

EXPERT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Member List and Summarised Biographies

MEMBER	PROFILE
 <p>Dr Andrew Lofts Gray CO-CHAIRPERSON</p>	<p>Senior Lecturer, Division of Pharmacology, Discipline of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal</p> <p>Dr Gray is co-director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Pharmaceutical Policy and Evidence Based Practice. He is also Honorary Senior Scientist: Consultant Pharmacist for the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA) and non-executive Director of JEMBI Health Systems (NPC). Dr Gray is a Visiting Fellow in the Faculty of Pharmacy, Rhodes University, Makhanda. He is currently chair of the Names and Scheduling Committee of the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) and serves on its Legal Committee and Pharmacovigilance Committee. He is a Member of the World Health Organization's Expert Panel on Drug Policies and Management and has served as a member, rapporteur and co-chairperson of the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines, as chairperson of the sub-committee on Essential Medicines for Children, and on the WHO Guidelines Review Committee.</p>
 <p>Associate Prof Lesley Robertson CO-CHAIRPERSON</p>	<p>Associate Prof Lesley Robertson is a psychiatrist affiliated with the University of the Witwatersrand and a public mental health consultant. She practiced as a community psychiatrist in Sedibeng District Health Services in the Gauteng Department of Health until her retirement in March 2026, focusing on strengthening district health systems and improving access to quality mental health care. Prior to specialising in psychiatry, she worked for 17 years as a medical officer in general health settings, including 14 years in primary health care at non-governmental clinics. She is a member of the NEMLC and Co-Chair of its Expert Review Committee and has been involved with the National Department of Health's Essential Drugs Programme since 2017, contributing to the development of the mental health chapter of the Primary Health Care Standard Treatment Guidelines. Her research interests are in public mental health and health systems research, and she collaborates with the Centre for Health Policy at the University of the Witwatersrand School of Public Health.</p>
 <p>Associate Prof Clint Hendrikse</p>	<p>Clint Hendrikse is an Associate Professor and Head of the Division of Emergency Medicine at the University of Cape Town, and an emergency physician overseeing emergency care in Metro West, Cape Town. He has extensive experience in emergency medicine governance, research, and postgraduate education, with a particular focus on health systems, clinical guidelines, and evidence-based decision-making in low- and middle-income settings. He has served on the National Essential Medicines List Committee since 2021, representing emergency medicine and contributing to national policy development through systematic reviews, guideline development, and clinical decision support tools.</p>
 <p>Mrs Danine Kitshoff</p>	<p>Danine Kitshoff is currently the programme coordinator for the postgraduate Diploma in Nursing: Primary Care Nursing, at Stellenbosch University. She has been involved in Primary Health Care since 1988, working as a clinical nurse practitioner in numerous community health clinics, mobile clinics as well as occupational health clinics. She has been a lecturer and clinical facilitator in Primary Health Care programme at Stellenbosch University since 2002. She is a co-author/editor of 'The South African Clinical Nurse Practitioner's Manual and Primary Care Nurse Specialist Guide, text books for Primary Care Nurse Specialists. She holds a master's degree in nursing, and she has a passion for facilitating and guiding nursing students and international master students in becoming leading clinical nurse consultants in line with the vision and mission of Stellenbosch University's Department of Nursing and Midwifery.</p>



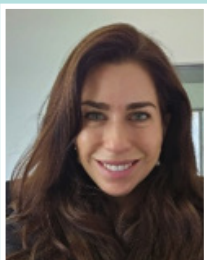
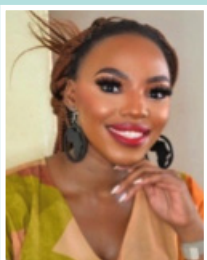
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 <p>Dr Gayle Tatz</p>	<p>Dr Gayle Tatz is a registrar in clinical pharmacology at the University of Cape Town. After completing her undergraduate medical training at the University of Cape Town, Dr. Tatz gained valuable experience working in rural KwaZulu-Natal, for an HIV-focused NGO and in neonatology in Malawi, honing their clinical and community health expertise. With a passion for advancing medical research, Dr Tatz has contributed to studies in anticoagulation and pharmacovigilance. Since starting her registrarship in 2022, she has been involved in the ERC and is pleased to continue her work on this committee.</p>
 <p>Dr Jessica Taylor</p>	<p>Jessica Taylor is a clinical pharmacologist at the University of Cape Town and holds additional postgraduate diplomas in Primary Emergency Care and HIV Management. Her current role includes inpatient consultations, interpretation of therapeutic drug monitoring results, teaching medical students, reviewing clinical trial protocols for the Human Research Ethics Committee, conducting research, and performing causality assessments for adverse drug reactions. She serves on institutional Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees and consults for the Medicines Information Centre and the National HIV/TB Hotline. Her clinical and academic interests include HIV and tuberculosis, therapeutic drug monitoring, pharmacovigilance, dose optimisation in special populations, and rational medicine use.</p>
 <p>Dr Jimmy Kojela Mohale</p>	<p>Current employer: Head of Clinical Family Physician For Ehlanzeni MPDOH and Extraordinary Lecturer for University of Pretoria Family Medicine Department</p> <p>Dr Jimmy Kojela Mohale is a Family Physician for the past 8 years. Currently Head of Clinical Unit, District Clinical Specialist Team for the past 3 years. Previously Served as Epilepsy Subcommittee Member of NEMLC and was Chairperson for Chris Hani Health District Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee. Worked as a Medical Specialist at South African Military Health Services and Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital, a Joint appointment with Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) as a MBCHB VI Academic Coordinator. He is a Capacity Builder: Senior Lecturer for SMU, Previously for Water Sisulu University.</p>
 <p>Dr Mantwa Chisale Mabotja</p>	<p>Dr Mantwa Chisale Mabotja, a Public Health Medicine Specialist, who currently holds a role of medical manager in Mother and Child, Pharmacy and Monitoring and Evaluation at a tertiary hospital level and jointly appointed as lecturer with the University of Pretoria. She is the chairperson of the hospital Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Committee. Her focus in her current role is healthcare organization, health system strengthening, clinical governance and improving women, maternal and child health outcomes.</p>

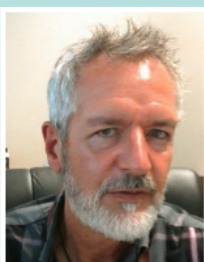
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 <p>Dr Tasha Gloeck</p>	<p>Dr Tasha Gloeck is a medical doctor and methodologist with a MSc in Clinical Epidemiology and a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Economics. Her special interests include evidence-based health care, primary healthcare, evidence synthesis, evidence-informed healthcare decision-making, and clinical practice guideline methodology. Tasha helps to co-ordinate the South African GRADE Network and is co-lead of Goal 2 of the Evidence to Decision (E2D) Collaboration. Tasha is passionate about implementing training and research that positively impacts the lives of the people of South Africa, and other low-and-middle income countries.</p>
 <p>Associate Prof Phumla Sinxadi</p>	<p>Associate Professor Phumla Sinxadi (MBChB, DA, MMed, PhD) is a clinical pharmacologist and Head of Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town. She is also the Deputy Director for the newly established SAMRC/UCT Platform for Pharmacogenomics Research & Translation Unit. She has more than a decade's experience in convening and teaching undergraduate pharmacology courses to medical students, and some experience in postgraduate teaching and supervision. She is a National Research Foundation C2-rated scientist, and her research has focused on investigating concentration-response relationships between antiretrovirals and toxicity and how genetic differences influence drug exposure and response.</p>
 <p>Ms Solange Durão</p>	<p>Solange is a Senior scientist in the Health Systems Research Unit at the South African Medical Research Council, Cape Town, South Africa. She is also the co-Director of Cochrane Nutrition and Cochrane Africa. She's currently pursuing her PhD in Public Health at Stellenbosch University.</p> <p>Solange's work focuses on conducting various types of evidence synthesis that address priority issues in response to decisionmaker needs to support evidence-informed decision-making. She works with the National Department of Health supporting methods and processes for decision making, producing reviews, and building capacity in EIDM for national health insurance. She has supported WHO guideline development as a systematic reviewer and a member of guideline development groups. She supports Cochrane review production as a sign-off editor. She conducts evidence synthesis of complex public health questions, such as food security and school food and nutrition policies, and is involved in methodological work related to evidence syntheses conduct and reporting and is leading work on a core outcome set for effectiveness research on food security. Her work also focuses on building capacity to do and use reviews to inform healthcare decision-making in South Africa and sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>Her special interests include evidence-based health care, evidence synthesis, public health nutrition, food insecurity and their intersection with the social determinants of health.</p>

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 Prof Christopher Sutton	<p>Professor Christopher Sutton is a Paediatric Specialist at the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health: Pietersburg and Mankweng Hospitals, Limpopo Department of Health & School of Medicine University of Limpopo.</p> <p>He has worked at the Pietersburg and Mankweng Hospitals in Limpopo for over 25 years. During that time the University of Limpopo Medical School has been established and has graduated 4 cohorts of doctors. The Department of Paediatrics has, since 2008, been fully accredited for training Paediatric specialists. His focus is on developing Paediatric specialist health services and his areas of interest are cardiology, haemophilia and endocrinology.</p>
 Dr Gustav Thom	<p>Dr Gustav Thom is a Family Physician in the District Clinical Specialist Team for the Amajuba District Office in the KZN Department of Health. Dr Gustav Thom is an experienced Family Physician with broad and varied experience of generalist medicine including 12 years as an ophthalmic medical officer. Currently working in the Amajuba District Specialist Team identifying and unblocking bottlenecks that obstruct patient access to quality evidence-based care.</p>
 Prof Stefan Gebhardt	<p>Stefan Gebhardt is a clinical and academic Obstetrician and Gynaecologist based at Tygerberg Hospital and Stellenbosch University in Cape Town, South Africa, where he is professor and head of general O&G. His interest and research centers on early pregnancy disease, clinical governance in maternity services and health systems planning. He plays an active role in provincial and national policy and guideline development for programs involved in termination of pregnancy, sterilisation services, antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care and confidential enquiries into maternal and perinatal deaths. He has participated in the development and update of the national maternity case record, the national maternity care guidelines and serves on national and international advisory committees related to maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality and related guidelines. He has served on the Standard Treatment Guidelines committees for Primary Care and Adult Hospital Level of care since 2017, where he is responsible for the obstetric, gynaecology and family planning chapters. He is the lead writer and editor of the 2024 South African Perinatal Care Guideline.</p>
 Dr Tanya Ruder	<p>Dr Tanya Ruder is a paediatrician and academic with a special interest in child health and nutrition, community paediatrics and medical education. She coordinates postgraduate teaching within the Division of Community Paediatrics.</p> <p>Dr Ruder is a member of the National Essential Medicines List Expert Review Committee and she serves on the executive committees of both the International Paediatric Academic Leaders Association (IPALA) and the Wits School of Clinical Medicine Graduate School Research Committee. She is dedicated to advancing child health through education, evidence and health system improvement.</p>
 Dr Halima Dawood	



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