

# SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE NEWSLETTER



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## EDITORIAL

Dear Staff and Students

The year is well underway and winter is approaching.

This newsletter highlights the significant achievements of our School Staff, congratulations to all, you have the Wits flag high and are among the reasons our School is among the top 150 worldwide. Well done!

Thank you to everyone who responded positively to the Dean's call to return to face-to-face teaching. The campus is full again and University life is almost back to pre-pandemic.

Staff members, please remember to update your ORCID profiles.

The School Research Day is taking place on 28 September 2023 (a hybrid event), please look out for the call.

Happy reading!

Prof Daynia Ballot  
Head of School



# STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to the following staff on their appointments:

Professor Feroza Motara with her reappointment as Academic Division Head - Division of Emergency Medicine.

Professor Olufemi Omole with his reappointment as Academic Division Head - Division of Family Medicine.

Dr Marc Hauptfleisch with his appointment as Academic Head of Division - Division of Paediatric Neurology.

## PROFESSOR FEROZA MOTARA

Prof Motara is an Adjunct Prof and Academic Head in the Division of Emergency Medicine - a post held since 2016. She is also the Head of the Emergency Department at CMJAH since 1994.

Her other roles currently are EMSSA president, CMSA examiner and convener, Vice Chair of the MAC at CMJAH and Vice Chair of the Disaster committee at CMJAH as Provincial Head of Emergency Medicine. She is actively involved not only in the Academic development of Emergency Medicine at an under and post graduate level but also practically and functionally involved in the Province and Country.



Prof Motara is also the SA representative at the International Federation of Emergency Medicine. She has numerous peer reviewed journal publications and is a registered specialist in Emergency Medicine. In addition she has specialist qualifications in Family medicine, Health care management and Travel Medicine, and a Diploma in HIV medicine.

Under her leadership of the Division of Emergency Medicine, she has instituted many firsts within the School and Faculty – Emergency Medicine was one of the first departments to introduce a Mentorship program for registrars, and one of the first to extend the training platform. She has grown the Division of Emergency Medicine from three specialist run units to all the Emergency Medicine departments in Southern Gauteng ( except Bertha Xgowa and Southrand) having consultant led units – both Bara and CMJAH clusters. The number of consultants have increased from 8 to 24 as well as 6 in the private sector and many honorary lecturers in SA and abroad. Partnerships with the private sector such as Netcare, University of Johannesburg Medical Faculty, EMSSA, University of Pretoria Emergency Medicine Division, Gift of the Givers has ensured that the Wits registrars has received training far superior than any other Division of Emergency Medicine – a testament to their excellent 100% results obtained by their registrars in the CMSA exit examination.

This is further attested to by the great demand for their consultants nationally and internationally. The supernumerary program has ensured that Emergency Medicine departments have started in Nigeria, Zambia and Malawi showing that the training of foreign students is having the desired effect of expanding Emergency Medicine training in Africa.

The registrar numbers have increased from 8 to 35 over the previous five years with mentorship and additional support programs for challenged registrars ensures that Emergency Medicine registrars are supported and assisted as necessary – emotional, social and academic support ensures a successful registrar at the end of four years.

The undergraduate training in Emergency Medicine has increased from 2 days in GEMP 3 to two weeks in GEMP4 ensuring many Emergency Medicine basic skills are taught. In addition the Division of Emergency Medicine has undertaken the First Year Faculty First Aid program ensuring a basic first aid course is given to all first year registered students.

Prof Motara's second tenure will see the Division grow from strength to strength and improve further the Emergency Medicine footprint both on the clinical and academic platforms.

### PROF OLUFEMI OMOLE

Prof Omole is an Associate Professor and Academic Head of the Division of Family medicine, Department of Family medicine and Primary care, including six district training platforms in Gauteng and North-West province. He is a Head of Clinical Unit (Family medicine) in the District Clinical Specialist team in Sedibeng district, Gauteng province.



He had his basic medical education at the University of Lagos, Nigeria, qualifying MBBS (Lagos) in 1989. He had his postgraduate medical training at the Medical University of Southern Africa, qualifying MCFP(SA) of the Colleges of Medicine, South Africa (CMSA) and MMED (Fam Med) MEDUNSA, in 1998 and 2002 respectively.

Prof Omole's clinical and research interests are in the non-communicable diseases in primary care with special focus on tobacco use and health, and the diseases of lifestyle such as hypertension and diabetes mellitus.

He has published extensively in peer-reviewed national and international journals.

He serves as a scientific reviewer for various scientific journals and on the Editorial board of the South African Family Practice. He is a clinical and research report examiner for Family medicine at most medical schools in South Africa and the University of



Botswana. He is also an examiner of the FCFP (SA) exit examination of the CMSA. He currently serves as a Council member of the College of Family physicians of South Africa.

## DR MARC HAUPTFLEISCH

Dr Hauptfleisch completed his Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Fellowship through the University of the Witwatersrand. He is proudly calling himself a true Witsie!

He had the pleasure to train and work under Professors Rodda and Scher and is very pleased to have them both onboard as honorary consultants in the department as they certainly leave big shoes for him to fill.

He is passionate about improving and standardising the Undergraduate Neurology teaching and the registrar exposure to Neurology on the Wits circuit. With the excellent foundation that exists and by embracing technology, together with new teaching strategies and platforms this is certainly achievable.

He looks forward to ongoing collaborations both within the Paediatric Department and Faculty at large for ongoing research projects. They have a wealth of information to share with the rest of the country and world.

He is fortunate to take on a well-established training Centre for Paediatric Neurology and together with his colleagues they can only hope to continue to train well equipped Paediatric Neurologists for the country and Africa.



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## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr Andrew Grieve with his promotion to Associate Professor.

The Paediatric Physical Examination Skills Collaborative Team who were awarded the 2022 Vice-Chancellor's Team Teaching Award, and the Phillip V Tobias and Convocation Team Teaching Award.

Dr Argentina Maria Ingratta who were awarded the 2022 Vice-Chancellor's Teaching Award: Individual Award Winner.

Dr Mahlatse Mankgele who are one of the awardees of the Faculty of Health Sciences Prestigious Postgraduate Degree Award - 2022

### ASSOCIATE PROF ANDREW GRIEVE

Prof Andrew Grieve is a Wits alumni qualifying with his MBBCh in 2002.

He subsequently went onto to specialise in Paediatric Surgery and received his fellowship in 2012. During his registrar time he spent 6 months at King's College hospital in London, UK, focusing on Paediatric Hepatobiliary surgical conditions.

Prof Grieve is currently the Unit head of Paediatric Surgery at the newly established Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital. He enjoys a wide range of clinical fields and has special interest in Paediatric endoscopic surgery.



Prof Grieve enjoys how technology is improving healthcare and access to medical education across the world and has developed multiple paediatric surgical multimedia platforms including an internationally recognised podcast series called 'Discover Paediatric Surgery'.

He is supported by his wife and two beautiful daughters without whom he would not be where he is today.

### THE PAEDIATRIC PHYSICAL EXAMINATION SKILLS COLLABORATIVE TEAM



The Paediatric Physical Examination Skills online course was developed and created by a collaborative learning team including:

(i) Associate Professors Sanjay Lala and Ziyaad Dangor and Dr Shannon Leahy (Department of Paediatrics), (ii) Dr Ann George (Centre for Health Science Education), and (iii) Mr Shogan Ganas Naidoo, Ms Dominique Wooldridge, and Dr Gerrit Wissing (Centre Learning and Teaching Development).

The course is designed to be used as part of a blended learning programme that includes supervised and independent learning in resource-limited clinical environments. It was specifically developed for medical students working in low-resourced Southern African settings, but is also suitable for other health professionals, especially those who have not received their undergraduate medical training in South/ern Africa.

### DR ARGENTINA MARIA INGRATTA

Dr Ingratta is a skilled specialist physician with extensive experience in Internal Medicine at the Helen Joseph Hospital.

In addition to her clinical practice, she is an accomplished clinical teacher and lecturer, serving as a faculty member within the Health Sciences department at Wits.

Dr Ingratta is dedicated to the training and education of both undergraduate and postgraduate medical professionals, and has contributed significantly to curriculum development for the MBBCh program at Wits.



Dr Ingratta's professional interests extend to the field of medical education, and she has pursued advanced training in this area through the completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences Education at Wits, as well as the SAFRI-FAIMER fellowship. Her expertise in medical education has led to her involvement in several key initiatives, including the Nelson Mandela Fidel Castro collaboration task team.

She is a passionate educator who is committed to the use of innovative teaching methods. She has a passion for small group bedside teaching, and actively advocates for using the power of technology to support teaching and learning. Her dedication to small group bedside teaching has earned her recognition, including the PV Tobias Distinguished Teachers award for Clinical Teaching in 2019, and the Vice Chancellors Individual Teaching Award in 2022.



## DR MAHLATSE MANKGELE

Dr Mankgele was born and raised in a small town called Burgersfort in the beautiful and sunny Limpopo province.

He takes great pride in being from the BaPedi people.

Dr Mankgele moved to Johannesburg after matric to do his MBBCh at Wits University. He completed the FCP specialist training and his MMed with Wits University.

Dr Mankgele is currently a fellow in Clinical Haematology at Groote Schuur Hospital under University of Cape Town.

His research interests are HIV medicine, Clinical Haematology and Clinical Research which have been inspired by his mentors Prof. J. Mahlangu, Prof. E. Variava, Prof. N. Martinson and Prof. K. Otjombe.

He likes to travel and has an interest in photography.



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## FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES HONOURS CELEBRATION 2022

Congratulations to our staff on their achievements recently acknowledge at the 2022 celebrations:

### NRF RATINGS

#### A-Rating

'These are researchers who are unequivocally recognised by their peers as leading international scholars in their field for the high quality and impact of their recent research publications.'

Professor Frederick Raal

#### B-Rating

'These are researchers who enjoy considerable international recognition by their peers for the high quality and impact of their recent research outputs.'

Professor Daynia Ballot

Professor Kevin Behrens

Prof Charles Feldman

Professor Emeritus Saraladevi Naicker

## C-Rating

'These are established research with a sustained recent record of productivity in the field who are recognised by their peers as having: produce a body of quality work, the core of which has coherence and attests to ongoing engagement with the field; demonstrated the ability to conceptualise problems and apply research methods to investigating them.'

Dr Joel Francis

## SPECIAL GRADUATIONS

Professor Frederick Raal

DSc (Med) from Wits

Thesis entitled: "*Familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH) –three decades of advances in therapy*".

He has played a pivotal role in advancing the treatment for FH both locally and internationally and his thesis describes these advances in therapy over the past three decades. The major focus of his research remains the clinical, biochemical, genetic and therapeutic management of this condition.

Lastly, Prof Raal was named as one of the Faculty's Most Highly Cited Researchers in 2022. Highly cited researchers publish in ISI indexed journals and their highly cited and hot papers are ranked in the top 1% and 0.1% of all articles by number of citations, respectively.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

PV Tobias and Convocation Medal Distinguished Teacher Awards

PVT Award

Joint Team Award Winner: FHS Department of Paediatrics – Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital Team

This team teaches the Paediatric Graduate Entry Medical Programme (GEMP) Year 3, Paediatric Physical Examination Skills Online (PPES) course.

Team members:

Associate Prof Sanjay Lala, Clinical tutor Associate Prof Ziyaad Dangor, Clinical tutor Dr Shannon Leahy, Clinical tutor Dr Ann George, Senior Lecturer Mr Shogan Ganas, Instructional Designer Dominique Woolridge, Team Leader: Learning Experience Design Dr Gerrit Wissing, Director: Centre for Learning, Teaching & Development



## VC'S TEACHING AWARDS

Individual Award Winner: Dr Argentina Maria Ingratta

Dr Ingratta, a lecturer in the Department of Internal Medicine at Wits and a physician at Helen Joseph Hospital, won the individual teaching award.

Dr Ingratta took a leadership role in transforming teaching and learning in Internal Medicine, through the use of blended-learning technologies, which support student learning support, and spearheaded the adaptation of material and development of curricula suitable to a South African context.

Team Award Winner: FHS Department of Paediatrics – Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital Team

This team teaches the Paediatric Graduate Entry Medical Programme (GEMP) Year 3, Paediatric Physical Examination Skills Online (PPES) course.

Team members: Associate Prof Sanjay Lala Associate Prof Ziyaad Dangor Dr Shannon Leah Dr Ann George Mr Shogan Ganas Dominique Woolridge Dr Gerrit Wissing

## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

### JOINT-STAFF

20 years

Dr Hassen Alli, Dr Tracy Bakos, Dr Ismail Kalla, Dr Mark Human, Dr Elizabeth HO, Dr Shabbir Aleka, Dr Joan Mbengo, Dr Susan Tager, Dr Jordaan Elsabe, Dr Daniel Hoffman, Dr Coceka Mnyani, Associate Prof Palesa Motshabi, Dr Khakhu Mathivha, Dr Moleleki Moroeng, Dr Nthatheni Madima, Dr Solomzi Nyimbane, Dr Elizabeth Semanya, Dr Nkosinathi Mdladla, Dr Thavendree Moodley, Dr Alison Van Kwawegen, Adjunct Prof Kebashni Thandrayen, Professor Sithembiso Velaphi

25 Years

Dr Celeste Quan, Dr Willy Hendson, Adjunct Professor Gita Naidu, Adjunct Professor Shahed Omar, Adjunct Professor Sagren Naidoo, Adjunct Professor Susan Williams, Adjunct Professor Adam Mahomed, Adjunct Professor Ahmed Solomon, Adjunct Professor Georgia Demetriou, Adjunct Professor Efthimios Christofides, School of Clinical Medicine

30 Years

Dr Chris Frey, Dr June Fabian, Dr Kishen Dayal, Dr Kashif Mustafa, Dr Linda Doedens, Professor Mboyo-Di-Tamba Vangu, Adjunct Professor Ebrahim Variava, Adjunct Professor Andreas Chrysostomou, Adjunct Prof Antoinette Cilliers, Dr Susan Brown, Dr

Jeanine Rademeyer, Dr Rosemary Moabi, Dr Romy Kuhn, Dr Helen Clark, Dr Ari Weinstein

35 Years

Adjunct Prof Damon Bizo, Dr Silvio Breno, Dr Sandra Emdon, Professor Rajen Morar, Dr Yunous Omar, Professor Haroon Saloojee, Dr Jacinta Shung

40 Years

Dr Clive Martin, Dr Vinod Goolab, Dr Ilse Nockler, Dr Hansa Ratanjee, Adjunct Prof Linda Scher

45 Years

Dr Ayesha Bera

## FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS

20 Years

Karen Dow, Dr Chien Chen, Shirley Cherane, Mignon Coetzee, Chantal Lambert, Magaritha Kruger,

35 Years

Professor Daynia Ballot

## FACULTY SENIOR ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

### Adjunct Professor

Dr Aubrey Makgotloe

### Associate Professor

Dr Nqoba Tsabedze

Dr Pascaline Fru

### Personal Professor

Professor Abdullah Laher

Professor Kevin Behrens

Professor Sithembiso Velaphi

### Research Professor

Professor Lisa Micklesfield

## EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Dr Loredana Bocchino, Mr Carl Nkosi, Dr Stuart Pattinson, Ms Minkie Kente, Dr Poovangela Naidoo, Dr Haroun Rhemtula, Dr Argentina Ingratta

## EMERITUS PROFESSORS

Professor Anna Kramvis and Professor Girish Modi

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# SCHOOL GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

## DR ANICA VENTER

Dr Venter is a 3rd year Nuclear Medicine registrar at the Department of Nuclear Medicine, Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH).

She obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB), cum laude in 2016 from the University of Pretoria.

Since 2022 she stood as the Cluster B registrar representative, serving on the SOCM GSRC EXCO committee of the Wits Faculty of Health Sciences.

She is an enthusiastic, reliable and patient focused professional who takes initiative and was awarded a certificate of appreciation in 2022 for her dedication to Nuclear Medicine, fellow staff and patients.

Research is one of her interests and she recently represented WITS Nuclear Medicine with a poster presentation entitled:

*"At the 'heart of kidney transplant' - a nuclear medicine resident's review of myocardial perfusion imaging in patients with end-stage renal disease",* at the IAEA International Conference on Integrated Medical Imaging in Cardiovascular Diseases (IMIC) in Vienna, Austria.

Her future aspirations include becoming an expert in PET/CT and theranostics, and also furthering her academic career at Wits University.





## PUBLICATION COST

Dear School of Clinical Medicine Colleagues,

The School wants to inform you of two options that are available to assist school researchers with covering the costs of publications. The first and preferred option is available within the School of Clinical Medicine (SOCM) and will cover 100% of the publication cost. The second option is available via the Central Library and will cover part of the publication cost. The details to access the sources of funding are explained below:

### Option 1: SOCM Publication Fund Application

Please note that there is funding available in the School for the full payment of publications in accredited journals (<https://intranet.wits.ac.za/academic/uro/Pages/Accredited-journal-lists.aspx>). Funding is available to staff and students within the School on a first-come-first-serve basis. This funding is not applicable for research units.

The School can pay for the publications directly or reimburse the authors. Applications can be submitted via the hyperlink above.

Funding is limited and available until Thursday, 30 November 2023.

### Option 2: Wits Open Access Publishing Fund Application

Kindly note that there is also funding available from the central library for all researchers including research units. The library will reimburse the researcher for part of the publication fee.

The central library will require the following documents:

- Proof of payment
- Tax invoice
- Completed and signed APC form

The form can be downloaded from [here](#).

## MMED FUNDING

The MMed fund is intended to support MMed postgraduate research within the Wits SOCM. A successful individual may only be awarded funding once in a 2-year cycle.

The categories that will be funded will only include the following:

1. Conference registration

- Up to a maximum of R8 000 (local) or R16 000 (international)
- Proof of accepted abstract for a conference presentation is required

2. Research-related funding to support an MMed project budget

- Up to a maximum of R25 000
- A typed detailed budget is required with the application
- This may include funding for blood tests, laboratory reagents and/or consumables but not equipment, stationary or laptops.

Please use this link to apply: [SOCM MMed Fund Application](#).

Deadlines to submit application (31 May 2023, 31 August 2023, 30 September 2023).

Kindly contact [Boipelo.Kgosinkwe@wits.ac.za](mailto:Boipelo.Kgosinkwe@wits.ac.za) should you have any questions or issues with the hyperlink/s above.

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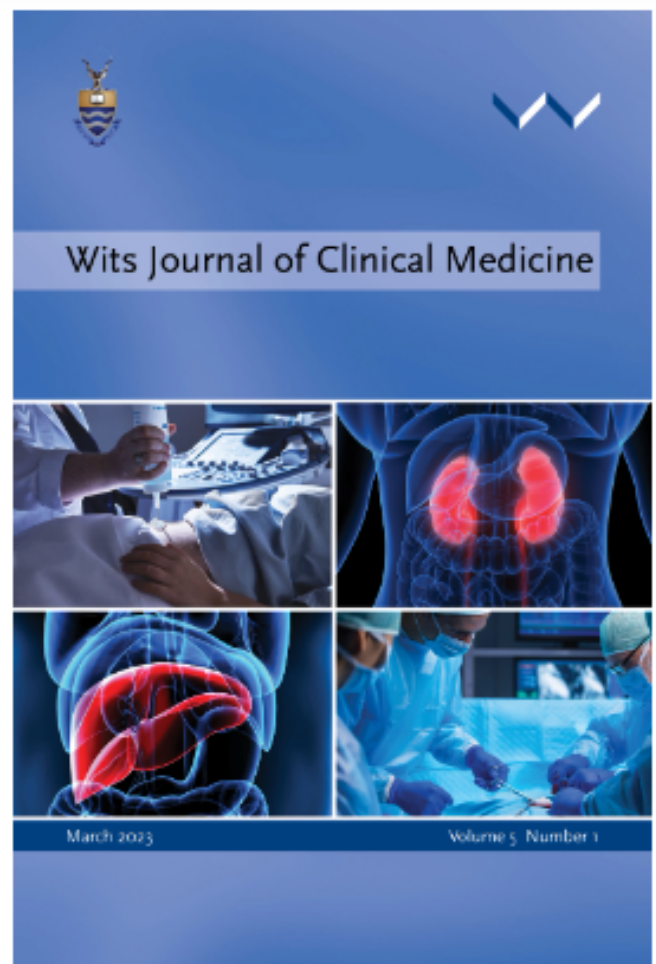
## WITS JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE

The Wits Journal of Clinical Medicine is a peer-reviewed, Open Access scientific research journal published triennially, and was established to provide a forum to showcase scientific research from the School of Clinical Medicine at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg as well as from other institutions nationally and internationally. Please note that Volume 5, Issue 1, March 2023 is now available online:

<https://journals.co.za/toc/wjcm/current>

*The Wits Journal of Clinical Medicine is now DHET accredited as from January 2023!*

Submissions are welcomed and the journal has a particular focus to encourage clinical and translational research especially from new academics, including students, registrars, fellows and junior consultants.



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The Wits Journal of Clinical Medicine also provides a space where the various Departmental Research Day abstracts can be shared.

WJCM publishes original papers, review papers, case reports and letters to the editor. Send your manuscript to: Pam Singh ([pam@wjcm.co.za](mailto:pam@wjcm.co.za)). For more information, visit the official website of the journal:

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Prof Pravin Manga (Editor)

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## SUBMISSION OF CONTENT

**The newsletter will be published bimonthly and we welcome all content, staff (academic & professional) achievements, profiles, and student events and achievements. Photos are always welcome. Should you wish to submit any content for publication, kindly send it to: [Rita.Kruger@wits.ac.za](mailto:Rita.Kruger@wits.ac.za) by**

**30 May 2023. Sala kahle!**

**\*(Please note that due to space restrictions content may be edited)**

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