

## Career Synopsis

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### Professional Profile

I have a track record of demonstrated accomplishments in the development and implementation of health policies and programmes within a diverse range of healthcare management organisations. As a qualified medical practitioner and public health specialist I am passionate about health systems reform and innovation for the purpose of advancing access to quality cost effective healthcare for population groups.

I started my career in 1998 as a clinician in public sector hospitals, followed by a short period in clinical research. I then completed post graduate training majoring in health systems research, epidemiology, biostatistics and evidence based medicine, and later qualified as public health specialist in 2008.

The first 8 years of my career I practiced in the public health sector, where my career highlights as Deputy Director of the HIV Treatment Programme included development and maintenance of treatment guidelines and the rapid roll out of HIV treatment sites in the Western Cape Province. I also contributed the Tuberculosis chapter of the Western Cape's Department of Health Strategy 2010 Plan.

I have spent the last 10 years in the private health insurance and managed care industry, where I have held management and leadership positions in various managed care programmes. My experience in this context spans clinical governance, development and maintenance of funding guidelines, benefit design, clinical and financial risk management strategies and tools, and monitoring and evaluation.

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### Areas of Expertise

- Clinical Governance, policy and guideline development
- Evidence Based Medicine
- Epidemiology and Research methodology
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Stakeholder Relationship Management
- Organizational Development
- Public Health Programme Management
- Private Health Insurance
- Managed Health Care- Risk Management
- Benefit Design
- Strategy Development
- Operational Planning and management
- Clinical Research Management