

Morné Vorster

MB ChB, MRCP (London), MMED, FCP (SA)



Morné Vorster is a senior registrar working in respiratory and critical care medicine. After completing his undergraduate training in 2002 at Stellenbosch University, South Africa, he spent 5 years training in medicine in the UK, and he is currently a member of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He returned to South Africa to complete his training in internal medicine in 2013. Soon after graduating from both his MMed and college exams, he applied for a subspecialist training post in respiratory medicine; he is currently training, along with four other fellows, in an excellent programme under the supervision of Elvis Irusen, Coenie Koegelenberg and Brian Allwood.

Under supervision of his mentors, his research career has matured and he is author of four recent publications. These publications include infectious and pleural diseases, applied transthoracic ultrasound and interventional pulmonology. He is also currently actively involved with numerous related other studies. Working in the Division of Pulmonology, Tygerberg Academic Hospital and Stellenbosch University, has given him the opportunity to develop his interventional skills, where he has achieved competency and is now involved in training registrars in both bronchoscopic and pleural procedures. Morné is a member of Interventional Pulmonology South Africa (IPSA), which aims to improve the quality of interventional pulmonology in South Africa and to train as many pulmonologists as possible in the various techniques.

Donald Simon

MB ChB, MMed (Int Med), FCP (SA)



Donald Simon is currently a fellow/subspecialist trainee in the Division of Pulmonology at Tygerberg Hospital and has enrolled in the MPhilMed programme at Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

He obtained his MB ChB at Stellenbosch University in 2007. He then spent the following 3 years at Kimberley Hospital doing his internship and community service.

He started his registrar training in internal medicine at Stellenbosch University in 2011 and obtained his FCP(SA) and MMed (Internal Medicine) in 2014. In his MMed he addressed the progression of hepatitis B virus (HBV) in both mono-infected and co-infected patients, focusing on the need for more widespread HBV screening.

Donald started his fellowship training in pulmonology in February 2014. In addition to pulmonology, he also has a primary interest in critical care medicine and hopes to one day practise both.

Shinu Abraham

MB ChB, FCP (SA)



Shinu Abraham is currently a respiratory fellow working at Tygerberg Hospital. She completed her undergraduate medical degree at the University of Transkei in 2004, and after her community service joined as a medical officer in internal medicine at Grey's Hospital in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. In August 2008 she joined the internal medicine registrar programme and passed her fellowship exams in May 2011. From

2012, she subsequently worked as a consultant in general medicine at Edendale Hospital, Pietermaritzburg, for 3 years. Besides clinical work, she was involved in undergraduate and postgraduate training. Currently, she is one of the recipients of the Discovery subspecialty foundation training grant in pulmonology for 2015 and has joined the Department of Respiratory and Critical Care at Tygerberg Hospital as of March 2015, under the supervision of Professor Elvis Irusen. She has registered for the MPhil and her current research project involves sedation during endobronchial ultrasound-guided transbronchial biopsy.