



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **JOHANNES PHILIPPUS DE V VAN NIEKERK**

**BIRTH** 29 December 1936 - Cape Town  
**NATIONALITY** South African  
**MARITAL STATUS** Married: Wife; Annette; Three children  
**SCHOOLING** Matriculated Rondebosch Boys' High School, Cape Town 1953

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

MB, ChB (UCT) 1959, DIH (RCP&S) 1964, MD 1966, M Med (Rad D) (UCT) 1968, FRCR 1978

## **EXPERIENCE**

1960 Internship, Groote Schuur Hospital; Profs. Louw (surgery) and Brock (medicine)  
 1961-1965 Medical Officer, Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital, Welkom  
 1966-1968 Radiology Registrar, UCT  
 1969-1977 Diagnostic Radiological partnership practice; Cape Town  
 University of Stellenbosch Medical School; Part-time lecturer  
 1978-1989 Deputy Dean: UCT Faculty of Medicine  
 Director: UCT Postgraduate Medical Centre  
 Radiologist: Groote Schuur Hospital  
 1990-1998 Dean: UCT Faculty of Medicine; Dean Emeritus: 1998-2001  
 2002-2013 Managing Editor Health and Medical Publishing Group (HMPG)  
 2004-2006 Manager Presidents Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)  
 Project for Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCA)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

South African Medical Association; Colleges of Medicine of South Africa;  
 South African Association of Medical Education; Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists

## AWARDS

- President Steyn and Free State Geduld Mines: Awards for services rendered during serious underground accidents.
- Associate Professor: Ad-hominem promotion 1980
- Medical Association of South Africa: Bronze Medal for outstanding service 1989
- South African Medical Association: Life Membership 1999
- Pan African Broadcasting, Heritage and Achievement: Bronze Award in category Social Achievement - Humanitarian 2000
- UCT Faculty of Health Sciences Postgraduate Centre named in honour
- Professor Emeritus UCT 2002

## COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS

### **Undergraduate**

Medical Students' Council: 1956 & 1958; Student Director, Windermere Clinic, SHAWCO 1959

### **University of Cape Town**

*UCT*: Senate: 1978-2002; Council: 1990-1998; Doctoral Degrees Board: 1980-2001

*Faculty of Medicine*: Chairman Ethics & Research Committee, 1980-1994; Chairman Ethics Committee 1994-1999; Postgraduate Programmes Committee Chairman: 1985-2001

### **Province**

Academic Health Complex Supervisory Board 1991-2001; Teaching Hospitals Central Advisory Committee 1978-1998; Groote Schuur Hospital Board 1986-1996; Day Hospitals Board 1984-1986; Alexandra Hospital Board: 1989-1998.

### **Medical Education**

*South African Association of Medical Education*: Founder Member, Executive Committee and Treasurer, 1982-1988; President: 1993/4

*World Federation for Medical Education*: Executive Committee 1995-2008; Member of Task Forces; Defining International Standards in Basic Medical Education 1999-International Standards in Postgraduate Medical education 2001-, International Standards in Continuing Professional Development 2002-.

*Institute for International Medical Education*: Member of Core Committee 2000-2006

*Association of Medical Education of Europe (AMEE)*: Member 1995-2000

**Radiological Society**: Cape Western Branch: President: 1973-1977; SA Council: 1972-1977

### **Colleges of Medicine**

Associate Founder 1980 - (retired 2005)

Faculty of Radiology Committee: 1977-1989 & 1992; Secretary: 1987-1989

FFRad -sometime examiner and convenor Part I

Examinations and Credentials Committee: 2001-2003

### **Health Professions Council of South Africa**

*Medical and Dental Professions Board*: Appointed by Minister of Health: 1990-1992; by Committee of University Principals: 1992-2004: Voted member of HPCSA

*Education Committee* 1990-2000; Chairman Education Management Committee 2000-2004

*Postgraduate Education and Training Committee* 1990-2004; Chairman: 1996-2004  
*Health Committee (Impaired Doctors)* 1999-2004; Vice chairman  
*Radiography Professional Board* 1990-1998  
*Examinations Committee for Medical Practitioners (foreign doctors)* 2001-2004; Chairman

### **South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)**

National Standards Body 09 (Health) 1999-2004; Executive Committee 2002-2004

### **Medical Association**

SAMA President 2006/7

*Cape Western Branch Council* 1978-1993; Executive Committee: 1980-1985; Vice-Chairman: 1981-1983; Chairman 1983-1984; President: 1988; Newsletter Editor 1980-1983 (best MASA Newsletter Trophy 1982 and 1983/4)

*Federal Council (and Executive)* 1983-199; Associate Honorary Treasurer 1983-1984; Honorary Treasurer 1984-1990

*Publications Committee* 1983-2002: Vice-Chairman 1985-1986; Chairman 1986-1993

SAMJ Editorial Board 1986-1996

CME Editorial Board 1987-1997; Chairman: 1987-1988

**South Africa Committee of Medical Deans:** 1990-1998; Chairman 1993-1995

**Africa Medical Schools Association:** President 1995-2008\_

**Medical Defence Union:** Medical Adviser in South Africa: 1992-1997

**Medical Education for South African Blacks (MESAB):** Advisory Board: 1989-1997

### **World Health Organization AFRO**

Multi-advisory Group of Experts on Human Resources for Health (MAG) 2000- 2008

### **Hospice Palliative Care Association**

St Lukes Hospice: Board of Management: 1987-1993; Chairman: 1988-1993  
 Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCA) Chairman 1993-2006;

Patron 2011 -

## **GENERAL INTERESTS**

- Botanical Society of South Africa
- Cape Medical Museum: Founder/Life Member; Executive committee 2000-2007
- Huguenot Society of South Africa: Life Member
- Ballet Benevolent Fund: Founder member 1984 - 2010; Chairman 1984-1999; 2020 -
- Round Table: Welkom and Cape Town: 1964-1970
- Owl club: 1989 – ; Senior Vice- president 2007; President 2008
- Foundation for Alcohol Related Research (FARR): Board 1998-
- Groote Schuur Probus Club 2007-; President 2012
- SA Drug Policy Initiative: Founder member and committee 2019 -

## **SPORTING INTERESTS**

**Squash:** Provincial player for OFS and WP 1962-1977;

OFS champion 1964 & 1965; WP seniors champion 1977-1982; veterans 1982-1984  
 Veterans' Squash: SA side to UK and Europe in 1982; Captain  
 W P Squash: Chairman 1970-1973; President 1991-1992; Hon Life Member 1993  
 UCT Squash: President 1972-1989; Honorary Life President 1989  
 SA Squash Rackets Association: Honours tie  
 Jesters: Member of SA side to USA and Canada 1976; Cape Town-Chairman 1975-1984

**Tennis:** First league at UCT and Welkom  
**Running (sometime marathons) and hiking**

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Hand Infections in the African Miner. Proc Mine Med Off Ass. 1964; **387**: 20-29.
2. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Coetzee T. Intra Arterial Regional Analgesia. Lancet 1965; 1353-1355.
3. Coetzee T, Van Niekerk JPdeV. Complete Subcutaneous Rupture - Separation of the Cervical Trachea. J of Trauma 1965; **5**, 458-463.
4. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Tonkin PA. Intravenous Regional Analgesia. S Afr Med J 1966; 165-169.
5. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Hand Infection. Management and Results based on a new Classification. S Afr Med J 1966; 316-319.
6. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Principles of Management of the Infected Hand. S Afr J Physio. 1966; March; 7-8.
7. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Pyogenic Infections of the Hand in the African Miner: An Epidemiological and Clinical Study. 1966; MD Thesis UCT
8. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Traumatic Haemobilia. S Afr Med J 1968; 1047-1048.
9. Cremin BJ, van Niekerk JPdeV. Unusual Cause of Incarcerated Hernias with Radiological Diagnosis. S Afr Med J 1969; 851-852.
10. Stables DP, Fouche RF, van Niekerk JPdeV, Cremin BJ, Holt SA, Petersen NE. Traumatic Renal Artery Occlusion-21 cases. J of Urology 1976; **115**; 229-233.
11. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Myelography using Water-soluble Contrast Media as an Outpatient Procedure. S Afr Med J 1979; 550-551.
12. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Dall D. Discography Simplified. S Afr Med J 1979; 551-554.
13. Norma Saxe, van Niekerk JPdeV. Women Doctors Wasted. S Afr Med J 1979; 760-762.
14. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Towards Co-ordinating Continuing Education. S Afr Med J 1979; **55**: 777 (Editorial).
15. Van Niekerk JPdeV. The Elective Period in the Undergraduate Medical Curriculum. S Afr Med J 1979; **56**: 446-447
16. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Continuing Medical Education: A New Growth Industry. Anniversary Edition of "Inyanga" UCT Medical Students' Publications 1979; 58-59.
17. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Student Elective Overseas. Brit Med J 1980; **281**: 457 (Letter).
18. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Tuition in Sport Science. S Afr Med J 1980. **58**: 429 (Editorial)
19. Postgraduate Education and the Pharmaceutical Industry. 1980. SA J of Hospital Medicine **6**: 198.
20. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Barium Enema Diagnosis of Extensive Angiomatous Malformation. Brit J Rad 1980; **53**: 1095-1097
21. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Morton PCT. Versnelde Diagnose en Intervensionele Radiologie in Geelsug. S Afr Med J 1981; **59**: 447-449
22. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Teggin AS. Understanding Stress. S Afr Med J 1981; **59**: 749-750
23. Teggin A, van Niekerk JPdeV. Manifestations and Management of Stress. S Afr Med J 1981; **59**: 751-752

24. Van Niekerk JPdeV. An Evolution of Continuing Medical Education. "The Role of the University in Continuing and Adult Education", UCT Centre for Extra-mural Studies 1981; 14-19
25. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Robinson HM, Dean WHB, Morphet T. Universities, Professional Associations and Industry: Co-operation in Continuing Education. The Role of the University in Continuing and Adult Education 1981; 111-123. UCT Centre for Extramural Studies
26. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Technology, Teaching and the Future of Radiography. The SA Radiographer 1980; **18**, 26-28
27. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Drug Registration in South Africa. SA Pharmaceutical Journal 1981; **48**: 180-181
28. Van Niekerk JPdeV. The Incidence of Headache following various techniques with Metrizamide Myelography. Brit J Rad 1981; **54**: 694, (Letter)
29. Boonzaier D, Davis C, du Preez J, du Randt WAC, Gevers W, Kane-Berman J, Kirsch R, van der Poel K, van Niekerk JPdeV. Hospital Information Planning Study: Groote Schuur Hospital 1981
30. Kottler RE, van Niekerk JPdeV, Fouche RC. Lesser curve shortening in gastric ulceration. S Afr Med J 1982; **62**: 30-32.
31. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Diagnosis and Management of Retroperitoneal Fibrosis. S Afr Med J 1982; **62**: 193-195
32. Noakes TD, Cowling JR, Gevers W, van Niekerk JPdeV. The Metabolic Response to Squash including the influence of pre-exercise Carbohydrate feeding. S Afr Med J 1982; **62**: 721-723
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34. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Race, Prejudice and Ethical Rules. S Afr Med J 1985; **68**: 625 (Editorial)
35. Philpott RH, Wassermann HP, Lazarus J, van Niekerk JPdeV. Dilemmas in Medical Education in Southern Africa, Recommendations from the 1985 SAAME Congress. S Afr Med J 1985; **68**: 767-768
36. Dall G, van Niekerk JPdeV, Saunders SJ. Health, Politics and Hospitals. S Afr Med J 1985; **68**: 777 (Letter)
37. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Academic Isolation and Apartheid. S Afr Med J 1986; **69**: 1471 (Letter)
38. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Professional Codes: Some Current Issues. Ethical and Moral Issues in Contemporary Medical Practice. University of Cape Town 1986; 50-54. Ed. S Benatar
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40. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Levy N. Cancer by Contrast. S Afr J CME 1987; **5**: 69-70
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42. Lazarus J, Van Niekerk JPdeV. Towards a Rational Selection of Medical Students. Medical Teacher 1986; **8**: 343-357.
43. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Drug Trials - promotional or for profit? S Afr Med J 1987; **71**: 678-679. (Editorial)
44. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Future Tense - Past Tense. S Afr Med J 1987; **72**: 731. (Editorial)
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50. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Nursing in the RSA - A Perspective. S Afr Med J 1989; **76**: 525 - 526 (Editorial)
51. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Challenging Assumptions in Medicine. Inaugural Lecture UCT June 1991
52. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Conventional medicine v.s. other therapies - their virtues and vices. S Afr J CME 1992; **10**: 99-103
53. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Radiographs - what is best and when. S Afr J CME 1993, **11**: 1779-1781
54. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Postgraduate Education and Maintenance of Clinical Competence. 1993: 39-47. MASA: Towards an Integrated Strategy for Positioning the Medical Profession in a Changing South Africa
55. Benatar et al. Statement on withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining therapy. S Afr Med J 1994; **84**: 254 - 256
56. Benatar et al. Abortion: A brief overview of some practical and ethical considerations. S Afr Med J 1994; **84(8)**, 469-472
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72. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Immunisation Aids. S Afr Med J 2002; **92**, No 6 (Editorial)

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74. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Violence- the neglected epidemic. S Afr Med J 2002, **92**, No 10 (Editorial)
75. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Endless internship? / Mauled messengers. S Afr Med J 2002, **92**, No 11 (Editorials)
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78. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Politics must move mainstream on AIDS. S Afr Med J, 2003; **93**, No 3 (Editorial)
79. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Generalists, specialists and others? S Afr Med J, 2003; **93**, No 5 (Editorial)
80. Van Niekerk JPdeV. AIDS: A systemic misunderstanding. S Afr Med J, 2003; **93**, No 7 (Editorial)
81. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Palliative care – from dream to mainstream. S Afr Med J, 2003; **93**, No 9 (Editorial)
82. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Food for thought. S Afr Med J, 2003; **93**, No 11 (Editorial)
83. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Commentary: WFME Global Standards Receive Ringing Endorsement. Med Educ. 20003; **37**, 585-586
84. Van Niekerk JPdeV, Christensen L, Karle H, Lindgren S, Nystrup J. WFME Global Standards in Medical Education: Status and Perspectives following the 2003 WFME World Conference. Med Educ, 2003; **37**, 1050-1054
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86. Van Niekerk JPdeV. 120 Years young. S Afr Med J, 2004; **94**, No 3 (Editorial)
87. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Global health care expectations. Pains and pleasures of editorial responsibility. S Afr Med J, 2004; **94**, No 4 (Editorials)
88. Van Niekerk JPdeV. ‘Why do my patients leave me?’ S Afr Med J, 2004; **94**, No 7 (Editorial)
89. Van Niekerk JPdeV. A pox on plagues. S Afr Med J, 2004; **94**, No 9 (Editorial)
90. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Founder’s syndrome – a serious corporate malady. S Afr Med J, **95**, 69 (Editorial)
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94. Van Niekerk JPdeV. SAMJ: A journal in transition. *S Afr Med J*, 2005; **95**, 619 (Editorial)
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102. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Mid-level workers: high level bungling? *S Afr Med J*, 2006, **96**: 1209-1211 (Editorial)
103. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Training top surgeons – or anyone else. *S Afr Med J*, 2007, **97**: 75 (Editorial)
104. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Applause for HIV/AIDS plan. *S Afr Med J*, 2007, **97**: 305 (Editorial)
105. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Eating our academic seedcorn. *S Afr Med J*, 2007, **97**: 797 (Editorial)
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107. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Humans – a threat to humanity. *S Afr Med J*, 2008, **98**: 163 (Editorial)
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110. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Perpetual medical politics. *S Afr Med J*, 2008, **98**: 735 (Editorial)
111. Van Niekerk JPdeV. You're stepping on my turf. *S Afr Med J*, 2008, **98**: 903 (Editorial)
112. Van Niekerk JPdeV. In favour of shorter medical training. *S Afr Med J*, 2009, **99**: 69 (Editorial)
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121. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Delusions: What truth to believe? *S Afr Med J* 2009; **100**: 409 (Editorial)
122. Van Niekerk JPdeV. Suffer little children *S Afr Med J* 2010; **100**: 611 (Editorial)
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## SELECTED EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

1979

- UCT 150 Academic Festival: 3-8 December. Conceived / chaired organising committee. Academic programmes in 14 disciplines, class reunions, anniversary edition of Inyanga, etc, more than 1100 delegates.

1983

- Southern African Association of Medical Education. Chairman, Inaugural Congress: 7-10 February.
- Centennial Medical Association of South Africa Congress: 4-9 July, Chair Organising Committee.

1987

- First International Congress on Medicine Law and Ethics. Paper: "The right to be treated". 12-13 August, Sun City

1992

- Terminal Care: Department of National Health Committee to determine policy (Appointed by Cape Provincial Administration).
- Organ Transplantation: Department of National Health Committee to determine policy (Representing MASA).

1993

- Malawi: Assistance with drawing up curriculum for new Faculty of Medicine, February.

1994

- Yaounde, Cameroon: Workshop reviving the Association of Medical Schools of Africa; Representative of Minister of Health (AMSA). Aug.
- Member of the Committee of the Minister of Health to report on 'Academic Complexes'.

1995

- Africa Region Medical Education Conference. Cape Town, 2-5 April, Chairman.
- Commonwealth Regional Health Community Secretariat: Directors Joint Consultative Meeting 14 - 18 Aug. Nairobi, Representative of Medical Deans of South Africa.

1996

- World Summit of Deans and Experts on Health and Medical Education. 2-9 Sept, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Invited Africa representative: Lecture "Technology and Teaching: Bridging or Broadening the Gap".
- WHO/Emory University Collaborative Meeting: 17-19 Sept, Atlanta, Georgia. Represented SA with Dr O. Shisana..
- WHO Task Group on Medical Education: 11-14 June, Brazzaville, Congo.

1998

- International Advisory Committee Meeting: 19 – 23 January, Mauritius. Invited by the University of Mauritius as one of a 3-person International Advisory Committee to advise on a proposed new medical school. Co-chairman.
- WHO/ECFMG Workshop "Improving the Social Responsiveness of Medical Schools" 12-14 March, Barcelona, Spain. 40 invited delegates to a joint conference of the WHO and the Educational Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates.

1999

- WHO/UNESCO Conference "Universities and the Health of the Disadvantaged". July 11-14, Tucson, Arizona; represented WHO/AFRO. Moderator of workgroup and of final session; member of workgroup for drafting the Charter.
- WFME Task Force on Definition of International Standards in Basic Medical Education. October 14-16, Copenhagen, Denmark. Invited member of international panel of experts.

2000

- Member of reconstituted International Advisory Committee to University of Mauritius.
- Invited member of Core Committee of the Institute for International Medical Education (IIME).
- Member of WHO/AFRO Multidisciplinary Group on the Development of Human Resources for Health

2001

- Member of WFME Working Party to draw up guidelines for Quality Improvement in Basic Medical Education including WFME International Standards. March 8-11, Barcelona, Spain.
- Chairman of WHO/AFRO external evaluation team field-testing of "Guidelines for the Evaluation of Health Sciences Training Programme"; University of Zimbabwe Medical School; 26 Feb-2 March, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- Member of WFME Task Force: Defining International Standards in Postgraduate Medical Education.

2003

- World Federation for Medical Education International Conference on Medical Education; Copenhagen, Denmark. Chairman of Group to decide outcomes; Chief rapporteur.

2005

- Forum for African Medical Editors. Entebbe, Uganda. April. Representing SAMJ/CME etc.
- Evaluation of Health Education facilities in Malawi using WFME Standards. Aug 1-7. WHO / WFME team.

2007

- Beijing, China: Regional medical education conference Beijing. June 7-8 (and WFME Executive Meeting)  
2008 Paper on Africa
- Uganda: First Global Conference on Human Resource Development. Mar 4-7. Paper on Admissions and Education.