



Doctor Shaheem De Vries

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Dr Shaheem de Vries is the Chief Executive Officer of Groote Schuur Hospital and a seasoned medical doctor with over two decades of experience in prehospital emergency care, health leadership and systems innovation. His career began in 2000 at Conradie Hospital, with a placement at Groote Schuur Hospital and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) sparking his passion for emergency medicine.

In 2013, he became Head of Western Cape EMS, overseeing a service covering 130,000 km², with more than 2,000 personnel, 260 vehicles and over 500,000 missions annually. He led with a people-centred approach focused on community impact and staff wellbeing.

A charter member and former CEO of the African Federation for Emergency Medicine, Dr De Vries has contributed to strengthening emergency care systems across Africa and served as a global EMS expert to the WHO. He is also the founder and managing director of the Collaborative for Emergency Care in Africa.

Dr De Vries holds an MBChB, Diploma in Primary Emergency Care, Master's in Emergency Medicine and MBA from the University of Cape Town. Outside of work, he is a husband, father of two, runner and keen cyclist.

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