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PERSONAL INFORMATION Female Zambian

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1995 May Member of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (MRCOG), Royal College Of Obstetricians, United Kingdom
- 1988 March Diploma in Gynaecology & Obstetrics, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- 1981 Sept. Bachelor of Science in Human Biology (BSc. Hb), University Of Zambia, Lusaka,
- 1984 Sept. Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), University Of Zambia, Lusaka,

Other Qualifications

- 2002-2003 Gates/Packard Fellow Population Leadership program
Leadership training at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
Skills in project evaluation, Qualitative and Quantitative Research, Development management, Financial management.
- 1998 June Certificate in Consultancy Skills, Mombasa, Kenya
- 1997 June Certificate Trainers of Trainers, Norplant insertion, Zambia
- 1991 August Certificate –Adolescent sexual Health, Chicago
- 1989 March Certificate AIDS Counseling, WHO, Zambia
- 2004 Trainer of Trainers: Antiretroviral Therapy & PMTCT

PRESENT APPOINTMENTS

1. Head of Department/Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Zambia since 2000
Duties include:

- To effectively plan, control and direct the provision of quality academic and clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the hospital
- To diligently and actively keep the department abreast of developments in obstetrics and set standards of practice within the department
- To assist organise the department's academic function to high standards among medical schools in the region and internationally

2. Honorary Lecturer, University of Zambia

Duties include:

- Conducting lectures and seminars for undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Supervising postgraduate thesis and dissertations

3. Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecology, University Teaching Hospital

1997 Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, UTH, Zambia

- Supervision and Training of Post and under graduate medical students, Midwives and Clinical Officers
- Performing cancer and other specialist surgery within the department
- General Administration of the Firm duties.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & EXPERIENCE

Administrative Experience

I have been working as an administrator for 7 years. In my capacity as Chief administrator for the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University Teaching Hospital, my key achievements have been:

- Reorganizing and bringing the department to the status of being a high calibre teaching institution attracting many candidates for Masters program as well as serving international elective students
- The department lost status of being a WHO collaborating centre but under my leadership, the centre is in the process of re-designation.
- Putting the department into a research limelight. From almost no research from the time I took over, the department is now involved in more than twelve research activities
- Improved morale amongst staff by delegating duties of responsibility
- Creating leaders. The department has two produced Directors for the Central Board of Health
- Improved capacity in Research Methodology. The department proactively encouraged staff in pursuing MPH studies as well as attending Research methodology courses.

I currently serve on the following Hospital committees for the University Teaching Hospital

- Chairman, Departmental management committee
- Chairman, Diagnostic Services committee
- Member, Finance committee
- Member, Public and Internal Relations committee
- Member, EXCOM committee
- Member, staff recruitment and appraisal committee
- Member, Nursing Education Sub-committee of the UTH Schools of Nursing, Midwifery And Theatre

Academic Experience

I have worked as a tutor and lecturer in the field of medicine for more than 10 years. I have successfully mentored doctors in specialist training and undergraduate medical students. My teaching experiences spans across different health cadres including midwives, nurses and paramedical students. I have also given guest lectures at the international level to universities like University of Washington.

As an academician, I serve on various University of Zambia committees

- Member, Research and Ethics Committee
- Member, Research committee
- Member, curriculum committee
- Member, Graduate studies
- Member, Dean's Advisory board

Public Health Experience

Having a particular interest in public health, I have worked with the government of Zambia in various capacities and have worked to advance public health endeavors at international level. Key contributions in the Zambian public health arena include:

- Facilitated at the first training workshop in making Anti retroviral available to the public in Zambia
- An active advocate for women's health issues in Zambia
- Establishing and spearheading successful Post abortion care training and service in Zambia.
- Writing the initial MTCT Feasibility Proposal which is now being scaled up in the country
- Being a member of the SADC negotiating group at the UN which brought about language in the UN document representing interest of developing countries.
- Being a member of drafting teams for the Reproductive Health Policy as well as the Safe motherhood policy documents.
- Served in the original team that fought for and implemented Decentralized Maternity services in Lusaka.

I have served as a consultant trainer in family planning for both Ministry of Health and other private organizations.

I have acquired specific knowledge and experience in technical areas of sexual and reproductive Health, STIs including HIV/AIDS, Malaria in pregnancy, Gender mainstreaming especially at Gender based Violence.

I have also contributed to the community through radio, television, and lecture presentation on a wide spectrum of sexual and reproductive health issues.

I am currently serving in different national committees.

- Chairperson, Post-Abortal Care Task force
- Chairperson: MDG sub committee
- Deputy Chair, Reproductive health subcommittee
- Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT) working group
- Cervical cancer task force
- Radiotherapy committee

Working in the Health Ministry, I have effectively represented the government of Zambia in different capacities:

2002 Medical Staff recruitment - Cuba

Member of 4 man team sent by The Ministry of health to recruit doctors from Cuba

2001 Delegate on Zambian Government Technical team to the Prep Com for the United Nations General Assembly Special session (UNGAS) on HIV AIDS.

11th May – 29th May 2001 UNGAS – Prep meeting.

- Negotiated language for the draft declaration on HIV /AIDS to be adopted at the UN General Assembly on HIV/AIDS June 25th – 27th.
- Provided medical and gender advise to the SADC group.

April 27th - May 11th 2001

- Member of 3 man team from Zambia to finalize outcome document for the commission on the status of Women (CSW) on HIV/AIDS, Women and the Girl Child.

2001 Delegate on Zambian Government Technical team to the 45th Session of CSW on HIV AIDS, women and the Girl Child; 6th –16th march 2001

- This session also culminated in the adoption of CSW multi year program for the period 2002 to 2005

2000 Session of the General Assembly Women 2000: Gender, Equality, Development and Peace for the 21st Century.

- Part of a team that negotiated language on the document for Beijing + 5
- Represented the country in the contact group which initially dealt with Health but later with all contentious issues

2000 Member Draft Team - Reproductive Health Policy and Guidelines Formulation.

- Reviewed and compressed different policy documents into one

1999 Representative at 12th WHO meeting of the Policy and Coordination Committee. Geneva

INTERNATIONAL WORK AND EXPERIENCE

Apart from working as a clinical specialist doctor in the United Kingdom for 4 years, I have worked in various regional endeavors in the areas of Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Public Health. Key achievements include:

- Developing links between the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre and the department. One of the renowned surgeon in Vaginal Fistula repairs now comes every year for one month to offer resident doctors training in repair as well as offering a free service to deserving women
- Developing a module on "on the Job training in Post Abortion Care.
- The department is a founding member of the Reproductive Health centre based in Harare.
- The department is a member of the African Reproductive Health Network based in South Africa.
- Representation on the WHO African Region RH Task force.

- Member on the World Bank RH MDG regional committee

2002 Member of the WHO African Regional Task force

1999 Founding member Regional Reproductive Health Centre Project

- Member of a team that successfully developed and obtained funding from SIDA for a Regional Reproductive Health Centre based in Harare, Zimbabwe

1999 "On The Job" Training Modules On Post Abortion Care (PAC) for JHIEPGO.

- Worked with others from different countries in reviewing contents, duration and design of the OJT Training on PAC. Zambia was the test case for this module.

1997 Member Of The Study Tour On The Training Of Non- Physician Providers On Post Abortion Care In Ghana

I currently serve in Regional committees

- World Health Organization (WHO) Reproductive Health Task Force
- Southern African Development Committee (SADC) Reproductive Health Committee
- Reproductive Health Centre Advisory Board, Harare

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

As a Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist with a particular interest in preventive medicine, I have worked in various capacities both in Zambia and in the International arena. My Obstetric/Gynaecology experience spans over 15 years. I have effectively served as a senior clinical specialist in this field for the last 8 years. While working as clinician, I have successfully supervised senior specialist doctors, specialist doctors in training, medical students, midwifery students, nursing students and clinical officer students. I have been an effective leader, mentor and teacher in my area of work. My supervisory role in clinical medicine spans 8 years. Currently, as Head of Department of Obstetrics in the University Teaching Hospital, I provide supervision for 13 senior doctors, 30 junior doctors, 200 senior and junior nursing staff and 50 administrative and general staff.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Examiner In Obstetrics/Gynaecology For Midwives and Clinical Officers
- National Trainer For Norplant Insertion and Removal
- National trainer In Emergency Contraception
- National Trainer for Post-Abortal Care
- National Trainer for ARVs, PMTCT

CONSULTANCY

2005 CIDA

Family and Reproductive Health Monitoring and Evaluation for the CIDA funded CPHA program in Zambia

2003 CBOH/ZIPH

Documentation of experiences in integration of reproductive health in districts

2002 WHO Temporary Technical Advisor: June

- Multicentre randomised clinical trials of two implantable contraceptives for women: Jadelle and Implanon.

2001 WHO Temporary Technical Advisor: November

- Multicentre clinical trials on the use of misoprostol in obstetrics

2000 Health Facility Survey: An assessment of STD Management in Health care facilities in Zambia (Measure evaluation project)

1998 Team Leader, Intergrated Reproductive Health Work Plan

- Provided leadership in formulating of the work plan.
- Provided technical advise to the team

1997 Consultancy On the Situation analysis On Post Abortion Care (PAC) In Zambia (USAID)

- Assessed the situation of PAC and made recommendations to Ministry of Health and USAID
- Conducted a dissemination workshop for the stake holders

RESEARCH

Ongoing

1. WHO; Subclinical mastitis and HIV interactions between lactation practice and systemic infection; Coinvestigator with S Filteau, M Sinkala, C Chintu, F Kasolo, S Murray, K Sullivan, A Tomkins;
2. Welcome Trust; Subclinical mastitis and postpartum morbidity among Zambian women; Co investigator with: S filteau, C Luo, S Murray, K Sullivan, A Tomkins
3. Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS foundation; Prospective randomized comparison of the safety, acceptability and Clinical effectiveness of Copper IUCD to hormonal contraception in HIV infected women with Stringer Elizabeth

4. Global Network Project; Neonatal Resuscitation in Developing Countries, with Carlo W, Chomba E, C Chintu

Pending Studies

1. AACTG: Optimal Combination Therapy After Nevirapine Exposure: A Collaborative, Multicenter Trial Between the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (AACTG) and the Division of AIDS (DAIDS)-Sponsored Networks. Zambian Co investigator with Elizabeth Stringer.
2. Global Network Project ; Tobacco Use Status During Pregnancy Survey

Peer Reviewed Publications

1. Chin KA, Kaseba CM, Weaver JB: Scleroderma in Pregnancy. J Obstet Gynaecol. 1998;18(3):238-42
2. Chin KA, Kaseba CM, Weaver JB: Mollery -Weiss syndrome complicating pregnancy in a patient with scleroderma: diagnosis and management

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Past President of Medical Women Association of Zambia (MWAZ)
- Member Medical Women International Association (MWIA)
- Member of Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG)
- Member of Zambia Medical Association (ZMA)
- Member of East Central and South Africa Society for Obstetrician and Gynaecologist (ECSAOGS)

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