



After qualifying at the University of Rhodesia he worked in the government health services in rural hospitals for 4 years before moving to Botswana where he spent 13 years in clinical practice on a copper-nickel mine. Tropical infectious diseases were a common part of the daily workload, ranging from malaria and typhoid to leprosy, rabies and STDs. In the early 1980's HIV became a common infection in Botswana and a disease management programme was set up.

While in Botswana he developed an interest in occupational and environmental medicine and qualified in occupational health at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1985 followed by a specialist qualification in occupational medicine from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians in London.

During the time in the nickel industry he served as vice-chairman of the scientific advisory committee of the Nickel Producers Environmental Research Association (NiPERA).

In 1995 he moved to South Africa taking up a position with an international Forest products company and worked in forestry, sawmilling (setting up the health services for these businesses and the HIV/AIDS management programmes) and the paper industry eventually becoming the Group Medical Consultant with exposure to occupational health care at operations in Europe, Eastern Europe, Russia and the UK.

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He is National Secretary of the South African Society of Occupational Medicine (SASOM) and has served as an examiner for the College of Public Health Medicine (Division of Occupational Medicine) of South Africa and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians in the UK.