

Ivan Schewitz



Ivan Schewitz is a cardiothoracic surgeon who has sub-specialised as a general thoracic surgeon. Dr Schewitz is a graduate of the University of Cape Town (UCT; 1974). He specialised at UCT and the University of the Witwatersrand. In 1991 he introduced thoroscopic surgery in South Africa, and in 2008 he introduced the minimally invasive Nuss procedure for pectus excavatum. Over the past 7 years, he has directed numerous video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS) workshops involving both animal work and live surgery. He is a member of the executive of the Chest Wall International

Group (CWIG), the board of the South African Thoracic Society (SATS) and the board of the Pan African Thoracic Society (PATS). As a member of PATS, he will direct a number of VATS workshops in Africa, visiting Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt and Ethiopia. He recently co-directed the highly successful CWIG 20th annual meeting, which was held in conjunction with the SATS annual meeting in Pretoria. Ivan is married with four children and five grandchildren. His other interests are long-distance running, having completed 15 Comrades marathons, as well as chess, history, photography and travelling.

Charl Verwey



Charl Verwey is a paediatric pulmonologist from Johannesburg. He established and currently heads the paediatric pulmonology division at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital. He is pursuing a PhD investigating the effects of childhood viral infections on the development of the

infant lung. He is the current chairperson of the National Asthma Educational Programme, and further interests include childhood bronchiectasis and HIV-associated lung disease. When he is not working, he likes to ride his mountain bike with his two boys.