagnostics Laboratory/ Durban, KZN
	Pathology Laboratory
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	January 2009 – September 2011
TYPE OF BUSINESS	Pathologist
	- A consultant to assist in developing and directing the clinical chemistry laboratory, developing SOPs and manuals for accreditation
DATES	- Marketing and developing business in Gauteng region.
POSITION	ClinPath Laboratory/ Durban KZN
RESPONSIBILITIES	Pathology Laboratory
	October 2014 - March 2015
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	Medical Doctor

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES	- Medical doctor for a mine site clinic in Sierra Leone , to provide medical care, support prevention, education and care of workers and families for the Ebola epidemic that affected more than 20,000 in West Africa. - Provide guidance and support community outreach, company operations policy, and train employees. London Mining & Timis Mining/ Port Loko, Sierra Leone Emergency Medical Operations
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	
TYPE OF BUSINESS	September 2013 - September 2014 Coordinating Doctor Coordinating doctor at the Johannesburg Assistance Centre, support medics off-shore and on remote sites with medical advice and in coordinating medical evacuations.
DATES	
POSITION	
RESPONSIBILITIES	International SOS / Midrand, South Africa International Medical Assistance Insurance
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	January 2012 - September 2014
TYPE OF BUSINESS	Medical Doctor A part-time practice focused on infectious diseases
DATES	Mediclinic Muelmed Hospital
POSITION	Private Practice
RESPONSIBILITIES	
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	June 2010- December 2012
TYPE OF BUSINESS	Medical Officer Paediatrics (Infectious Diseases) - Perform medical duties as required by department
DATES	- Rotate through neonatal and general paediatrics units at Chris –Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Rahima Moosa Maternal and Child Hospital as well as Tygerberg Children’s Hospital in the Western Cape.
POSITION	
RESPONSIBILITIES	National Department of Health Health
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	March 2008 –October 2009
TYPE OF BUSINESS	Senior Regional HIV/AIDS Advisor - Technical support for several NGOs nation-wide, supporting programme design on diverse aspects of HIV prevention and control.
DATES	
POSITION	- Compliance with PEPFAR and USAID Reporting protocol
RESPONSIBILITIES	PACT SA / Menlyn, Pretoria International NGO

RESPONSIBILITIES	November 2006 –September 2008
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	Southern Africa Regional Director
TYPE OF BUSINESS	- Provide the leadership and management for the South Africa based IAVI office for the implementation of clinical trials in five sites. - Compliance with EU grant
DATES	International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)
POSITION	International NGO
RESPONSIBILITIES	
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	Jan 2006–October 2006
TYPE OF BUSINESS	Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor
DATES	- Provide grant monitoring and support at significant points of the grant cycle enabling disbursement of funds for a USD 2.1b Africa portfolio. - Situational Analysis as required
POSITION	The Global Fund / Geneva, Switzerland
RESPONSIBILITIES	International Agency
	2004 –Dec 2005
	Research Coordinator
EMPLOYER / ADDRESS	Coordinate the implementation of a five-country operational research study to assess issues related to access to antiretroviral therapy in developing countries
TYPE OF BUSINESS	WHO - TDR / Geneva, Switzerland
DATES	UN Agency
POSITION	2003-2004
RESPONSIBILITIES	Research Officer
	- Provide research for every statement and publication for the Senior Scientific Advisor’s Office. - Provide situational analysis
	UNAIDS / Geneva, Switzerland
	UN Agency
EDUCATION	
QUALIFICATIONS , INSTITUTION	2001 - 2003
AND	Medical Officer
DATES	Provide medical and surgical care for the underground miners of Westvaal Mine in Orkney.
	Anglogold Ashanti Mines Health Services
	Health Services

	2000 - 2001 Post doctoral Fellow Training program in Vaccinology Sabin Vaccine Institute / Dept of Microbiology and Tropical Diseases, George Washington University Medical Complex, USA NGO / University
	1994-1999 Clinical Officer (Registrar) - Training program in Medical Microbiology - Lecturing to undergrad and post graduates in medical microbiology - Clinical advice to ward practitioners and infection control committees - Completed 6 month rotations in anatomical pathology, chemical pathology, haematology, virology and immunology National Department of Health/ MEDUNSA University Academia
	June 1992 - July 1992 Intern In 1992 completed internship through 6 month rotations in Paediatrics, Internal Medicine, General Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology.
COMPETENCIES	
WRITING	As a Clinical Officer, rotated in Surgical Burns Unit, Renal Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Neonatal Unit and HIV Clinic.
PRESENTATION	
HOSTING	
ASSESSMENT	INGONOGO COORDINATORS Good Clinical Practice Certificate (GCP) 12-13 March 2019
PARTNERSHIP BUILDING	AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION Advanced Neonatal Life Support (2012, Cape Town, South Africa) Basic Life Support (2011, Washington, USA) & updated Paediatric Advanced Life Support (2011, Washington, USA) & updated Advanced Cardiac Life Support (2011, New York City, USA) & updated Advanced Trauma Life Support (2017 , WITS, Joburg)
TEAM BUILDING	Advanced Medical Life Support (2019, Joburg)

Clinical HIV Management Certificate, September 2009

UNIVERSITY OF THE WATERSRAND
Reproductive Health & HIV Research Unit

LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE Certificate in
Epidemiology, 2008

SABIN VACCINE INSTITUTE –George Washington Medical University
Complex Post-doctoral Fellowship in Vaccinology, 2001

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
Masters of Medicine in Microbiology, MMED, 1998
Licensed as Specialist Microbiologist (HPCSA registration number
MP0392561, South Africa)

UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA (Commonwealth Program) Bachelors in Medicine
and Surgery(MBChB), 1991

Wrote the theme setting first chapter with distinguished Paul de Lay:
“The Politics of Monitoring and Evaluation” (American Evaluation
Association, 2004).

Delivered a presentation on my personal experience in Sierra Leone during
the Ebola Epidemic to rave reviews (April 2015).

Master of Ceremony at Presidents Induction Dinner (Rotary Club, June
2014).

Designed an assessment tool to evaluate the US President’s Emergency
Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funded HIV and AIDS programs, and
developed a mechanism to define and provide capacity building for quality
improvement (Pact-SA).

Enlisted the support and endorsement for AIDS vaccine research and
development from President Joacchim Chissano of Mozambique, President
Rupiah Banda of Zambia and Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka of
South Africa (IAVI-SA).

Member of the Executive Committee, Organization of Women in Science-
South Africa Chapter 2012-2017

WHO I AM

My personal mission is to have an impact on society, following a holistic approach
to health and the collective use of all my skills and experience acquired over the
years.

I am motivated, personable, professional with a talent for quickly mastering new concepts. Diplomatic and tactful with professionals and non-professionals at all levels. Accustomed to handling sensitive, confidential records. Demonstrated ability to produce accurate, timely results, meeting stringent guidelines.

Versatile – able to remain composed under pressure. Poised and competent with a genuine compassion, easily transcending cultural differences. I thrive in deadline-driven environments. Excellent team-building skills.

REFERENCES

On request – from previous employers, colleagues, friends and family.