



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Branch for Global Surgical Care

Department of Surgery | Faculty of Medicine

BGSC INSTRUCTOR APPRECIATION

2023 – 2024 Academic Year

This year, we wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the significant contributions of BGSC Instructors, Dr. Phyllis Kisa and Dr. Doreen Nakku. Dr. Kisa has been an instructor of our course [SURG 510: Surgical Care in International Health](#) and Dr. Nakku has been an instructor of our course [SURG 512: Global Disability- A Surgical Care Mandate](#)

Through these courses, students examine the historical beginnings and reasons for the emergence of surgical care in the public health agenda, and the details of the global burden of surgical care need, as well as critique current models, and discuss frameworks for advocacy and alleviating the global burden of surgical disability.

In only two years since coming on board as new instructors, they have both demonstrated a commitment to sharing their expertise, knowledge, and on-the-ground experience living and working as surgical care professionals in low-and middle-income countries (LMIC) with our learners, which has been an invaluable contribution. They have both contributed thought-provoking and insightful comments on student assignments and discussion forum postings. Their knowledge, experiences, and understanding of the global surgical care context have greatly enhanced the courses and the learning of our students.

BGSC would like to recognize the significant and continued contributions of these two instructors this past term in providing an enriching learning environment for our students.

Here is some of the positive feedback received from students about Dr. Kisa and Dr. Nakku:

- *“Well engaged in the student discussion.”*
- *“Gave productive assignment feedback.”*
- *“I learned a lot from their feedback and comments to other students and I appreciate their efforts to support our learning.”*
- *“Instructors have great knowledge and commitment to the course and their students.”*
- *“They asked good questions on the Discussion board and provided thoughtful comments to promote learning.”*



Phyllis Kisa

MBChB, FCS ECSA, MMed (Surgery)

Dr. Phyllis Kisa completed medical school at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. She then worked as an intern doctor and as a medical officer (general doctor) in the surgical department at St. Mary's Hospital Lacor, Uganda. Following this, she attained her MMed in General Surgery from Makerere University and a Fellowship in General Surgery from the College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa. Soon after, started a pediatric surgical fellowship training with the College of Surgeon of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA), a hybrid training with a part in Uganda, and 18 months (2014-mid-2015) at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, Canada in pediatric general surgery and pediatric urology. She returned to BC Children's Hospital in 2018 to complete a formal clinical fellowship in pediatric urology becoming their first clinical fellow and the first fellowship-trained pediatric urologist in Uganda. She is a lecturer in pediatric surgery at Makerere University College of Health Sciences in Kampala, Uganda, and an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia in the Division of Urology and the Branch of International Surgery. She is keen on fostering training and collaborations and has a strong interest in research, particularly research into perioperative nutrition.



Doreen Nakku

MBChB, MMed. ENT

Dr. Doreen Nakku is a Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of ENT Surgery at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) and an ear surgeon at Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda. She is also the current Vice-chair of the Otolaryngology Society of Uganda and Director of the Temporal Bone Dissection program at MUST. As a physician, Doreen is passionate about community ear and hearing health and improving these services through research and training with purpose to find homegrown solutions suited for her setting and addressing myths and misconceptions surrounding modern medicine and surgery. In her tenure as department head, together with her team they continually leverage collaborations with other local and international institutions to improve the MUST-ENT training program through student exchange programs, research, and training workshops as well as grow the complexity of quality of clinical care provided to their patients.