

Professor Karen J. Hofman

Director

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Education:

MBBCh, University of Witwatersrand, 1978 Board Certified - American Academy of Paediatrics, 1988 Board Certified - American Board of Medical Genetics, 1988

Previous Posts:

Intern (Surgery and Internal Medicine), Johannesburg Hospital Complex, 1979 Senior House Officer Paediatrics, Baragwanath Hospital, 1980 -1981 Resident / Chief Paediatrics, Penn State Medical Centre, 1981- 1983 Postdoc, Childhood Development Disabilities - Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 1983-1985 Postdoc, Clinical and Molecular Genetics - Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, 1985 – 1987 Assistant Professor, Department of Paediatrics, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine – 1987-1996 Consultant, UCT Red Cross Children's Hospital/ Child Health Unit, 1994 Consultant, Pan American Health Organization, 1997 - 1998 Director, Division of International Science Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA. 1999 – 2011

Current Appointments:

Board of Directors: International Decision Support Initiative – 2015-2018 Member of Prince Mahidol Global Health Conference Planning Committee – 2015-2016: Theme: Priority Setting for Health Ministerial Obesity Task Team, SA National Department of Health – 2014-2015 Director of Board, Soul City: Institute for Health & Development Communication: 2013-2014; Deputy Chair of Board, Soul City: Institute for Health & Development Communication: 2015-present Ministerial appointment to Workstream 2 - developing benefit packages for NHI – 2015-2017 Member of ASSAf Standing Committee on Health – 2015-present

Research Interests:

Health Systems Strengthening and use of evidence for Priority Setting

Honorary Position:

Associate Professor, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health