


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. Completed course work. Now at Proposal development phase.
- Fellow 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.

Employment History

- Ag. Chairman Department of General Surgery, from May 2023.
- Currently Senior Lecturer, School of Health Sciences, 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 Superintended, 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 (IMIC), which is now 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 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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
8. 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. **Assessing trauma care at the district and provincial hospital levels: a case study of hospitals in Kenya.**

Author links open overlay panel Hadley K.H. Wesson, Abdulgafoor M. Bachani, John Masasabi Wekesa, Joseph Mburu, Adnan A. Hyder, and Kent A. Stevens

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

Stephen Mwinga^{1,2}, Colette Kulohoma¹, Paul Mwaniki¹, Rachel Idowu³, **John Masasabi**² and Mike English^{1,4} 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

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

Sokal, David¹, Awori, Quentin², Barone, Mark³, Simba, Raymond⁴, Bowa, Kasonde⁵, Zulu, Robert⁵, Cherutich, Peter⁶, Muraguri, Nicholas⁶, **Wekesa, John M**⁷, Moguche, Jared⁸, Kasonde, Prisca⁹, Lee, Richard¹⁰, Masson, Puneet¹⁰, Perchal, Paul³, Goldstein, Marc¹⁰, Li, Philip¹⁰

Referred Journals

- None currently

Books and Books Chapters

- None Currently

Conference/Workshops/Seminar Papers

Conference Papers

- Presentation 1: Governance Capabilities in Health; Opportunities in Training, Retraining Of Healthcare Managers Presenter: Dr John Masasabi Chair of Department of Surgery, Kenyatta University, 1st director General, Ministry of Health-Kenya Highlight

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 18th 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:

Conferences Attended

- 4th Health & Leadership Congress 2023: Revolutionizing the Health System through Accountable Management, Leadership & Governance; 29th May to 31st 2023 at Pride Inn Flamingo ,Mombasa
- The 24th Annual General Meeting and the 23rd Annual Scientific Conference of the Surgical Society of Kenya, from 26th to 28th April 2023 at Sarova Whitesands hotel & Spa. Theme: “Innovations in Surgical Service Delivery”
- National Cancer Summit, 2nd to 4th February 2023 at Safari Park Hotel. Theme: “Uniting our voices and taking Action”

Workshops Attended

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

Seminars Attended

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, 2023.

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

- Chairman Board of Management, Dreamland Mission Hospital, Kimilili- Bungoma County
- Vice Chairman , Board of Management , Toloso Secondary school- Bungoma County
- Vice Chairman of the Quackermen at the monthly level of the Friends’(Quackers’) Church, Nairobi Yearly Meeting(NYM)
- Surgical Outreaches during surgical camps held in the far to reach areas in Kenya

- Volunteered during the Amref surgical outreaches in 1995-1997 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 Assistant's chief office to bring services closer to the people
- Visiting Surgeon, Chogoria and North Kinangop Mission Hospitals, 1998 & 1999

Affiliation of Professional Bodies

- Member of the Kenya Society of Haematology & Oncology (KESHO)
- Member of the Health Systems Management Association (HESMA)
- A member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO), April 2019 to February 2020.
- 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 24th May 2005.
- Member of the Surgical Society Of Kenya (SSK)
- Member of the Kenya Medical Association (KMA)
- Founder member of Cosesca, 2002.
- A registered and retained member of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Council (KMP&DC) since 1986

National and International awards and Recognitions:

- Head of State Commendation as Covid Champions on 1st June 2020

Administrative Positions Held:

Recognized university administrative positions

- Ag. Chairman Department of General Surgery
- Chair of the Quality management Systems (QMS) Committee

Other administrative positions Held

- Please refer to my Employment history above