

Prof Jean Nachega has been appointed as the first Director of the Centre for Infectious Diseases at the Faculty of Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University. He completed high school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with major in biochemistry. In 1985 he completed the Bachelor of Sciences in biomedical sciences cum laude in Namur, Belgium. He then enrolled for the Medical Degree at the University of Louvain Medical School in Brussels. After completion of his MD, cum laude, in 1989, he completed his residency (registrar) in Internal medicine (IM) at the St Luc University Hospital of Louvain Medical School, Brussels, Belgium, where he was involved in designing and monitoring research protocols. He consulted in Infectious Diseases (ID), diagnosis and management of severe infections in immunocompromised patients, mainly HIV/AIDS, bone marrow transplant and kidney recipients. During 1996-1997 he completed a fellowship in ID and lectured on clinical management of HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria. From 1997-1999 he was a clinical research fellow at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium.

In 1998 he was the recipient of the Stelson M Stelios Fellowship to complete a Masters of Public Health (MPH) at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (BSPH), Baltimore, Maryland, USA. In 1999, Jean joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins BSPH, Department of International Health, as a Research Associate and was promoted to Assistant Scientist and Associate Scientist, in 2001 and 2007, respectively. He is a respected scientist lecturer and director of Field TB and HIV projects at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 2000 he completed the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (DTM&H), London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and Royal College of Physician of London. He has just submitted his PhD in Pharmacology, University of Cape Town, Department of Medicine, Division of Clinical Pharmacology with the title: Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence and Effectiveness in Private Sector Disease Management Program in Southern Africa.

Nachega was appointed as a Professor Extraordinary: Department of Medicine, Division General Internal Medicine; Faculty of Health Sciences in August 2008.