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Board-certified Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist with a deep commitment to teaching and clinical practice. My passion for pathology began during my undergraduate dental studies and evolved over a decade in general dental practice, leading me to specialize in this field. My key areas of interest include salivary gland pathology, bone and odontogenic tumors, oral medicine, and forensic odontology.

As an educator to both undergraduate and postgraduate students, my primary goal is to foster a comprehensive understanding of diseases affecting the oro-facial complex. In South Africa, where the burden of diseases like oral squamous cell carcinoma in the head and neck region is notably high, equipping future oral health professionals with the skills to diagnose and manage such conditions is vital. I strive to make pathology education impactful and relevant by leveraging diverse teaching and learning methodologies to enhance students' educational experience.