

## **Biosketch Dr. Janni van der Westhuizen**



Dr Jannie van der Westhuizen is a psychiatrist in private practice in George since 1998. He obtained his MMed in Psychiatry from the University of Pretoria where he then worked as a consultant and lecturer in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Pretoria and Weskoppies Psychiatric Hospital Complex.

During that time, he also developed a special interest in autism and worked as part-time consultant at Unica School for Autistic Learners in Pretoria. He is currently on the Advisory Board for Autism Haven, a residential facility for autistic learners in George.

Jannie has a particular interest in ADHD. He is currently a committee member of SASOP Special Interest Group for ADHD and convenes training for Registrars in ADHD.

Another interest is substance use disorders, and Jannie has been a consultant at the Serenity Care Centre for drug and alcohol rehabilitation for nearly 25 years. He also has a very special interest in education and has served on many governing bodies at schools and has been involved in staff development training for teachers.

He is married with four daughters, of which one is an individual with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Intellectual Disability Disorder.