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Prof Timothy Craig Hardcastle, MBChB, MMed(Chir), FCS(SA), Trauma (HPCSA), PhD(UKZN) is a registered Trauma Critical Care Surgeon and is Director/Chief Specialist of Trauma & Burns at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital in Durban, Kwazulu-Natal, and Honorary Associate Professor of Surgery, as head of the Trauma Fellowship Training Program at, University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is also Provincial Head of Trauma and Burns for KZN Dept of Health. Additionally, he holds an Associate Research Professorship in Health Sciences at Durban University of Technology. His PhD was in Trauma systems for LMIC's. He is a Deputy Chair of the UKZN BREC ethics committee and Chairs the UKZN-CPD portfolio. He is the current President of the Surgical Research Society of South Africa (till July 2025), as well as the President of the Federation of South African Surgeons (till September 2025) and a member of the Association of Surgeons of SA Council. He is also Medical Director for various EMS services and Co-Chairs the National Snakebite Advisory Group. He is well published and cited in the field of trauma prehospital care, ethics, clinical education and critical care, with an H-index over 30. This includes over 240 peer-reviewed papers, more than 20 book chapters and numerous plenary lectures in his field. His clinical interests include snakebite wound care, vascular trauma, intensive care for trauma (including blunt chest trauma), and Trauma Systems with a focus on LMIC's and research ethics. He is an Associate Editor of five major international journals and reviews for a number of other journals. He serves on three WHO expert panels. He spends his (limited) spare time with his wife and children. He builds scale models to relax.