

## Professor Refiloe Masekela



Professor Refiloe Masekela is a paediatric pulmonologist and Head of Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa. She is also an Honorary Visiting Associate Professor at the Queen Mary University, London, UK. Prof. Masekela obtained her medical degree at Witwatersrand University and completed her specialist paediatrics training at the University of Pretoria. She completed her fellowship in paediatric pulmonology at the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium and the University of Pretoria.

She has served on many executive committees as the current member and incoming co-Chair for the Steering Committee of the Global Asthma Network. She is the current Vice-Chair of the Adult and Child Lung Health Section of the International Union of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease and Vice President of the Pan African Thoracic Society (PATS). Prof. Masekela has been a member of the South African Thoracic Society since 2007 and on the executive committee since 2010.

Her research interests include paediatric asthma and lung physiological testing, particularly lung function testing in children and the determination of normative lung reference equations in African children and adults. She is a member of the European Respiratory Society Global Lung Initiative Network of Clinical Research Collaboration Committee as well as the European Cystic Fibrosis Society Diagnostic Working Group, the South African Cystic Fibrosis Scientific Committee and is a past chairperson of the South African National Asthma Education Programme (2011 - 2013).

She has published in peer-reviewed publications and written seven book chapters on respiratory diseases in children. She has been invited to present her research and given invited lectures at national and international congresses. She is passionate about research capacity strengthening in Africa, has mentored and graduated many students and is the current co-Director of the PATS Methods in Epidemiology, Clinical and Operational Research (PATS-MECOR) course.

## Dr Visva Naidoo



Dr Naidoo graduated from Wits University in 2000 and completed his FCPaeds (2008) and Allergy Diploma (2012) at University KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and King Edward VIII Academic Hospital. He completed his Certificate in Paediatric Pulmonology

in 2013. He is the current chairperson of the NAEP since 2020 and an Honorary Lecturer at UKZN. Dr Naidoo assists with both the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

## Dr Ayanda Trevor Mnguni



Dr Mnguni obtained his MB ChB from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 2007. He later completed his FCP at Groote Schuur Hospital and the University of Cape Town. He graduated with a Master of Medicine (cum laude) from the University of Cape Town and trained and graduated as the first black pulmonologist from the University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital. He is the current Head of Department of Internal

Medicine at Khayelitsha District Hospital, and a consultant and senior lecturer in the Division of Internal Medicine at Stellenbosch University and Tygerberg Hospital. He is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Cape Town and has specialist interests in pulmonary manifestations of HIV, bronchiectasis, interstitial lung disease, pulmonary vascular diseases and interventional pulmonology.

### Dr Francois Swart



Dr Swart qualified in 1986 as a Clinical Technologist in Pulmonology at Tygerberg Hospital. After completing his National Service at the Institute of Maritime Medicine in Simons Town he also qualified in Critical Care at Tygerberg Hospital, in 1990. In 1994, he spent time at the University Hospital Basel, Switzerland where he gained valuable

experience in Pulmonary Exercise Testing. In 2004 he worked in a private pulmonology practice in Lucerne, Switzerland before returning to Tygerberg Hospital. Dr Swart has a particular interest in pulmonary exercise testing, ventilation and student training. In addition to his medical interests, he is also a registered tourist guide for the Western Cape.

### Dr Keketso Mopeli



Dr Mopeli is a paediatric pulmonologist at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, University of the Witwatersrand. She graduated in 2007, and completed her FC Paed and MMed in 2016, both at the University of the Witwatersrand. She joined the Paediatric Pulmonology Department at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital that same year and completed her fellowship training in 2021. Her special interests include chronic interstitial lung diseases in children,

bronchiectasis and asthma. Keketso is actively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at the University of the Witwatersrand. She is also the founder and chairperson of Marotholi Outreach, a non-profit organisation which runs a screening programme aimed at addressing the high rates of malnutrition in children from disadvantaged communities. When she is not working, she is at home mothering an active toddler and testing new recipes.