

Prof. Samuel Malamulele Risenga



Prof. Samuel Malamulele Risenga obtained his MB ChB qualification from the University of Natal in 1980. He did his internship at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital (now Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital). After completion of his internship, he worked as a medical officer in paediatrics at the hospital for 6 months.

He then moved to Malamulele Hospital in July 1980, where he worked as a medical officer and later medical superintendent. While working at the hospital, he obtained his Diploma in Child Health (DCH) from the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA), in 1985.

He completed his registrarship at Medunsa and Dr George Mukhari Hospital from 1986 to 1989, and qualified with an MMed degree in paediatrics and child health.

He worked in both private practice and government hospitals in Limpopo between 1990 and 2007. He trained five candidates who managed to obtain the DCH while working in the non-teaching hospitals in Limpopo, and also successfully wrote the Diploma in Allergology (SA) in 2005. Prof. Risenga went on to train as a paediatric pulmonologist at the University of Pretoria and Steve Biko Academic Hospital from April 2008 to March 2010, and obtained a certificate in paediatric pulmonology (SA) in 2009.

He was appointed as head of the clinical department of paediatric pulmonology (chief specialist) at Pietersburg Hospital,

and associate professor at the University of Limpopo, respectively, in September 2010. He established a paediatric pulmonology training platform at the University of Limpopo in 2011. He trained three paediatric pulmonologists between 2011 and 2015, while the fourth one trained in Cape Town and wrote the exams while working in the Pietersburg Hospital paediatric pulmonology unit. He has been an examiner at the CMSA for the Diploma in Allergology, FCPaed (part I) as well as the Certificate in Pulmonology (Paed).

He has served as an executive committee member of the following organisations: The Allergy Society of SA; National Polio Certification Committee; SA Thoracic Society; Biological Expert Committee of the SA Health Products Regulatory Authority; and the Limpopo branch of the SA Medical Association.

Prof. Risenga has published 21 articles in the fields of pulmonology and allergology. In 2016, he also published his autobiography in Xitsonga. He has attended and presented at many local, national and international congresses.

He was promoted to the role of full professor and director of the Limpopo School of Medicine in 2017, where he is still working. Prof. Risenga is currently writing the history of Malamulele Hospital, where he was the first medical doctor and medical superintendent.

Dr Rubeshan Perumal



Dr Rubeshan Perumal is a specialist physician and pulmonologist who trained at the Divisions of Pulmonology and Critical Care at the University of Cape Town. He has been a research associate and fellow of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA) for the past 10 years. His research interests include the epidemiology of tuberculosis (TB), TB/HIV co-infection and improving the treatment of TB through pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic optimisation. He holds an MB ChB (*cum laude*), MPH and MMed degrees from the

University of KwaZulu-Natal, where he received the Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Entrance Scholarship and UKZN Excellence Scholarship. He is presently completing his PhD which is focused on improving the treatment of drug-susceptible pulmonary TB. Dr Perumal continues to balance the interests of clinical medicine and public health. He was a recipient of the prestigious Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholarship in Global Health, and was named a Young Physician Leader (2019) by The World Academy of Science/InterAcademy Partnership.

Dr Gabaza Tiva



Dr Gabaza Tiva is a paediatric pulmonologist and head of paediatric pulmonology and critical care services at Pietersburg Provincial Hospital in Polokwane. She completed her undergraduate (MB BCh) and postgraduate (FCPaed) studies at the University of the

Witwatersrand. Dr Tiva has an interest in sleep-disordered breathing disorders. She is a senior lecturer and respiratory system module co-ordinator at the University of Limpopo Medical School. Her hobbies include running, travelling and wine tasting.

Dr Ali Esmail



Dr Ali Esmail is a specialist physician and pulmonologist at the University of Cape Town Lung Institute and at the Respiratory Clinic at Groote Schuur Hospital. He has a special interest in the field of interventional pulmonology. Dr Esmail currently heads the Clinical Trials Unit at the Centre for Lung Infection and Immunity Unit, which channels all research activities within the centre. He is also the recipient of a European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials

Partnership (EDCTP) Career Development Fellowship, which has enabled him to undertake his PhD in novel approaches to the management of drug-sensitive and drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB). He has also received numerous monetary awards, including the UCT Department of Medicine research day award for the last 3 consecutive years, DP Marais TB Research Award, and the Sandoz and Lekhy Prize for undergraduate academic excellence.

Dr Lynelle Mottay



Dr Lynelle Mottay is a specialist physician and pulmonologist at the University of Cape Town Lung Institute and the Respiratory Clinic at Groote Schuur Hospital. She has a special interest in the field of interventional pulmonology and drug-resistant tuberculosis

(TB). Currently, she heads a rapid-access pulmonology service aimed at decreasing tertiary care waiting times. She is also involved in research activities focused on TB within the Centre for Lung Infection and Immunity.