

Dr Lungi Kwitshana –

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Immunology)** University of KwaZulu-Natal (2011)

Title of thesis: The influence of helminths on immune responses to HIV.

- **Master of Medical Science (Medical Microbiology)** University of Natal (2000)
- **National Higher Diploma (Medical technology)** Natal Technikon (1992)
- **Specialist Dip. Med. Tech** (Chemical Pathology 11) MUT/KEH (1988)
- **National Diploma. Medical Technology** (Clinical Pathology) Mangosuthu Technikon (1987)
- **High School Education** Inanda Seminary

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. Registered as a Medical Scientist with the Health Profession's Council of South Africa
2. She is a Member of the South African Immunology Society (current)

RESEARCH

Worked for the South African Medical Research Council for 14 years, and has been a principal investigator for some projects.

Published a book from her PhD dissertation, and published 7 peer reviewed journal articles 13 abstracts and one health article.

She has presented 14 oral and poster research papers at international and national conferences.

She is currently a Principal Investigator for a research project that looks at the intersection between Immunity, Nutrition and co-infections with HIV.

UNIVERSITY

Employed as a Research coordinator and lecturer for the Master of Medicine Programme at UKZN Medical School 2010-2011. She is currently a lecturer at the School of Laboratory Medicine and Medical Sciences, UKZN. She supervises Masters and Doctoral students in medical research .

She also serves as a reviewer for Postgraduate (Masters and PhD) protocols, was a member in attendance of the Postgraduate Committee meetings.

She has served as an internal (UKZN) as well as external (Durban University of Technology) examiner for Masters Dissertations.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

1. She served as a co-facilitator for the National Department of Health workshop on intergration of HIV and TB Services. (2008).
2. Leads a national Task team on Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminths, comprising of the National Department of Health's Communicable Diseases Directorate and UKZN researchers.

Two reports co-authored for the national department of Health:

ORGANIZATIONAL AND EXTRAMURAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. She served as an Additional Executive Member of the Midlands Branch of the Society for Medical Laboratory Technologists of South Africa (1989-1991)
2. She was a Member of the South African Medical Research Council's Employment Equity Forum 2002-2005 and also a
3. Member of the SAMRC Values Working Group 2001-2004.
4. Served as a Member of The MRC Young Scientist Forum National Committee (2008 -2010).

COMMUNITY

1. Working Group Leader – National Schistosomiasis Review (UKZN-NDoH) Current
2. Mass Treatment Campaign Committee Member (Current)
3. Member of the Methodist Church Social Concern (2006 to date)
4. Deputy Chair of the Methodist Church Wellness and HIV/AIDS Committee (2008 to date).

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. She served as an Editorial Board Member for the AfroAIDS Journal (2008-2011)
2. She is currently a mentor for the NRF/DST internship programme from 2009 to date.
3. She is also an External Clinical Reviewer for The Lancet Infectious Diseases International Journal .
4. She is the Editorial Board Member for the International Journal of Maternal And Child Health and AIDS.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Bill and Melinda Gates Travel grant for the NTD meeting at the World Bank , Washington DC (2012)
1. Awarded the 2011 International United Kingdom CIU Trust Travelling Fellowship in Immunology.
2. The MRC International Travel grant for the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene meeting (2009)
3. Distinction award. 2008. Management Development Programme-Stellenbosch University.
4. Graduate Scholarship for academic performance nominee -University of KwaZulu-Natal (2007)

5. Travel award for international work on experimental laboratory animals at the National Institutes for Health (USA) 1996
6. An Out-of-turn promotion and merit award for outstanding performance as a senior Medical Technologist (1991).