

**Full Name: Koert Pretorius**

**Designation: CEO, Mediclinic Southern Africa**

B.Compt (UFS) 1986, Master of Business Leadership, (Unisa) 2001

Koert's career in the private hospital industry began in May 1990, when he was appointed as internal auditor of the PresMed Group of Private Hospitals (the company was later acquired by Life Healthcare). His career progressed quickly, and within 10 months he took up the position of hospital manager at the Bedford Gardens Private Hospital in Johannesburg. After approximately 18 months he was transferred to Bloemfontein where he became the hospital manager at the Rosepark Private Hospital, a position he held for six years.

In October 1998, Koert joined the Mediclinic Group as Regional Director for the Central Region, based in Bloemfontein. The Central Region comprised 9 hospitals in the Free State, Northern Cape, North West and Kwazulu-Natal. In September 2003 he was promoted to become the first Chief Operating Officer in the Mediclinic Group and transferred to the Group corporate office in Stellenbosch. In November 2006 he was appointed as an executive director on the Mediclinic International Board.

As part of its international diversification strategy, Mediclinic bought a controlling stake in Emirates Healthcare Holdings (EHHL) during 2006 and acquired the Hirslanden Group of private hospitals in Switzerland during 2007. This led to a complete restructuring of the group and on 1 December 2007 Koert was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Mediclinic Southern Africa, a company that currently operates 52 hospitals throughout South Africa and Namibia with an annual turnover of over R13 billion.

Koert served on the HASA (Hospital Association of Southern Africa) Board for 7 years between 1995 and 2002, including a term as the chairman from 2000 to 2002.

During 2010 the University of the Free State honoured Koert with the "Kovsie Alumni Cum Laude" award for his achievements in his professional career.

Koert is married to Hilda and the couple has 4 daughters. Apart from spending time with his family, an important anchor in his life, Koert enjoys travelling, running and reading.