

Dr Blanche Cupido

Affiliation: Groote Schuur Hospital / University of Cape Town

Biography:

Dr Blanche Cupido is a consultant adult interventional cardiologist who has a special interest in congenital heart disease, cardiac imaging and valvular heart disease.

She completed her undergraduate medical degree at UCT in 2001 and subsequently specialized in internal medicine (2009) and cardiology (2013). In 2016, she did a fellowship in Adult Congenital Heart Disease in Leeds, UK and Certificate in Advanced Heart Failure Management from the University of Zurich and the ESC Academy.

She currently works at Groote Schuur Hospital and UCT Private Academic Hospital as the Head of Echocardiography and the Clinical Lead for Adult Congenital Heart Disease. In 2020, she was elected as one of the Inaugural winners of the Women as One Escalator award. She is a Fellow to the American College of Cardiology and a Fellow to the European Society of Cardiology.

Dr Cupido serves on the executive board of Young Hearts Africa, an organization to improve capacity of surgical access to children and adults with congenital heart disease. She is involved internationally in the field of Adult Congenital Heart Disease, and is on the executive of the International Society of Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ISACHD). She has recently been appointed as the Associate Editor-in-Chief for the CHiP (Congenital Heart International Professionals) Network.

Dr Cupido is involved with education at undergraduate, postgraduate, regional, national and international level and has recently graduated as a TAU (Teaching Advancements in Universities) Fellow.

She is the immediate past-president of SA Heart.