

# WEBINAR: Partnership and Collaboration to Drive Impact

## *25x25 Basic Emergency Care Campaign*

### SPEAKERS PROFILE

#### **Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu**



Amelia Tuipulotu served as Tonga's first female Minister for Health from 2019 to 2021, leading responses to the Measles outbreak and COVID-19 pandemic, with no reported deaths under her leadership. Previously, she was the National Chief Nursing Officer, and her PhD informed Tonga's National Professional Standards for Registered Nurses, mandated in the 2021 Act. Amelia has received numerous honors, including the Professional Achievement Alumni award (2014), an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (2024), and the Knight Grand Cross from King Tupou VI (2021). She was also a member of the WHO Executive Board in 2020. Joining WHO as Chief Nursing Officer in January 2023, Amelia is dedicated to championing nurses and midwives globally, advancing health systems, promoting gender equity, and protecting vulnerable populations.

#### **Gregory Hynes**



Greg, an advanced practice registered nurse, has over two decades of experience in emergency, critical care, prehospital, and transport nursing, working in humanitarian, disaster, and conflict settings. Most recently, he served as the Team Lead for Clinical and Public Health in Emergencies at the International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva representing that organisation as a member of the ACAN. Greg contributed to developing emergency response frameworks, integrating clinical and public health needs during global response operations, and supporting communities impacted by crises. He is passionate about the nursing profession's unique reach and power to profoundly and positively impact communities and patients' lives.

#### **Lee Wallis**



Professor Lee Alan Wallis is Lead: Emergency and Critical Care at WHO Headquarters, Geneva. He is based within the Clinical Services and Systems Unit. Before taking up this post, he was Head of Emergency Medicine for the Western Cape Government, and Professor and Head of the Division of Emergency Medicine at both the University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Lee has been president of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine, and was Founder and President of the African Federation for Emergency Medicine. He was Editor in Chief of the African Journal of Emergency Medicine, edited several books and has published around 350 journal articles.

#### **Rebecca Silvers**



Dr. Rebecca Silvers is the founding director of the University of California San Francisco's (UCSF) Center for Global Nursing (CGN) at the Institute of Global Health Sciences. Rebecca holds an appointment as an assistant clinical professor at UCSF School of Nursing and continues her clinical work as a pediatric nurse practitioner in the divisions of critical care and neurosurgery at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals. She also serves as the nursing lead for UCSF's WHO Collaborating Center for Emergency, Critical, and Operative Care. Dr. Silvers earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the Ingram School of Nursing at McGill University in Montréal, Canada. She earned a master's degree in nursing from the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She also completed a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at Vanderbilt University, with a minor in education and global health with a specialization in quality improvement and program evaluation.



### **Ingrid Laerdal**

Ingrid Laerdal is the Executive Chair of Laerdal Global Health, a not-for-profit focused on helping save lives at birth and from time-critical emergencies in low-resource settings. She is also Assisting General Director of Laerdal Foundation, and Chief Impact Officer and among the 3rd generation owners of the Laerdal family companies. For the last two years, she has had a leading role in Laerdal's collaboration with WHO on the Acute Care Action Network and the Basic Emergency Care program, with a goal to develop more sustainable, affordable and scalable training solutions for basic emergency care. Ingrid has a Master of Science in Business Performance Management from the Aarhus School of Business.



### **Angel Kanyange**

Angel Kanyange is a skilled emergency and critical care nurse and a master trainer in Basic Emergency Care (BEC) with extensive experience in frontline nursing. Currently pursuing a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Makerere University, Angel has worked on impactful projects focused on emergency care training and capacity building for example working as a clinical preceptor for nursing students. She serves as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) instructor Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and a Neonatal Life Support (NLS) instructor, contributing to the advancement of emergency care practices. Her commitment to improving healthcare quality through evidence-based training and research reflects her dedication to strengthening healthcare systems among nurses.



### **Emmanuel Kwasi Acheampong**

Is an experienced Emergency Nurse and Principal Nursing Officer at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi, Ghana. He holds a BSc in Nursing, a Diploma in Emergency Nursing, and is currently pursuing an MSc in Austere Critical Care. Emmanuel is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Emergency Medicine Society of Ghana and the African Federation for Emergency Medicine. His contributions span leadership, research, and international healthcare missions, including serving as a WHO Consultant Critical Care Nurse. In March 2023, he was awarded a Presidential Honour for Distinguished Service for his role during the COVID-19 pandemic. Emmanuel remains dedicated to advancing emergency nursing through continuous learning and innovation in patient care.



### **Gerald (Ged) Williams**

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 Former Director, World Fed. of Societies of Intensive Care and Critical Care Medicine  
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 Chief Nursing Officer/Executive Director of Nursing, Alfred Health. March '23 – current.  
 Chief Nursing Officer equivalent in 8 roles since 1997.  
 Chair, Essential Health For All Foundation, Cameroon, Africa.  
 Editor, International Journal of Critical Care.  
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 Emeritus Professor, Universidad de Santander, Colombia.