**Doctor Elizabeth Johanna Jacobs: CV**

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**Professional Summary**

I have worked in the field of anaesthesia for six years. It is a stimulating, progressive and inspiring speciality and I look forward to what it can offer. I enjoy challenging cases and teaching colleagues. My interests in the field currently are paediatrics and difficult airway management strategies as well as regional and nerve blockade. My strengths are that I am adaptive and innovative in challenging circumstances.

**Educational History**

I attended Pretoria High School for Girls from 1997-2001 and matriculated with distinctions in all 6 subjects which were English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Science (Physics and chemistry), Biology and French.

I earned my MBChB (Bachelor’s degree in Medicine and Surgery) at the University of Pretoria from 2002-2007. I passed all my subjects and achieved distinctions in urology and community obstetrics.

I was a postgraduate student at the University of the Witwatersrand 2013-2016 where I did an Mmed (masters of medicine) in Anaesthesiology entitled “The development and validation of an instrument for labour epidural recordkeeping in hospitals in Southern Gauteng”.

**Work History**

I did my medical internship at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital in Soweto, Johannesburg 2008-2009. I rotated through General Medicine, General Surgery and Trauma and Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2008. I rotated through Family Medicine and Psychiatry, Paediatrics, Orthopaedics and Anaesthesiology in 2009. The hospital is reputed to be the largest in the Southern Hemisphere and due to its location, sees a large volume of severe trauma.

I did mandatory community service in General Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Burns at Kimberley Hospital Complex in 2010. Kimberley is a small town in the Northern Cape Province. The hospital is the referral hospital for the entire Northern Cape which is 372,889km2. This meant that we saw a wide range of pathology.

Due to my ongoing interest in anaesthesiology I took a medical officer post in anaesthesiology at Port Elizabeth Hospital Complex in 2011. I exclusively did anaesthesia for a full year, developing my interest for limb blocks. One component of the Complex was Livingstone hospital, which catered to trauma, general surgery, neurosurgery and orthopaedics. The Complex also had an obstetric and child hospital, Dora Nginza Hospital, where I did a wide range of obstetric anaesthesia, ranging from simple spinal anaesthetics for ASAI patients to general anaesthetics for severe pre-eclamptic/eclamptic patients or postpartum haemorrhages.

I wanted to work in the UK to broaden my medical experience and to travel in Europe. While I was organizing my paperwork and my GMC registration I worked as a locum casualty officer at the private practice of Dr Wickens in the Greenacres Hospital emergency and trauma unit, a private hospital in Port Elizabeth from January-March 2012. This was a high-pressure environment. I also did some locums for a general practitioner in the nearby rural town of Patensie. I then wrote and passed my Diploma in Anaesthetics in April 2012 and left for the UK several days later.

In the UK, I took a long-term locum job as a specialist registrar in pulmonology and gastroenterology at Friarage Hospital in the small countryside town of Northallerton, North Yorkshire from April-July 2012. This was preceded by a few accident and emergency locums in London.

In August 2012, I spent a month travelling in Holland, Budapest, Austria, Spain and the Czech Republic. I came back to the Friarage as a specialist registrar in their accident and emergency department from September to the end of November 2012.

I missed performing anaesthesia and applied for a registrar post (residency) at Chris Hani/Baragwanath Hospital, affiliated with the University of the Witwatersrand, which I received. I spent the next four years specializing in anaesthesia and doing my master’s thesis, both of which I completed successfully by December 2016. My scope of duties during this time consisted of teaching medical students, foreign students and interns, providing the service of anaesthesia to my patients to the best of my ability and as I grew in seniority, running the emergency theatres. This consisted of supervising 3-4 emergency theatres at a time and assisting junior colleagues where necessary as well triaging the booked emergencies.

In order to stay in an academic environment and to continue my personal learning process, I took a post at Helen Joseph academic hospital in January 2017. This hospital, and Rahimma Moosa Mother and Child Hospital, is where I currently work as a consultant anaesthesiologist. The work is diverse, stimulating and can be highly stressful at times. I manage and teach more junior colleagues, including medical students, interns, medical officers and registrars. I also have to liaise with nursing staff and non-clinical hospital staff in order to run the hospital and lists smoothly. Clear and effective communication is key in this regard. I am also continuing my professional and skill development in anaesthesia, as I try to be as ‘hands on’ as possible in assisting my registrars with their cases.

**Degrees/diplomas**

* Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery, University of Pretoria 2007
* Basic Life Support 2010
* Advanced Cardiac Life Support 2010
* Paediatric Advanced Life Support 2010
* Basic Surgical Skills 2010
* Advanced Trauma Life Support 2010
* Diploma of Anaesthesia, College of Medicine of South Africa, 2012
* Master’s degree in Anaesthesiology, University of the Witwatersrand, 2016
* Specialist in Anaesthesiology, College of Medicine of South Africa, 2016

**Personal interests**

I love spending time with my family and friends, mountain biking, outdoor activities such as hiking and travelling to remote locations. I have travelled into Botswana, Mozambique, Senegal, Cote d’Ivoire, Zimbabwe and Tanzania in my home continent of Africa as well as extensively in Europe. I have also visited Australia and South East Asia.

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