



Chris Vorster

Chris Vorster qualified in 1998 as a general practitioner and in 2007 as a specialist in chemical pathology. He worked in the private health care sector for several years before joining the North-West University in 2010. Vorster is currently the Director of the Centre for Human Metabolomics which was established as a joint venture between the North-West University and the Technology Innovation Agency of South Africa. The aim of the centre is to provide South African scientists with state of the art analytical metabolomic services and to commercialize new discoveries in innovative ways.

Vorster also oversees two diagnostic laboratories situated in the Centre for Human Metabolomics namely the Laboratory for Inborn Errors of Metabolism and the Newborn Screening laboratory. These two laboratories have provided vital metabolic diagnostic services to the South African public and private health care sectors for more than 30 years.

He has been promoting newborn screening in South Africa since 2010 and has been invited to speak at numerous CPD events and local congresses on the topic. There are a lot of false perceptions in South Africa about Newborn Screening and old perceptions seem to die hard. Nevertheless, Vorster believes that we are making progress and that Newborn Screening is a cause worth fighting for.