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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Senior consultant surgeon, academic and institutional leader with more than four decades of experience across endocrine and general surgery, university education, clinical governance, medical regulation, healthcare administration and board oversight. Advanced endocrine-surgery training at the University of Düsseldorf complemented a long academic career at the University of Nairobi and clinical leadership at Kenyatta National Hospital. Leadership appointments have included Chairman of the South Sudan General Medical Council, clinical-governance and accreditation roles at The Nairobi Hospital, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Equity Bank South Sudan.

BOARD & EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

2024–	Chairman, Board of Directors — Equity Bank South Sudan
2023–2024	Board Member — Equity Bank South Sudan
2014–	Chairman — South Sudan General Medical Council Medical regulation, professional standards and oversight in a complex-resource environment.
2021–	Co-Chair, JCI Accreditation Committee — The Nairobi Hospital
2019–	Chairperson, Clinical Governance Committee — The Nairobi Hospital
2019–	Chairperson, A&E Committee — The Nairobi Hospital
1996–2000	Chairman, Curriculum Committee — Faculty of Medicine, University of Nairobi

CLINICAL & ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Current	Consultant General & Endocrine Surgeon — The Nairobi Hospital, Nairobi Special interest in complex thyroid and parathyroid disease, thyroid cancer and endocrine surgery.
2002–2011	Consultant-in-Charge, General Surgical Firm 2 — Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi
1990–2011	Head, Thyroid Clinic — Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi
1996–2012	Associate Professor of Surgery — University of Nairobi
1991–1996	Senior Lecturer in Surgery — University of Nairobi
1985–1991	Lecturer in Surgery — University of Nairobi Including advanced general and endocrine surgery training at the University of Düsseldorf, Germany (1987–1989).

EXECUTIVE STRENGTHS

Board Governance Board chairmanship, institutional oversight and committee leadership.	Clinical Governance Quality, patient safety, accreditation and emergency-care governance.	Medical Regulation Professional standards, regulatory systems and medico-legal policy.
Healthcare Leadership Healthcare administration and system strengthening in East Africa.	Academic Leadership Surgical education, curriculum leadership, research supervision and examining.	Endocrine Surgery Extensive clinical and academic focus on thyroid and parathyroid disease.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2010

PhD, Health Care Administration — Capella University, Minneapolis, USA

1990

FRCS (Edin.) — Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
Awarded by examination.

1987–1989

Advanced General & Endocrine Surgery Training —
University of Düsseldorf, Germany

1984

MMed (Surg.) — University of Nairobi

1978

MBBS — University of Khartoum, Sudan
Graduated with distinctions and prizes in Medicine and Surgery.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Non-Technical Skills for Surgeons (NOTSS), Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (2019; also 2012).
- Advanced Endoluminal & Laparoscopic Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, IRCAD Strasbourg (2014).
- New York Endocrine Surgery Course, Mount Sinai School of Medicine (2012).
- Advanced laparoscopic and minimally invasive surgery courses in Hamburg, Nairobi and Strasbourg (2004–2008).
- Postgraduate endocrine-surgery courses in France and Greece (2002; 2006).

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FRCSEd).
- Fellow, American College of Surgeons (FACS).
- Fellow, College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA).
- Member, International Surgical Society and International Association of Endocrine Surgeons.
- Member, American Society of Breast Surgeons; Kenya Medical Association; Surgical Society of Kenya.

HONOURS

- Professional Merit Award, Association of Specialist Clinicians of South Sudan (2011).
- Distinction in Physiology, MMed (Surg.) examinations, University of Nairobi (1981).
- Waterfield Prize in Surgery and Jackson Prize in Medicine, University of Khartoum (1978).

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH & EDITORIAL RECORD

- Supervised 22 MMed dissertations in Surgery and coordinated Master of Surgery clinical research projects at the University of Nairobi (2008–2011).
- Former Editorial Board member, East African Medical Journal; Editorial Board member, South Sudan Medical Journal; former Deputy Editor, Nairobi Hospital Proceedings.
- External examiner for a University of Nairobi PhD thesis and longstanding undergraduate/postgraduate surgical teacher.
- Published on thyroid disease, breast surgery, acute care surgery, medical regulation, healthcare systems, surgical ethics and end-of-life decision-making.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Regulatory Challenges in a Complex Emergency Environment: An Update on South Sudan. South Sudan Medical Journal, 2019.
- Open Appendicectomy: How I Do It. South Sudan Medical Journal, 2016.
- End-of-Life Decisions, Ethics, Cultural Norms, and Resource Management. Annals of African Surgery, 2012.
- Changing Lifestyles and the Risk of Hypertension in an African Population: The Alcohol Factor. PhD dissertation, 2010.
- Invited and conference presentations on patient safety, medical malpractice, medical regulation, thyroidectomy and thyroid cancer across Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

LANGUAGES

English, Arabic and Kiswahili; German and French; Dhocollo (Shilluk).

ADDITIONAL GOVERNANCE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member of Council, Association of Surgeons of East Africa (1993–1995; 1997).
- Member, Medical and Health Sciences Studies Committee, National Council for Higher Education, Republic of South Sudan (from 2012).
- Former Secretary, Surgical Division, The Nairobi Hospital; former Chairman, Theatre Users Committee, Mater Hospital.