

## **Prof Dr Neltjie C. van Wyk (PhD)**

Neltjie van Wyk studied as under- and postgraduate nursing student at the University of the Free State, in South Africa and holds professional qualifications in General, Psychiatric, Community and Oncology Nursing as well as in Midwifery. She also has a qualification in nursing education.

Prof Dr van Wyk is a professor in die Department of Nursing Science, University of Pretoria in South Africa. She was the head of the department for 12 years and also served as the chairperson of the School of Healthcare Sciences that includes the Departments of Human Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing Science and Radiography for 5 years at the same university. At present she concentrates on the supervision of Master's and PhD students. Twelve doctorate and 28 Master's degree students graduated under her supervision.

She authored 45 peer-refereed articles in academic journals and contributed chapters to five nursing textbooks. She is the editor for the textbooks 'Integrative Healthcare for Southern Africa' and 'Nursing in the community'.

Prof Dr van Wyk did 65 presentations (papers and posters) at health-related conferences in Africa, Europe and the UK and USA.

Funded by the Ford Foundation she took part in the curriculum development of Master's degree programmes at the Schools of Nursing of the Eastern African University (Kenya), Moi University (Kenya) and the Muhimbili University in Tanzania. She held an international scholarship from The Swedish Institute as guest researcher at the Blekinge Institute of Technology in Sweden. The Karolinska Institute in Stockholm appointed her as co-supervisor for a PhD student who did research in South Africa.

The research interest of Prof Dr van Wyk covers women's health and gerontology.

Prof Dr van Wyk is married to Prof Dr Natie van Wyk and has two sons, Gert and Naas.