

INAUGURAL LECTURE OF PROF. SITHEMBISO VELAPHI

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Title: Challenges in Neonatal Care in the Public Sector

Despite improvements in neonatal survival in South Africa, the neonatal mortality rate remains unacceptably high, particularly for a high middle-income country. The four main contributors to neonatal death are preterm birth, infections, perinatal asphyxia, and congenital abnormalities. In this lecture, Prof. Velaphi will outline global developments over the past three decades that have reduced neonatal morbidity and mortality. He will highlight his own contributions to improving neonatal care in South Africa, and at his own hospital, through research, policy development and programme implementation addressing the major disease burdens. Prof. Velaphi will reflect on the ongoing challenges and barriers to adequate neonatal care and discuss how these challenges can be best addressed in resource-constrained settings.



Date: Wednesday, 28 June 2023

Time: 17:00

Venue: Senate Room, 2nd Floor, Solomon Mahlangu House,
Braamfontein Campus East

Register here for in-person attendance: <https://shorturl.at/pvA39>

The lecture will also be streamed live on the Wits YouTube channel.

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