

CURRICULUM VITAE

Vanessa Celeste Burch was born in Pretoria, South Africa. She received her medical degree (cum laude) from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, in 1988. Thereafter she undertook postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and was admitted as a Fellow of the College of Physicians of South Africa in 1994. She was awarded the MM Suzman medal for outstanding performance in this examination. In 1997 she was awarded the degree of Master of Medicine in Internal Medicine at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. In the same year she was awarded the Phyllis Knocker Bradlow award by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa for her significant contribution to medicine in South Africa. She practices as a physician in the public health sector in South Africa and is currently head of the Department of Medicine at GF Jooste Hospital, a community-based teaching hospital affiliated to the Department of Medicine at the University of Cape Town. Over the past decade she has become increasingly involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education at the University of Cape Town. In 2002 she was appointed director of the undergraduate medical training programme at the University of Cape Town. In 2004 she was awarded a Distinguished Teacher's award by the University of Cape Town. Her work and studies within the field of health professionals' education have focused particularly on bedside clinical teaching and the assessment of clinical competence.