

CURRICULUM VITAE: PROF FPR DE VILLIERS

François Pierre Rousseau de Villiers is an Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health of MEDUNSA in Pretoria. He is now retired and lives in Plettenberg Bay. He practises part-time as a Paediatric Endocrinologist at the Life Knysna Private Hospital.

He is the current president of PAEDS-SA (the Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology and Diabetes Society of South Africa); and also the Vice-President of ASPAE (the African Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology). During 2013 - 2015, he was an ISPAD tutor. The ISPAD (The International Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Diabetes) tutors, are attached to PETCA (Paediatric Endocrinology Training Centre for Africa) in Nairobi, Kenya, deal with training of Fellows in diabetes and endocrinology, during their Fellowship. This was a two-week assignment every year. He is the only South African who was afforded this honour. He also assisted the University of Nairobi in designing their Fellowship programme in Paediatric Endocrinology.

François Pierre Rousseau de Villiers was Professor and Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at MEDUNSA from 1994 until 2015; he has been Deputy Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Medicine from 1997 to 2001 and Deputy Dean (Academic Matters) from 2005 to 2007 (when Deputy Deanships were abolished). During 2010 he was Director of the School of Medicine of the merged institution: University of Limpopo. The newly demerged Institution is now known as Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University.

His previous positions include Consultant and later Senior Consultant in Paediatrics at the Johannesburg Hospital and the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) (1987-1994), Registrar in Paediatrics at Baragwanath Hospital (1983-1986) and Medical Officer and later Senior Medical Officer at George Stegmann Hospital in Saulspoort (Moruleng) (1978-1982). His first attachment was to Edendale Hospital, Pietermaritzburg, as Intern and later Medical Officer (1974-1977).

His qualifications includes an MBChB degree from the University of Stellenbosch (1974), the DTM&H from the University of the Witwatersrand (1979), and both the DCH (1980), and MFGP (1983) from the College of Medicine. He also obtained a BA degree in Philosophy and Logic, and Communication (including teaching techniques) from the University of South Africa (UNISA) (1982). He obtained the MMed degree in Paediatrics from Wits in 1987, and PhD from the same institution in 1990. He was accredited as an Endocrinologist by the Interim National Medical and Dental Council of SA in 1996. In 1997 he completed a Diploma in Datametrics (Statistics) at UNISA. He was elected FACP: Fellow of the American College of Physicians in 2000, and FCPaed (SA): Fellow of the South African College of Paediatrics in 2001. During 2008-9 he completed a Fellowship in Medical Education with SAFRI (the South African FAIMER Regional Institute). He was elected FRSB: Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology (UK) in 2013.

Professor de Villiers' research experiences include his MMed dissertation entitled "The Growth Pattern of Tswana School Children", and his PhD thesis entitled "Milk and Lactose Intolerance in the Rural Tswana". He has published more than 65 articles in medical journals. He has edited two books and contributed to three others. He has delivered more than 50 presentations at conferences. His research interests include lactose intolerance, carbohydrate metabolism, and child abuse, and he is currently involved in research into child health, diabetes mellitus, and nutrition. Regarding research management, Professor de

Villiers' supervisory experience includes eight MSc (Med) and 18 MMed (Paed) degrees, and he was the external examiner of four MSc (Med) dissertations at Wits, one MPH at UCT, and a PhD at the University of Wageningen, in the Netherlands. Professor de Villiers has refereed articles for many journals.

He has been at the forefront of syllabus innovation in his department and the Medical School since 1994, and has actively espoused community based education for MBChB students, especially in Limpopo Province. He has been the Chairman of the MBChB V and VI Subcommittee of APC from 1997 to 1999, and 2003 to 2010. From 2005, as part of the Deputy Dean (Academic Matters) portfolio, he was in charge of the implementation of the new MBChB curriculum. This function has continued even after Deputy Deanships were abolished, and until 2015 he was known as the "Curriculum Guardian".

Professor de Villiers developed two coursework MSc degrees at Wits, in Community Paediatrics and in Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics, which he co-ordinated from 1990 to 1994. He was an examiner for the College of Medicine for the DCH in 1994 and for the FCPaed Part I since 1995, as well as the (subspeciality) Certificate in Paediatric Endocrinology. He has also co-ordinated the FCPaed Part I. He has been an external examiner for FCPaed (Final), and the MMed of the Universities of Free State, Stellenbosch and Witwatersrand.

His biography has been published in Who's Who in the World (1998 to date); Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare (1999 to date); Who's Who in Science and Engineering (2000 to date); Dictionary of International Biography (1997 to date) and in 2000 Eminent Scientists of Today (2003). Professor de Villiers obtained the Licentiate in Music (UTLM) from UNISA in 2001, and composes classical music.