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Strengthening Trials and Research
for Rheumatic Heart Disease



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About

Professor Mpiko Ntsekhe is the Hellen and Morris Mauerberger Professor and Chair of Cardiology at the University of Cape Town and Head of the Division of Cardiology at Groote Schuur Hospital. He Co-Directs the SAMRC's Extramural Research Unit (EMU) on the Intersection of Infectious and Non-Communicable Diseases, and is Director of Cardiac Clinic Clinical Research Unit at Groote Schuur Hospital. After graduating from Brown University (BA), and Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons (MD), he completed his specialist and sub-specialty clinical training (FCP, SA) & (Cert Cardio SA) at Groote Schuur Hospital (Cape Town SA), and research training (Masters & PhD) at the University of Cape Town. The Division of Cardiology, that he has led for the last decade, is widely respected as a national center of excellence in the provision of tertiary and quaternary cardiology care, sub-specialty cardiology training, and cardiovascular disease research capacity building. Prof Ntsekhe has contributed to and led global, regional and local programs of clinical research that have addressed important clinical-scientific questions, filled major knowledge and treatment gaps, and that have made a significant impact on patient care and outcomes. His areas of research interest and focus include: 1- translational research that improves systems of CVD care, expands treatment options for CVD in low resource environments, and helps reduce CVD related morbidity and mortality in sub-Saharan Africa; 2- the intersection of infectious and cardiovascular disease with a focus on interaction mechanisms, and the bidirectional impact on risk, management and outcomes; 3-the epidemiology and prevention of cardiovascular disease in sub-Saharan Africa. His contributions to cardiovascular medicine and science have been acknowledged through prestigious local and international fellowships, awards and honours by the Academy of Sciences of South Africa, the SAMRC, National Research Foundation (NRF), American College of Cardiology, European Society of Cardiology, Royal Society of South Africa and UCT's College of Fellows.