

# Academic Staff Profile

## Personal Profile

### Personal Details

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### Academic & Professional Qualifications

- Ongoing PhD Student in Health Systems Management, at the Kenya Methodist University (KEMU), Nairobi campus. 2015 to date
- Founder member of the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (Cosecsa) 2002
- Masters in medicine (M.Med) - General Surgery- University of Nairobi; 1998
- MBCHB- University of Nairobi; 1986

- East African Advanced Certificate of Education (EAACE) – A LEVEL: 3 Principals and 1 Subsidiary; 1979- Thika High School
- EACE- Division I; 1977; Chesamisi High School
- Diploma in Health Systems Management- Galilee College, Israel
- Certificate in Policy analysis, formulation and implementation- Kenya School of Government; Formerly KIA- Kenya institute of Administration
- Certificate in Strategic leadership and Development Program- Kenya school of Government
- Certificate in Hospital Planning and budgeting- United States International University (USIU)
- Trained as an Integrity Officer (Anti-corruption Course) in 2002 at the EAST College in EMBU.
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## Employment History

- Currently Senior Lecturer, School of medicine, Kenyatta University, August 2020 to date
- Ag Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Kenyatta University Teaching Referral and Research hospital (KUTRRH), January 2020 to July 2020.
- Ag Director General For Health, Ministry of Health, Kenya: April 2019 to January 2020
- Head of Public Private partnerships and Chief Principal Lecturer, Kenya Medical Training College Headquarters, Nairobi; 2014 to 2019
- Head, Directorate of Policy, Planning and health care Financing, Ministry of Health; 2013 to 2014.
- Head, Department of Surgery and Rehabilitation, Ministry of Medical Services, Afya House; 2008 to 2013
- Provincial Medical of Health (PMO) , Eastern Province; 2007-2008
- Medical Superintendent, Embu Provincial General Hospital; 2000 to 2006
- Provincial Surgeon, Eastern province; 1998 to 2000.
- Medical Officer , in charge of A&E and Surgery Departments, Nyeri Provincial General hospital; 1987 to 1989
- Medical Officer, Intern, Machakos Level 5 hospital; 1986 to 1987

## Achievements

1. During my tour of duty as the Ag. CEO, Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH), I facilitated the recruitment of the requisite specialized staff, strengthened health Systems and transformed the institution to be the largest health facility in Kenya for the isolation and treatment of Covid 19 patients, including provision of intensive care services, high end diagnostic facilities, Oncology, renal and emergency services.  
I provided leadership in the commencement of the Construction and equipping of the Integrated Molecular Imaging Centre, which will be the first project of its kind in

East and Central Africa. An Integrated Molecular Imaging Centre (IMIC) is a unique facility for the early diagnosis and monitoring treatment of cancer.

2. During my tenure as the Ag. Director General, I provided leadership in the organizational and Institutional reorganization into the current Directorates and made required changes at the Ministry of Health to improve efficiency, restore donor confidence through regular communication and meetings. The Ministry achieved WHO certification of the National Public Health Laboratory as the Centre of excellence in Influenza diagnosis, Revitalized the Disease Surveillance and Response centre and played a key role in developing a road map for implementation of Universal health coverage and the fast tracking of the assessments of PLWDs.
3. During my tenure as the head of the Directorate of Policy, Planning and Health Care Financing, at the Ministry Headquarters, I provided leadership in the formulation of the Kenya Health Policy, 2014- 2030, the Kenya Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan (KHSSP- 2014-2018) and the corresponding M&E Plan.
4. As a head of Directorate, I provided leadership in the development of the roadmap towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC. The implementation was to be undertaken through the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF)
5. As Vice Chairperson of the National Coordinating Committee of the Road Safety 10 (RS10) Project in Kenya, I facilitated the collaboration between the Bloomberg Foundation, the John Hopkins University, School of Public health and Thika and Naivasha District hospitals in the area of building capacity in trauma care and in establishing the trauma registry in these hospitals, including Kenyatta National Hospital. It was during the implementation of this project that we facilitated the Traffic police department to purchase the first two (2) speed cameras in Kenya to address the problem of speeding on our roads.
6. I was a member of the Task force that reviewed and produced a report on the restructuring of the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) in 2009 in order to improve the supply chain of medical commodities and health technologies in Kenya.
7. In Conjunction with the centre for Disease Control and John Hopkins's University, Baltimore, I was instrumental in the hosting of the First National Stakeholders Conference on Emergency Medical Services (EMS), in Naivasha in August 2012 followed by a second one in June 2013. The major output was the development of a National EMS Policy and legislation and reactivation of the National emergency lines

999 and 112 to enhance a coordinated approach to emergency response among the Police, the Health teams and the fire departments among other stakeholders.

8. Quality Assurance of health care Services through quarterly Support Supervision to the field, as a team leader, during the Hospital reforms Programme from 2009 to 2013
9. As a Medical Superintendent of Embu Provincial Hospital and the Provincial Medical Officer, Eastern Province, I improved the range and quality of surgical services, and successfully presided over the completion of the Youth friendly centre, the VCT and the Regional Blood Transfusion Centre(RBTC), all sponsored by CDC and USAID

## Publications

### 1. Trauma Systems in Kenya: A Qualitative Analysis at the District Level, 2015

### 2. Quality of surgical care in hospitals providing internship Training in Kenya: A Cross sectional survey.

Stephen Mwinga<sup>1,2</sup>, Colette Kulohoma<sup>1</sup>, Paul Mwaniki<sup>1</sup>, Rachel Idowu<sup>3</sup>, **John Masasabi**<sup>2</sup> and Mike English<sup>1,4</sup> on behalf of the SIRCLE Collaboration\*

1 KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Nairobi, Kenya

2 Ministry of Health, Government of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya

3 Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Nashville, TN, USA

4 Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

### 3. Randomized controlled trial of the Shang Ring versus conventional surgical techniques for adult male circumcision in Kenya and Zambia

Sokal, David<sup>1</sup>, Awori, Quentin<sup>2</sup>, Barone, Mark<sup>3</sup>, Simba, Raymond<sup>4</sup>, Bowa, Kasonde<sup>5</sup>, Zulu, Robert<sup>5</sup>,

Cherutich, Peter<sup>6</sup>, Muraguri, Nicholas<sup>6</sup>, **Wekesa, John M**<sup>7</sup>, Moguche, Jared<sup>8</sup>, Kasonde, Prisca<sup>9</sup>,

Lee, Richard<sup>10</sup>, Masson, Puneet<sup>10</sup>, Perchal, Paul<sup>3</sup>, Goldstein, Marc<sup>10</sup>, Li, Philip<sup>10</sup>

## Referred Journals

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## Books and Books Chapters

- **None Currently**

## Conference/Workshops/Seminar Papers

### Conference Papers

- No Current ones

### Workshops Papers

#### **Science Africa: Health Solutions Journalism Training Workshop: Four Points by Sheraton, Hurlingham, Nairobi. 17-18 February 2021**

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 17, 2021: SOLUTIONS JOURNALISM TECHNIQUES: Chair: Daniel Otunge

Day 2: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### **11:30-1:00pm emerging trends in Covid-19 pandemic management in Kenya, including challenges in reducing the rate of infections and fatalities**

Dr John Masasabi, Lecturer,  
Kenyatta University, School of  
Medicine and Former Director  
General, Ministry of Health.

### Seminar Papers

- None Currently

### Student Co-authored Publications

- None Currently

### Other Publications

My master's Thesis- "The pattern of Shoulder Injuries and their management at the Kenyatta National Hospital", A retrospective study

### Research

**None Ongoing**

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### Funded Projects

Still in the Concept Paper Stage and Negotiations for collaboration with relevant faculty. I have connected the parties to the Dean, School of Engineering

## Conferenced/Workshops/Seminars Attended

Many Webinars in the field of Surgery, cancer, health Systems management and Pharmaceuticals organized by KMA, KNH in collaboration with University of Nairobi, KESHO, Aga Khan University. Evidence is on the CPD diary on the KMPDC CPD dairy

## Conferences Attended

- None Due to the covid pandemic

## Workshops Attended

- Science Africa: Health Solutions Journalism Training Workshop: Four Points by Sheraton, Hurlingham, Nairobi. 17-18 February 2021

## Seminars Attended

## Supervision of Postgraduate Students

### Masters

While undertaking my PhD studies at KEMU, I taught masters students in health Systems management

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### Ph. D

- **None**

## Professional/ Consultancy (Editor/ Peer review in journals, Networks/ Collaborations, External Examiner, Patents)

- None yet

## Community Service and Other Engagements

- Surgical Outreaches during surgical camps held in the far to reach areas in Kenya
- Volunteered during the Amref surgical outreaches in 1995 in East Africa, where we offered surgical services in Soroti and Kitgum regions of Uganda, Turkana and Migori in Kenya and Morogoro and Tanga, in Tanzania
- I am involved in building and furnishing a church project in my village
- I provided my land in my village for the construction of a community borehole and construction of an Assistants chief office to bring services closer to the people
- Visiting Surgeon, Chogoria and North Kinangop Mission Hospitals, 1998 & 1999

## Affiliation of Professional Bodies

- An immediate past member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- A past member of the Technical working committee on the review of the legislative framework governing tax exemption on Persons Living with disabilities (PLWDs)
- Full member of the Kenya Institute of Management (KIM) since 24<sup>th</sup> May 2005.
- A registered and retained member of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Council (KMP&DC) since 1986
- Member of the Kenya Medical Association(KMA)
- Member of the Surgical Society Of Kenya(SSK)
- Founder member of Cosecsa

## National and International awards and Recognitions

- Head of State Commendation as Covid Champions on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

## Administrative Positions Held

### Recognized university administrative positions

- Chair of the Quality management Systems(QMS) Committee

### Other administrative positions Held

- **Please refer to my Employment history above**

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