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CURRICULUM VITAE

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CARDIOLOGIST / SPECIALIST PHYSICIAN

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

- To practice at the highest level as a Cardiologist and pursue an academic career in South Africa
- Contribute to accessibility of advanced health care for all people of South Africa

	PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS
Leadership	Able to lead new initiatives and complete tasks
Functional Insight	Application of body of knowledge, ethical and professional standards into people practices

CAREER RELATED INFORMATION	
Education:	
Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
University of Stellenbosch, Tygerberg Campus, RSA	Cert Cardio Phys (SA) Cardiologist Highest aggregate final examination May 2013 2012 British Society of Echocardiography (BSE) Transthoracic and Transoesophagial Echocardiography accreditation examination Passed with distinction Member of BSE 2007-2010 FCP (SA); M.Med (US) Specialist Physician Medal for best student FCP final 2010 Discovery Foundation Sub Speciality Award

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 M.B.Ch.B (Cum Laude) Pass with distinction 1999-2003 Member of Golden Key International Society Academic Achievements Awards Dinner 2000-2003 Colors for academic achievements 2003 Best average final year M.B.Ch.B. (79%) Pediatrics Bursary to do Pediatric Cardiology Wilhelmina Kinderziekenhuys, Utrecht, Holland 2002

Professional Experience:	
Date	2010-2013
Organisation	Cardiology Unit, Department of Medicine, Stellenbosch University and Tygerberg Academic Hospital
Location	Tygerberg, Cape Town, RSA
Position	Specialist Registrar
Awards	RC Fraser Interventional fellowship 2011
Key Roles and Functions	Care of patients referred to Cardiology Unit including patients admitted to ICU and High Care. Procedures related to Cardiology including angiography, percutanous coronary intervention, pacemaker implantation and echocardiography
Date	2007-2010
Organisation	Tygerberg Academic Hospital
Location	Tygerberg, Cape Town, RSA
Position	Registrar
Key Roles and Functions	Trained in various subdivisions of internal medicine

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Date	2004-2007
Organisation	Paarl Hospital
Location	Paarl, R.S.A
Position	House Officer and Medical Officer
Awards	Voted best House Officer and Medical Officer 2004/2006
Key Roles and Functions	Care of patients in secondary level hospital including 21 months rotation at Internal Medicine Department.
Other Skills:	
General	 High Afrikaans and English language proficiency Good verbal and written communication skills Ability to work under pressure Excellent PC Skills on various applications including MS Office Excellent knowledge of IT related to Cardiology, responsible for IT upgrade of Department of Cardiology including digital reporting
Leadership Skills and Achievements	 Registrar committee member 2008-2010 Department of Medicine post graduate committee member 2008-2010 House committee member of Hippokrates Residence 2002-2003 Portfolios: Treasurer and Archive House Committee Member of Hippokrates Residence 2001-2002 Portfolios: Sport, First Years' Publication and Golf day Chairman of Medics Rugby 2003 Tygerberg Central Sport Committee 2002
Other Relevant Information :	
	Current Status
Division of Cardiology, University of Stellenbosch, Tygerberg Hospital, RSA	Consultant Cardiologist
Publications	
Published	 Double Switch Procedure for Transposition of Great Vessels, Netherland Heart Journal 2003 Superior Vena Obstruction secondary to retrosternal goiter, South African Journal of Pulmonology 2009

	 An interesting cause of syncope, SA Heart 2011 Awaiting publication (MMED) COPD and inhalation steroids: What determines improvement in lung function and functional capacity
Current Research	Novel echocardiographic criteria for the diagnosis of Rheumatic Heart Disease: Assessing the diagnostic accuracy of commissural fusion as an early sign of Rheumatic Heart Disease • Poster presentation SA Heart 2012/2013 • Poster presentation World Congress of Pediatrics 2013 • Academic year day 2011-2013 • Best research poster Academic year day 2012 Pulmonory haemosiderosis secondary to mitral stenosis • Poster presentation Academic year day 2013 Mitral valve tears after balloon valvotomy • Academic year day presentation 2013 Surrogates for assessing Aortic Stenosis (awaiting protocoles)
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Other	Invited speaker to World Congress of Paediatrics 2013 • Management of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy Transoesophagial course (University of Free State) 2012 • Instructor and lecturer Sunecho 2011-2013 • Lecturer and member of faculty Red Cross Paediatric Hospital Master class in Echocardiography 2012 • Lecturer
	References
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