

Biosketch Prof. Evans M. Mpabalwani



Evans is a graduate of the University of Zambia, in both Paediatrics and Microbiology/Virology with a combined interest in Pediatrics & Child Health and Clinical Virology. He is a Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist and is passionate about childhood vaccines.

Of special interest to him are infectious diseases in childhood including EPI activities and other child survival programmes including nutrition and maternal health programmes. As a virologist, has worked on a wide range of viruses including Polio, Measles, Acute Respiratory Viruses, Hepatitis B virus, HIV, Rotavirus, and other Viral Gastroenteritis agents.

Evans has had temporary advisory appointments with WHO/AFRO on Rotavirus Genotyping Workshops and Pediatric Bacterial Meningitis and Rotavirus Surveillance Networks. With his team, they have demonstrated the impact of the rotavirus vaccine in children with diarrhoea and the impact of PCV-10 vaccine on pneumonia and meningitis hospitalizations in children below 5-years in Zambia.

He was appointed Associate Professor of Pediatrics & Child Health in the School of Medicine, University of Zambia, where he was an honorary lecturer whilst working at the University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka under the Ministry of Zambia. He is currently the Acting Dean of the School of Medicine.

He is the National Chairperson of the Polio Expert Committee and a member of the National Immunisation Technical Advisory Group of the Ministry of Health, Zambia. Internationally, he is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Comorbidities and Complications of the International Maternal Paediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials group.

He has published over 60 papers in peer-reviewed journals notably on rotavirus acute gastroenteritis, rotavirus vaccine impact on diarrhoea, PCV-10 impact meningitis and pneumonia in children including paediatrics. He is a reviewer of journal articles on vaccines, paediatrics, and bacterial/viral infections. He is a team player, team leader, and Key Opinion Leader on Immunizations.