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Professor Izelle Smuts is a registered paediatric neurologist with a PhD in Biochemistry. Her research focuses on mitochondrial disorders in the South African context and she has several publications in this area. She is employed in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Steve Biko Academic Hospital, and University of Pretoria, where she is the head of the Paediatric Neurology Unit. She and her team manage the entire spectrum of paediatric neurology and neurodevelopmental disorders. A new initiative was started in 2015 to take care of the transition of adolescents with chronic neurological and neuropsychiatric conditions to adult care. Transitional clinics involve the adult neurologists and psychiatrist and the parents specifically benefit from this interaction.