

CURRICULUM VITAE

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was born and raised in a small town near Frankfurt in Germany.

After matriculation I obtained an interpreter's diploma in English and French. I then studied medicine at the Justus-Liebig University in Giessen. Two years after my state examination (equivalent to MBChB) I completed my thesis in Physiology (Spectral sensitivity and colour change in blinded *Phoxinus phoxinus* L) at the Max-Planck-Institute in Bad Nauheim and was awarded my doctor's degree (Dr med).

After my internship I worked for two years as a research officer in the laboratories of a German drug company. In 1973 I emigrated to South Africa. In 1976 I was registered with the South African Medical and Dental Council after completing two years in a recognised hospital and passing a law and language examination. From then onwards I worked as a Medical Officer/Senior Medical Officer in various hospitals in South Africa.

In 1979 I joined the department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics at the Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa) as a Senior Lecturer. In 1982 I received my M Pharm Med degree from the University of Pretoria. Having completed all the practical work for my doctoral thesis, I left Medunsa and was appointed Professor and Head of the department of Pharmacology at the University of Transkei (Unitra) in 1986.

Thanks to the support of my promoter, Professor PH Joubert, and my co-promoters, Professor Bam and Professor Botha, I finally managed to get my thesis (Platelet function in Black diabetics on various treatment regimens) finalised, and was awarded my MD degree in 1993

In 1996 I obtained an LLB degree from Unisa.