



## AFRICAN PAEDIATRIC LUNG FUNCTION WORKING GROUP

### Newsletter – May 2021

**A warm welcome to all our new working group members**- we currently have 29 members and excited to expand our working group in new African countries. Feel free to forward the invitation to other people working on lung health in Africa.

We are excited to start our quarterly working group meetings next week **26<sup>th</sup> of May 17h00- 18h00 SAST** with a presentation from Engi Attia on “Immune activation, endothelial activation and inflammation in chronic lung disease among youth living with HIV.” We will record the meeting and you will be able to listen to the presentation if you are unable to attend.

This group was envisioned to provide a supportive network of paediatric respiratory health clinicians and scientists to facilitate improved access to high quality lung function testing and collaboration across the continent. We are therefore excited to start a more informal session every **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the months with a Question and Answer session 14h00-15h00 SAST**. This online meeting is really meant to discuss specific problems you run into while doing lung function measurements in children. Feel free to email us with your questions beforehand and we can ask for specific input from our local and international experts.

We also like to remind everyone to become a PATS member and get free ERS membership. There is an interesting mini symposium on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June and registration is free for members.

Looking forward connecting with you all soon.

Warm wishes,

Diane and Marieke

### PATS Mini Symposium



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You are cordially invited to the  
**PATS Mini Symposium: Obstructive Airways Disease**  
**Saturday, 12 June 2021**

7:00 AM  
WAT

8:00 AM  
CAT

9:00 AM  
EAT



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### Introduction of working group members

We have a few new members added to our working group. Please go to the website to find other members of the group to connect with. Over the coming period we will continue to introduce the members in the newsletters. This time Dr Esin Nkereuwem.

**Dr Esin Nkereuwem** is a clinician-scientist who graduated with a medical degree (MBBCh) from the University of Calabar, Nigeria in 2008. He completed a master's degree in Public Health for Development at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) as a Chevening

scholar and holds a clinical fellowship of the West African College of Physicians, Faculty of Paediatrics (FWACP). He has been involved in clinical, epidemiological and implementation research for the past three years, focusing on improving the diagnosis, management, and outcomes of childhood tuberculosis in high-burden countries.

He is currently a Clinical Research Fellow at the Medical Research Council (MRC) Unit The Gambia at LSHTM, where he works in childhood tuberculosis research under the Vaccines and Immunity Theme. He is also a research degree student at the Clinical Research Department, Faculty of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, LSHTM. Dr Nkereuwem's PhD research is centred on the clinical and psychosocial sequelae of pulmonary tuberculosis in Gambian children.

### Diary highlights:

**26<sup>th</sup> May:** Working group meeting- presentation by Engi Attia- **NOTE on MS teams link in email.**

12<sup>th</sup> of June: PATS mini symposium (<https://panafricanthoracic.org/about-us/news/item/obstructive-airways-disease-mini-symposium> )

**5-8 September:** ERS virtual conference- registration open from 10 May.

**19-22 October:** the 52nd Union world conference on lung health – Virtual meeting.

**For full UPDATED list of working group and introduction to our international experts:**  
<https://panafricanthoracic.org/working-groups/african-paediatric-lung-function>