

Meet the SA Heart® Board



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Meet the new SA Heart® Board Members

TONY DALBY

Tony Dalby is a cardiologist practising at Life Fourways Hospital in Randburg. He is a graduate of Pretoria University and did post-graduate studies at Groote Schuur Hospital and the University of Cape Town. From 1980 - 1983 he was a Consultant in the Department of Cardiology at Johannesburg Hospital before entering private practice at Milpark Hospital. He moved to Fourways in 2016.

While President of the South African Society of Cardiac Practitioners he collaborated with the South African Cardiac Society in 1999 to establish SA Heart® as the sole representative of cardiac professionals in the country. He is an Honorary Member of SA Heart® and a Fellow of both the American College of Cardiology and the European Society of Cardiology. He served for many years as National Lead Investigator on the International Steering Committees of Phase III drug trials. He was recently appointed to the Board of SA Heart®.

His special interests are the prevention of heart disease, the promotion of reliable information about heart disease to the public at large, and the career development of young cardiologists and cardiac surgeons.

He is married to Lianie and has 2 adult sons from an earlier marriage.

AMANDA FINE

Mandi is a creative entrepreneur who epitomises the balance between art and science. She holds an MSc in Neuroscience from the University of the Witwatersrand and has published a number of clinical papers from her research. Mandi also has a degree in Drama studies. She started her career working for multinational pharma in New York in 1999, after which she returned to South Africa to start Fine Healthcare, a marketing and communications agency focused on the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. After 17 years of building and running this award-winning agency, Mandi took the decision to widen Fine Healthcare's scope and started F/NE, a strategic value creation consultancy that works with the worlds' top brands and corporations.

Mandi has a love of science and healthcare and has consulted to pharmaceuticals companies, hospital groups, healthcare insurers, biotech companies and vaccine manufacturers. She has experience is structuring and facilitating clinical advisor boards and working with key opinion leaders. F/NE has won numerous global awards for its healthcare communication work.

Mandi founded F/NE For Good in 2019, a not-for-profit company that uplifts and upskills NGOs through marketing and communications skills. Its NGO work and models for sustainable development have been awarded by the Mail and Guardian newspaper.

Mandi has been asked to judge numerous global awards festivals including the prestigious Cannes Lions, New York Festivals, Lisbon and Dubai Lynx.

She is also recognised for being a founder of Johannesburg's inner-city redevelopment initiative, Maboneng.

Despite her numerous achievements and accolades, Mandi is most proud of being the mother of two young men, and she knows it's going to be a FINE day when it starts with her walking shoes or on her yoga mat.

TIMOTHY PENNEL

Professor Timothy Pennel is the Head of Division and Chris Barnard Chair of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Cape Town. His niche area of expertise focuses on heart and lung failure as well endothelial tissue engineering. Tim completed his Master's degree (MMED) and PhD on synthetic vascular graft optimisation, whilst obtaining his Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery. His laboratory research focuses on the mechanism of vascular graft healing in high-porosity conduits, electrospun degradable polymers and decellularised xenografts. Tim is an executive member of the International Society for Cardiovascular Biology (ISACB) and International Symposium on Vascular Tissue Engineering (ISVTE) and is the Vice President of the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons of South Africa and serves on the SA Heart® Board. In 2017, he established the first lung transplant programme Africa for public sector patients and oversees thoracic transplantation at Groote Schuur and Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. His vision is to re-establish university hospitals as centres of excellence for quaternary-based care whilst training emerging cardiothoracic surgeons as clinicians and researchers.