

Thurs, 13 JUNE 2024  
16H00 – 17H00 SAST

## VALEDICTORY LECTURE

### “Journey of a Hepatologist through the decades”

#### PROF WENDY SPEARMAN



Prof. Wendy Spearman is Head of the Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital. She completed her 2-year Hepatology Fellowship under Professors Ralph Kirsch and Simon Robson at the UCT/MRC Liver Research Centre in 1991 and obtained her PhD in 2008 from the University of Cape Town on “The effect of two novel C-type lectins, Ba100 and Ba25, isolated from the venom of the puff adder, Bitis arietans on T lymphocyte proliferative responses”. She is actively involved in outreach Liver education programmes and is the co-lead of the ‘Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa’ Project ECHO Clinic programme promoting delivery of care for patients with viral hepatitis in under-resourced regions. She was appointed by WHO Africa as the Lead consultant to develop the National Guidelines on the management and prevention of viral hepatitis in South Africa and was appointed as co-chair of the WHO 2024 Hepatitis B Guidelines Development Group. She is Vice-president of the Society of Liver Disease in Africa (SOLDA). She is a member of the Global NASH Council and was a participant of the Multisociety Delphi Consensus Statement on the new fatty liver disease nomenclature. Her research interests include viral hepatitis, MASLD, drug-induced liver injuries and liver transplantation.

#### VENUE:

Groote Schuur Hospital,  
New Main Building,  
**GSH LECTURE THEATRE II**

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