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Dr Kabelo Mputsoe is the first Clinical Oncologist in Lesotho currently pioneering setting up Oncology services from scratch. She graduated from University of Malawi College of Medicine in 2007 and worked as a Clinician till 2011. She then worked at policy level managing NCDs program and as project counterpart from 2011 to 2016 focusing on establishment of cancer services in Lesotho.

The project trained the first cohort of human resources for cancer care and initiation of civil works preceding radiotherapy facility construction in 2022. Under sponsorship of IAEA she studied Oncology from 2017 to 2021 and graduated as Fellow of Zambia College of Medicine and Surgery - in Clinical Oncology at Cancer Diseases Hospital Zambia.

As a postgraduate student, she set up an organized transit cancer clinic, an origin of the now called Senkatana Oncology Clinic which administered the first chemotherapy in Lesotho July, 2022 and opened inpatient ward in December 2022. To date, more than 150 patients have received chemotherapy (adjuvant, neoadjuvant and palliative chemotherapy) and hormonal treatment in Lesotho to date. The country is gradually weaning off patients from external referral system.