



## Prof Vernon Louw

South Africa

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Professor Vernon Louw is the Executive Head of the Department of Medicine at Stellenbosch University (since February 2025) and Honorary Adjunct Professor in Clinical Haematology at the University of Cape Town. He previously served as Chair and Head of Clinical Haematology at the University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital, South Africa.

He is the current President of the South African Clinical Haematology Society (SACHaS) and Chair of the Global Transfusion Forum. Internationally, he serves on the World Health Organization (WHO) Working Group on Guidance for Patient Blood Management (PBM) Implementation.

Professor Louw obtained his undergraduate medical degree and completed his training in Internal Medicine at Stellenbosch University, both summa cum laude. He specialised in Clinical Haematology at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. He went on to lead the Division of Clinical Haematology and subsequently the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of the Free State, South Africa.

His research focuses on the role of iron and education in PBM. He has authored or co-authored more than 150 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and has delivered over 300 oral and poster presentations at national and international conferences. He is also active in medical education, hosting a YouTube channel with teaching content ranging from iron deficiency to clinical reasoning.

In addition to his medical and academic pursuits, Professor Louw has a strong interest in the intersection of art and medicine. He is currently undertaking a research project exploring medical themes in the work of Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens.

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