

The Infectious Diseases and Oncology Research Institute (IDORI), Wits Faculty of Health Sciences invites you to a

RESEARCH SEMINAR

Closing the Cancer Surveillance Gap

CHAIR: Dr Judith Mwansa-Kambafwile

SPEAKERS

Dr Mazvita Muchengeti

Improving cancer surveillance in South Africa

Carole Metekoua

Data harmonisation for cancer surveillance

Sizeka Mashele

Strengthening cervical cancer surveillance in sub-Saharan Africa - The IARC-GICR Centre of Expertise – Sizeka Mashele

DATE:

Tuesday, 20 August 2024

TIME:

11h00 - 12h30

VENUE:

School of Public Health Auditorium, Wits Education Campus, 27 St Andrews Road, Parktown 2193



Dr Mazvita Muchengeti is the Head of Department at the National Cancer Registry, National Health Laboratory Service and leads the (International Agency for Research in Cancer – Global Initiative for Cancer Registry development) IARC-GICR Centre of Expertise in Johannesburg, South Africa within the African Cancer Registry Network. Her work focuses on cancer surveillance, cancer epidemiological research, capacity building and cancer policy development in African populations. She leads the South African HIV Cancer Match Study, a national cohort of people living with HIV (PLHIV) which explores cancer patterns in PLHIV in South Africa. She supports the training of cancer epidemiologists through supervision of masters and PhD students and supporting the South African Field Epidemiology Training Programme (SAFETP). She is a senior lecturer at Wits School of Public Health and a research associate at the South African Centre for Epidemiological and Modelling Analysis (SACEMA), Stellenbosch University.



Carole Metekoua is a data scientist and epidemiologist at the National Cancer Registry of South Africa. She holds an MSc in Epidemiology (Public Health Informatics) from the University of Witwatersrand and a Master of Public Health from Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom. Her research focuses on the epidemiology of comorbidities, automation of data management processes, and data visualization. Carole is involved in linking nationwide cancer and HIV data to create the South African HIV-Cancer Match Study. She is currently pursuing her PhD at the University of

Bern, Switzerland which focuses on “Trends in the epidemiology of non-Hodgkin’s lymphomas (NHL) in South Africa in relation to the evolving HIV epidemic.” This project aims to describe the trends in incidence and mortality of NHL and its subtypes in the context of the HIV epidemic and the rollout of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in South Africa.



Sizeka Mashele is a cancer epidemiologist at the National Cancer Registry (NCR) of South Africa. He holds an MSc in Field Epidemiology from the University of the Witwatersrand and an MSc in Medical Sciences from the University of Pretoria. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Basel, Switzerland, focusing on “Evaluating cervical cancer screening programmes in South Africa”.

Sizeka is the programme coordinator of the (International Agency for Research on Cancer – Global Initiative for Cancer Registry development) IARC-GICR Centre of Expertise at the NCR, where he coordinates training programmes for integrating cervical cancer screening registers with cancer registry data in Sub-Saharan Africa. His previous positions included surveillance manager for the Ekurhuleni population-based cancer registry, microbiologist, and research technician positions in various pharmaceutical and research institutions.