

## Who's who in pulmonology

The University of Pretoria, Division of Paediatric Pulmonology, has an active programme. There are two consultants, Prof. André van Niekerk and Dr Ashley Jeevarathnum. Prof. Robin Green leads the team. In addition we have two current Fellows, Dr Denise Parris and Dr Xandre Dearden. Ms Odette Coetzee is our Lung Function Technologist.



*Dr Denise Parris*



*Dr Xandre Dearden*



*Ms Odette Coetzee*

### Prof. André van Niekerk



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André is a Paediatrician and Paediatric Pulmonologist. He works as session consultant in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Pretoria and in private practice at the NetCare Clinton and NetCare Alberlito Hospitals. The NetCare Clinton practice is a Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) accredited sub-specialist training unit that offers satellite

training in Paediatric Pulmonology and Paediatric Critical Care medicine to fellows from the University of Pretoria. He received an Honorary Professorship from the University of Pretoria. André is the Vice Chair of the Allergy Society of South Africa (ALLSA). He is also the ALLSA liaison for the Primary Immunodeficiency Working Group (PIDDSA) of ALLSA, the executive officer of the Allergy Foundation of South Africa (AFSA) and a member of the South African Thoracic Society (SATS) and the African Society for Immunodeficiencies (ASID).

### Dr Ashley Jeevarathnum



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Ashley has just qualified as a Paediatric Pulmonologist at the University of Pretoria. In those 2 years he achieved four degrees (MMed(Paed), Diploma Allergology, Certificate in Paediatric Pulmonology and HERMES degree in Paediatric Pulmonology from the European Respiratory Society). Moreover, Ashley achieved the Eugene Weinberg Medal

for Excellence in the Diploma Allergology, a Travelling Fellowship to attend and present his research at the 2015 American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Congress. He was awarded the best paper presentation at the 2014 ALLSA Congress. Ashley has now published a number of papers and given many lectures. He has been appointed as a consultant in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Pretoria and Steve Biko Academic Hospital.