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**Dr. Francis Ssali , MBChB, M.Sc, DTM&H, MMed**, is a physician involved in the practice and teaching of HIV–medicine, Internal medicine and Haematology at the Joint Clinical Research Centre and Makerere University Medical School. He is the Deputy Executive Director of the Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC). He is a Principal Investigator for HIV-Immunopathogenesis “damaged niche hypothesis”, the ACTG -Network, the TMC-278 Phase II (PAINT) clinical trial and the HIV-Reservoir Studies. He is involved in operational, clinical and epidemiological trials of HIV treatment and associated infections including TB, as well as intervention studies aimed at preventing HIV transmission and preparation for HIV vaccines. He is a member of the American Society of Hematology and the East, Central and Southern Africa College of Physicians. He is also a member of Uganda Ministry of Health National ART committee/technical working group as well as the National HIV-Drug resistance committee and the 3rd-line ART committee.



**Lisa J. Nelson, MD MPH MSc** Country Director Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Uganda. Dr. Lisa J. Nelson joined CDC-Uganda in July 2017. As Country Director, she provides leadership, management, and oversight to one of CDC's largest global offices. With a focus on global HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and other infectious diseases, public health and epidemiology and maternal and child health, Lisa developed a passion for public health as a volunteer in Latin America during high school in Paraguay and the Dominican Republic. Lisa has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Yale University; Master's degrees in Epidemiology (MPH) and Health Sciences (MSc) from the University of California, Berkeley and a Medical Degree (MD) from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She completed a residency in Pediatrics and a Fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases in Boston. Lisa joined CDC in 2001 as an EIS Officer in the International TB Branch and later served as TB/HIV Team

Lead in the Division of TB Elimination before going to Mozambique as CDC Country Director for six years (2006-2012). She relocated to Geneva, Switzerland as a Senior Technical Advisor in the WHO's HIV Department (2012-2014) and later served as Senior HIV Disease Advisor at the Global Fund (2014-2015). She served as Acting Chief Medical Officer at the U.S. Department of State's Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy (OGAC) within the PEPFAR Program before coming to Uganda in 2017. Fluent in French, Portuguese, and Spanish, she enjoys traveling and the outdoors with her husband and three children.



**Prof. Pontiano Kaleebu** is the Director Uganda Virus Research Institute and Director of the MRC/UVRI Uganda Research Unit. He is Honorary Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Makerere University College of Health Sciences. Prof. Kaleebu holds a medical degree from Makerere University, a Diploma in Immunology and a PhD from the University of London. He was admitted to the Fellowship of the Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College, London in 2011. Prof. Kaleebu has served on many committees including the WHO HIV Vaccine Advisory Committee, The Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise coordinating committee, The UNAIDS science panel, the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition Board, the NIAID HIV/AIDS Clinical trials strategic working group, CHAVI-Immune Discovery Scientific Advisory Board and was chair of the African AIDS Vaccine Programme (AAVP). He is Uganda's representative at the EDCTP General Assembly. He chairs the National HIV drug resistance Working group. His main research interests include HIV vaccine research especially understanding protective immune responses, HIV diversity and resistance to antiretroviral therapy.



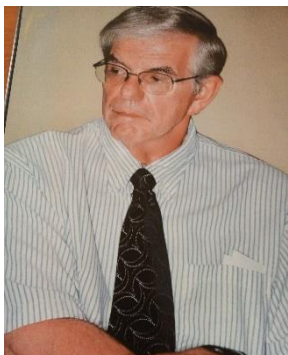
**Kaile Eison, DO**, is a Rehabilitation Medicine physician and Instructor in the Department of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York City. She specializes in the comprehensive management of acute rehabilitation needs, individuals recovering from prolonged stays in intensive care units with medically complex needs, patients with spinal cord injuries, and those living with acute and chronic functional impairments related to HIV. She is an attending physician on the inpatient rehabilitation unit and sees patients in both the Department of Medicine's HIV Clinic and spinal cord injury clinic. During medical school and her internship in internal medicine, she discovered a love for and cultivated an interest in both global health and infectious diseases. She continues to work in both fields with ongoing projects in Uganda and Tanzania.



**Dr. David Meya** is an Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at the College of Health Sciences, Makerere University and holds an appointment as adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota. He has been involved in clinical research of central nervous system infections and complications, with a focus on HIV Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory syndrome (IRIS), an often deadly complication of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in persons living with AIDS with opportunistic infections such as cryptococcal meningitis and tuberculosis. Dr. Meya has led epidemiological and translational research studies as well as randomized clinical trials in Uganda in collaboration with colleagues from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Meya also has a specific interest in public health interventions to prevent meningitis at population level. He has advocated for cryptococcal antigen (CrAg) screening as a strategy to reduce deaths and hospitalizations from cryptococcal meningitis. Dr. Meya continues to lead the efforts to initiate implementation of the national CrAg screening program in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), the Central public health laboratories and U.S. CDC. Dr. Meya has been the Principal Investigator on NIH R01, CDC U01, and UK MRC grants and Industry-led research. Dr. Meya continues to be involved in advocacy to improve clinical care and outcomes in a predominantly HIV-infected patient population with limited resources for health. He has mentored over 50 students including PhD fellows, clinical fellows, Masters students and undergraduate students from Uganda, the US and the UK.



**Randi R. Diamond, MD** is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medicine and an attending physician at New York Presbyterian Hospital. She is an active clinician educator seeing patients for palliative care consultation and working with medical students, residents and fellows in palliative care, reflective practice and medical humanities. In addition, she is involved the development of creative educational programs as the Founding Director of the Liz Claiborne Center for Humanism in Medicine. She serves on the NYPH Ethics Committee and is a faculty advisor to the WCM student humanities journal, *Ascensus*. Dr. Diamond is committed to her work in global health, traveling frequently to Uganda where she partners with St. Francis Naggalama Hospital to provide and teach palliative medicine.



**Dr. Frank M. Graziano** received both a Ph.D. and M.D. from the University of Virginia in 1973. He did a Fellowship in Allergy/Immunology and Rheumatology at Yale University School of Medicine. Upon completion of this Fellowship, he was employed at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics (34 years) where he reached the rank of Full Professor. During his tenure at the University he mentored over 30 PhDs, Fellows and Resident and Student research specialists. At this institution he also did clinical work and basic and clinical research. His basic research work centered on allergic inflammation which was funded through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 1984-2010. In 1998 his lab started a collaboration with Dr. Neal Barney to evaluate inflammation in the eye (also funded through the NIH from 1998 thru 2010). His work has been published in numerous journals and his laboratory has been one of the few to isolate and characterize conjunctival mast cells

and culture primary epithelial cells. His clinical research was primarily in HIV disease. He performed numerous clinical studies in the United States, Uganda and Ethiopia and has been a mentor for Ugandan physicians. He currently is employed (pro bono) at the Joint Clinical Research Centre (HIV consultant and International Education), Lubowa, Uganda and he is Adjunct Professor at Clarke University, Dubuque Iowa.



**Nelson Kakande**, a social scientist with a teaching profession background and experience. He has a Masters of Arts degree in Sociology with a focus on sociology of health and medical systems. He is currently the training and quality improvement specialist at Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC). Nelson has over 15 years working experience in research, training, programs design, programs management, evaluating programs, grants writing and administration, developing training manuals, graduate curriculum development, scientific writing for researchers, mentorship, monitoring and evaluation of programs. Nelson has expertise in qualitative data collection methods, analysis and writing. He is a member of the Society of Research Administrators International (SRA). He is member of the JCRC- Institutional Review Board. Founder member of Association of Research Administrators in Africa (ARAA) whose goal is enhancing the quality of Research Administration in Africa. Principal Investigator of a 5 year International Extramural Research Developments Award (IEARDA) funded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), NIH/FIC. He has participated as a trainer for the Initiative on Research and Innovation Management (iRIM) that conducted regional Grants Writing Training Workshops for Sub-Saharan Africa sponsored by NICHD and U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.



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## Biodata



**SABRINA BAKEERA KITAKA, MB.Ch.B, MMed, PhD** is a Fellow of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences since September 2019. Her specialized training is in Paediatrics, Infectious Diseases and Adolescent Medicine; having completed her MB.Ch.B at Makerere University in 1995 and Masters of Paediatrics and Child Health at Makerere University in July 2002. She also did a Fellowship of Paediatrics Infectious Diseases between

2003-2007 at the Infectious Diseases Institute, Makerere University and completed her PhD in July 2020 from the University of Antwerp, Belgium. As a member of the Makerere University Grants Management Committee she is part of a high-level team that manages the Research and Innovation Fund of Makerere University which is supported by the Government of Uganda. She has participated in clinical and epidemiological research and published more than 40 peer reviewed articles. She is a peer reviewer for high impact journals including PLOS One, BMJ, AIDS & Behavior, the African Health Sciences Journal and AIDS Care. She has contributed to efforts that improve Adolescent health care and training in Uganda, East and Southern Africa Region and Globally over the past 18 years. She teaches HIV in Adolescents on the East African Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene supported by the London School of Tropical Medicine. Her goal is to see every child and adolescent achieve their fullest potential. She is a Senior Lecturer of Paediatrics and Adolescent Health at the College of Health Sciences, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. She has extensive experience in scholarship, education, and clinical practice. Her current research interests relate to health systems (specifically patient-centered outcomes) and infectious diseases (particularly among HIV infected adolescents). Her clinical interests are infectious diseases and growth and development outcomes, particularly the challenges of children transitioning into adolescence and then adulthood. She serves on various Boards and Technical Working Groups based in the Ministry of Health and has served as a member of the Uganda National Immunization Technical and Advisory Group (UNITAG) since its inception in October 2014 and its precursor, the Advisory Committee on Vaccines and Immunization (ACVI) from July 2012-October 2014. She has worked in the area of vaccines, including advocacy, and assessment of effects of the HPV vaccine on sexuality of Ugandan Adolescents and also participated in advocacy campaigns for the Rotavirus, Pneumococcal, and other vaccines. She is a recipient of several awards. In 2003 she was a recipient of the Global Young Researchers' Award offered by the American Academy of Pediatrics. From 2004-2011 she was a recipient of the prestigious Sewankambo Scholarship which was sponsored by a Gilead Grant. She completed her Fellowship in Paediatrics Infectious Diseases in 2007.



**Christine Matama** is a Ugandan public health specialist, Author and counseling psychologist, with working experience of over ten years in Communications, Chronic Care and Clinical Trials/Research, presently working with Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) Kampala, Uganda.



**Annet Nalubega Senkibirwa**, is a Ugandan an administrator with a Secretarial profession background .She has a Master's in Business Administration(Management) from Nkozi University, Degree in Administration and Secretarial Science from Kyambogo University and a Diploma in Secretarial Studies from Makerere University Business School. She was the Program Assistant THALAS Project which ended successfully she works closely with the training department in coordinating and organizing trainings at JCRC. Currently she's working with Joint

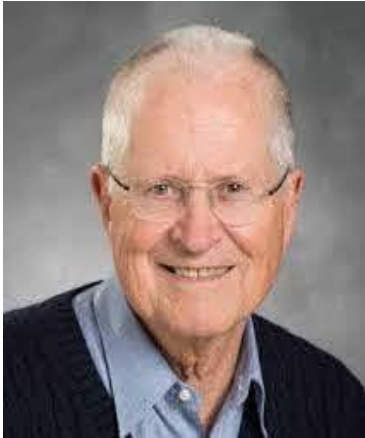
Clinical research Centre.



**Dr. Samuel Kawuma** , **MBChB MPH** is a medical doctor and public health specialist with extensive experience in HIV care, research and programming. He attained his medical and Masters Degree from Makerere University college of Health sciences. He currently serves as a site investigator at Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) Aids Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) site. He takes a leading clinical role of implementation of ACTG clinical trials on site; he is also a member of the Protocol development and Implementation subcommittee on the ACTG network. Before joining JCRC, he worked as a program officer with Aids Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Uganda offering training, mentorship and support supervision to public health facilities offering HIV services with support from the organization. He has also worked as a medical doctor

and research medical officer with Infectious Diseases Institute Makerere University College of Health Sciences in the care, treatment and research departments.

Dr. Frank Rhame received a BS in Biology at Caltech and an MD at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. His postgraduate training in internal medicine and infectious diseases was at the University of Michigan and Stanford University. He was a Medical Epidemiologist in the Hospital Infection Section at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. In 1979 he joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine where he was Hospital Epidemiologist and became Associate Professor. In 1987 he established the HIV Clinic at the University of Minnesota, which he directed through 1995. In 1995, Dr. Rhame moved to Abbott Northwestern Hospital, part of Allina Health. There he does infectious diseases consultation and infectious diseases research. He is now Adjunct Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Minnesota. His research activities have involved antiretroviral during prelicensure evaluation, drugs for HIV associated opportunistic conditions, investigator-initiated studies of raltegravir and Kaletra pharmacokinetics, IL-2, 2 HIV vaccine trials and 2 NIH-sponsored trials seeking to mitigate HIV-associated immune activation. He was the site investigator for the CDC SUN observational study of the long-term consequences of HIV treatment. He has served on DSMBs, as co-chair of the University of Minnesota ACTU, in 4 CDC HIV related consultation groups and on the initial NIH HIV Study Section. He conducted 3 hepatitis C trials, 2 influenza trials and 2 RSV trials. He is now conducting 4 COVID-19 trials. Dr. Rhame has traveled extensively internationally to lecture.



**Dr. Victor Musiime, MBChB, MMED, PhD** is a Senior Lecturer at Makerere University, College of Health Sciences, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, in Kampala, Uganda and an Investigator at Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC), Kampala, Uganda. He has worked as a Paediatrician at JCRC in HIV research, clinical care and treatment since 2004. He was part and led a team of personnel that initiated and followed up a cohort of over 2000 HIV-infected children on antiretroviral therapy, provided treatment for opportunistic infections, as well as other forms of comprehensive Paediatric HIV care and treatment. He has also been an investigator on several research protocols, including the: ARROW, CHAPAS 2, CHAPAS 3, LIVING, REALITY, and the PENTA 16 (BREATHER) clinical trials. His clinical and research interests are in Paediatric HIV-infection, antiretroviral therapy, child nutrition and infectious diseases.



**Philippa Musoke, MBChB, PhD** is a Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health, School of Medicine, Makerere University, Kampala Uganda and the Principal Investigator (PI) for the Makerere University-Johns Hopkins University Research Collaboration (MUJHU), Kampala. She has been involved in multiple perinatal HIV prevention clinical trials for the last 20 years including the landmark HIVNET012 trial, which informed WHO HIV prevention guidelines leading to implementation of prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) services globally. In addition, she has conducted various paediatric antiretroviral treatment trials including pharmacokinetic studies which have informed HIV treatment guidelines for infected children. Her areas of interest include PMTCT, Paediatric HIV treatment for resource limited settings and childhood TB diagnostics and treatment.





**Richard Elion, MD**, has been active in HIV care and research for 28 years. He currently leads a team at Whitman-Walker that is focused on cutting-edge research initiatives in prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and other STDs. Dr. Elion's tenure at Whitman-Walker coincided with the organization being selected in 2013 as part of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a distinguished honor for Whitman-Walker, and rare for a community health center. Prior to joining Whitman-Walker Health, Dr. Elion served as co-director of HIV services at Washington Free Clinic, in private practice in Washington, D.C., and in various research and clinical capacities in New York and in Washington. Dr. Elion received a bachelor's degree in English and Psychobiology from Tufts University and a medical degree from Temple University. He completed his internship and residency at Duke University. He also holds a Master's in Counseling and Spiritual Psychology from University of Santa Monica. In addition to his duties at Whitman-Walker, he is currently an associate clinical professor of Internal Medicine at George Washington University and at Johns Hopkins University.



Dr. William S. Tamale is a graduate of Makerere University and a holder of MBChB and MPH of the same University. He has sustained interest in Continuous Quality Improvement, to which he is a Fellow in CQI and constantly called upon to share his experience at Makerere University School of Public Health. He started managing HIV in 2002 and as such, have gained valuable experience in the field. He is engaged in HIV programme management, Clinical and Research work. As an HIV/AIDS specialist in Uganda, William see on average 20–25 HIV patients on anti-retroviral therapy per day. Alongside his clinical work, he manages the clinic and run clinical trials – roughly one to two every 2 years. Accordingly, he gained great interest from overseas elective students who want to learn more about the clinical situation faced by doctors and patients in a lower- resource setting like Uganda. To date, he has supervised over 30 elective medical students from the United States, the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Kenya and Nigeria. As a host doctor, he is intrigued and excited about the local and international elective students that visit JCRC and Uganda in general. Particularly, given that trainees are soon becoming doctors faced with patients who depend on their clinical skills and judgement to solve medical and social problems. The elective serves as an ideal opportunity to begin that transition – from student to practitioner and he provides support.



**Kanyike Francis**, is a medical doctor at the Joint Clinical Research Centre, Aids Clinical trial Group department, with 9 years post internship experience in HIV care and research. He worked with Global Health Uganda, the Infectious Diseases institute and Baylor Uganda. He is a national TB trainer with experience in TB mentorship countrywide, training, clinic management as well as scientific writing. He has a passion for research and has presented abstracts at both local and international conferences. He hold a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery [MBChB] from Makerere University and currently pursuing a Masters in Public Health at Makerere University Kampala.



Dr. Jane Nakawesi, **MBChB MMED MPH** is a pediatrician who has worked at Mildmay Uganda for the last 12 years. She also received training in Paediatric Palliative Care (PPC) that equipped her with knowledge and skills in the care for children with chronic pain and she has utilized this in her clinical work since then. She is a trainer for both national and international health workers on long and short courses in PPC, the key topic being pain assessment and management in children. She currently works as the Senior Technical Program Manager at the same institution a position that requires her to provide technical oversight to all the projects supported by Mildmay Uganda. This also involves provision of specialist consultation to other clinicians both at Mildmay Uganda and in the supported districts for management HIV and general paediatric complex disease presentation. Jane also serves on several national committees e.g. the Paediatric ART subcommittee and the Paediatric TB Technical working group that support the policy requirements for improved care for children in the Country. She's current chair to the national 3<sup>rd</sup> line ART committee.



**DR. BETTY NANZIGU MWESIGWA** . She holds MBChB from I research. She has been involved with HIV care and management, HIV prevention, remission and cure research including HIV therapeutic monoclonal antibody trial, and several HIV longitudinal cohort studies. In the last 5 years, Betty has been involved in the conduct of Ebola vaccine trials. She was the principal investigator of 2 Ebola vaccine studies testing prime boost regimes of Ebola Zaire and Ebola Sudan strains of the virus (RV456 and RV508 respectively). She is the acting deputy executive director Makerere University Walter reed project (MUWRP). As the Acting Deputy Executive Director, she lead the MUWRP's scientific research team, participating in: reviewing protocols, engaging communities for research, forging and maintaining collaborations with relevant research groups (community advisory boards, other stakeholders). She has successfully contributed to the research programme at MUWRP in the capacities of principal investigator, sub-investigator and lead of the

clinical research clinic, ensuring timely, efficient implementation of several research protocols to the highest ethical standards. Betty is involved in the provision of holistic care and management to HIV infected individuals including HIV counselling, prescribing ARVs, adherence counselling and management of adverse reactions to ART and any concomitant illnesses. She has over 9 years working experience in pharmaceutical medicine having worked within the pharmaceutical sector in the United Kingdom where she earned experience in the processes and economics of developing and marketing safe, effective medicines and medical interventions for several diseases including non-communicable diseases like diabetes. She is also the Clinical Site Coordinator for DAIDS sponsored studies. Her research interests remain in the area of infectious diseases including HIV, emerging and re-emerging infections, clinical research, and in developing sustainable capacity for collaborative management of infections and diseases in these areas.



Dr. Francis Kiweewa holds a Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MChB) and a Master of Medicine (MMed) in Internal Medicine from Makerere University, and a Masters of Public Health (MPH) from the Harvard University. He is a practicing Internal Medicine Physician, and a Public Health Specialist. He recently joined the Ministry of Health as a physician to support COVID-19 Case Management. Previously, Dr. Kiweewa worked as the Head of Research and Scientific Affairs at Makerere University Walter Reed Project (MUWRP), and served in various positions at the Joint Clinical Research Center (JCRC). He is currently the deputy Chair of the Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) Research Ethics Committee. He is the DSMB chair for an Ebola Vaccine clinical study currently

being implemented by MRC/UVRI and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in Uganda, Chair DSMB for the WOMANPOWER clinical Trial, and DSMB member for the proposed PREPARE clinical trial. He is the Program Director for the Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Research Administration (SICRA) an NIH funded capacity building program.

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