

## International College of Prosthodontists London Symposium – Satellite Meeting August 30 – September 2, 2023

**Invited Speaker – Meriting G. Thokoane** 

## **Title**

Our Reality Our Challenges Our Inspiration

## **Abstract**

The presentation will highlight the public health plight of patients with head & neck cancers (HNC) and personnel who must manage these conditions, specific to Low and Middle-income countries.

Globally HNC are on the increase particularly in Lower Developed Countries which account for over 60% of HNC globally and over 80% cancer-related mortality.

Cancer-related disability is reported to affect 25% of HNC survivors and less than 12% of other cancer survivors.

What protocols guide the management of HNC patients? What can we do to improve the status quo?

The current situation is dire and needs a revolution to curtail a volcano about to erupt.

## **Biography**

A Prosthodontist with two decades teaching experience undergraduate & postgraduate levels. Supervised & examined research reports.

Published articles in peer reviewed journals locally & internationally. Participated in conference presentations globally.

Passionate about Maxillofacial Prosthodontics & Public Health, *always exploring ways to improve quality for those I serve*: Patients & Students in accordance with the evolution of Prosthodontics.

Co-author & only African in a collaboration of 17 international females only text book (the first female-only publication in dentistry)