

Prof Tess Van Der Merwe



Prof Tess van der Merwe is an Honorary Professor and Researcher in the Department of Endocrinology, University of Pretoria. She received her MBChB from the University of Pretoria, (1982) and was subsequently awarded an FCP (SA). She obtained her PhD at the University of the Witwatersrand. Tess van der Merwe is the CEO of the 11 Centres for Metabolic Medicine and Surgery of South Africa (CEMMS)(SA), which she established in 2005. She was the Honorary Secretary of the International Association for the Study of Obesity for 8 years and currently remains the Africa consultant for this association. In addition, she is the Chair of the South African Society for Obesity Metabolism (SASSO) and has served this organisation for more than 25 years. She

is also the Director of the Waterfall City Hospital Metabolic Medicine and Surgery Centre Research group and is a full time clinician at this hospital. In the period 2003-2006 she was appointed as Associate Professor of Endocrinology at the University of the Witwatersrand and currently serves on the Scientific Board of the International Federation for Surgical Obesity.

Professor van der Merwe is an accomplished publisher with more than 110 publications in the field of obesity, metabolism and endocrinology; and has contributed to obesity study modules for the Foundation for Professional Development and IASO. She has lectured to more than 2000 general practitioners during educational courses and symposiums.

Some of her numerous career awards spanning decades include:

- *Faculty of Health Science Highest Research Award for research excellence. 2001*
- *Swedish Medical Association: Invited lecture, Stockholm 2003*
- *The Who's Who of the World nomination for most distinguished physicians in the world. 2013*