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Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae - DR. GARY KEVIN FETTER

Dr. Fetter graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1986. In 1994 he qualified as a General Surgeon at the College of Medicine, South Africa. From 1995 - 1997 he had postgraduate training in endocrine, head & neck, breast and transplantation surgery.

From 1994 – 2002 he headed up the trauma division at Sunninghill Hospital, Johannesburg. He has been appointed in an honorary training and lecturer's post at the University of the Witwatersrand Department of Surgery. Since 1995 he has been practicing as a specialist surgeon with interests in the following:

- Endocrinology: Laparoscopic adrenalectomies (59 cases to date); Parathyroid disease and thyroid cancer
- Kidney & Pancreas Transplant programme: Together with Prof. Russell Britz and the academic transplant team at the Witwatersrand, the largest case series in South Africa (60 cases) have been performed to date
- Oncology surgery: Skin, endocrine, head & neck, breast, lower & upper GIT and soft tissue cancers. Special expertise has also been gained in isolated limb perfusion procedures for melanoma's
- Vascular access procedures: These complicated procedures are performed for haemodialysis patients in chronic renal failure
- Bariatric surgery: Currently he is Co-Director of the Centre for Metabolic Medicine and Surgery, responsible for surgical accreditation and training in the field of Metabolic Medicine and Surgery. Currently this Centre has the highest volume for metabolic and bariatric surgery in South Africa (560 cases).

In 2009 Dr. Fetter became part of the SCOPE obesity workshops running in South Africa. He has been invited to give keynote lectures at South African conferences. Dr. Fetter recently presented clinical findings 'Outcome data in bariatric surgery: A South African experience of 261 patients' at the SEMDSA Congress in Durban 2010. This abstract was also submitted to IFSO and IASO for their respective 2010 Congresses.

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