

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Professional Profile

I am a qualified nurse with PhD degree in midwifery and Associate Professor, School of Nursing Sciences, University of Nairobi with key competencies in midwifery practice, operational research, documentation and resource mobilization. I have thirty four (34) years' experience of teaching in nursing education as well as clinical experience in capacity building and research work. I also have excellent programme management skills including data collection, data processing and report writing. In addition, I am a Consultant Editor for two scientific journals namely: **The African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health** and **Journal of Sexuality and Health**. Besides, I am a member of the **International Advisory Committee for Engender Health Research**. In 2013, I actively participated in the first and second World Midwifery Reports which were published and launched in many countries of the world. As early as 1992, I was instrumental in the development and implementation of the curriculum for Reproductive Health Programmes in Kenya. I am actively involved in the **No Obstetric Fistula** campaigns and fistula repair campus. Currently, I am the President of **Confederation of African Midwives Associations (CONAMA)** and Chair Person for **Lugina Africa Midwives Research Network (LAMRN)**. Additionally, I am a committee member and reviewer for the Ministry of Higher Education Nursing Authentication Programmes in Kenya.

## Educational Background

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- 2000 to 2005:** Ph.D. in Nursing  
School of Nursing and Midwifery  
Curtin University of Technology, Australia
- 1989 to- 1991** MSc. in Health Education and Promotion  
Department of Health and Community Studies\  
Leeds Metropolitan University, U.K.
- 1988:** Postgraduate Diploma in Maternal and Child Health  
Institute of Maternal and Child Health  
University of London, U.K.
- 1983** Certificate in Neonatal Nursing,  
Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi Kenya
- 1979** Diploma in Midwifery,  
Kenya Medical Training Centre, Nairobi Kenya.
- 1976** Diploma in General Nursing  
Kenya Medical Training Centre, Nairobi Kenya.
- 1971:** Cambridge School Certificate  
Kereri Girls High School, Kisii, Kenya

## Professional and Work profile

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- 2013 to Date:** Associate Professor, School of Nursing Sciences, University of Nairobi
- 2009 – June 2013:** Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing Sciences, University of Nairobi
- 1992 – January 2009:** Lecturer, School of Nursing Sciences, University of Nairobi.

## **Positions Held:**

### **Director School of Nursing Sciences (2010 to date)**

As the director of the school, my overall objective is to promote the mission, vision, values, and strategic goals of the University and the school of Nursing Sciences. I am directly responsible and accountable for ensuring the fulfilment of educational goals and objectives, and ensuring programme compliance at the School with the University's standards. My key role is to provide leadership for the management, including budget, supervision and evaluation of the nursing programmes in the school.

## **Duties and responsibilities**

### **Key responsibilities**

- Providing effective leadership in the School especially in the management of staff, including recruitment, development and performance evaluation
- Working with the College of Health Sciences on promotion and tenure, leaves of absence, space planning, facilities and equipment management, etc.
- Providing a key communication link between the College administration and the school
- Monitoring student affairs, including undergraduate advising and graduate training
- Managing the budget, overseeing expenditures, maintaining accurate records and ensuring that fiscal policies and procedures of the university are strictly adhered to.
- Generating reports, including the annual report and data requests
- Building strong relationships with other campus units and leaders
- Representing the interests of the School to audiences both inside and outside the university.
- Ensuring excellence in teaching, research and service at all times
- Coordinating an effective curriculum, including the scheduling of courses
- Managing examinations by ensuring that examinations are set, marked and assessed and that timely feedback is provided to students
- Participating in developing programmes, evaluating and revising student policies, organizational framework and revising curricular offerings.

- Participating in publicizing and disseminating information about the School programmes.
- Admission of students
- Preparing students and staff for graduation

## **Projects**

As a director of the school I am charged with the responsibility of addressing the needs of the nation of Kenya. During my time as director the following were achieved:

- Innovative E- Learning programme upgrading registered nurses to Bachelor of Nursing.
- Overseeing the start of Renal Nursing from certificate, Diploma to Masters Programmes of which the curricula are already developed and undergoing the University of Nairobi Approval processes. (In progress)
- Increase in the number of PhD programme enrolment currently at its highest. (9 PhD students are enrolled at the moment).

## **Committee/Meeting Responsibilities**

### **College of Health Sciences Responsibility**

- Represents the School in the University time-tabling committee
- Represents the School of Nursing Sciences in the Principal's committee of Research Capacity Building within the College of Health Sciences in collaboration with UK and African higher education and research institutions.
- Represents the College of Health Sciences in the establishment of African Women's Studies Centre in the University of Nairobi.
- Member of the Anti corruption committee in the college of Health Sciences
- Member of the Advisory committee with the Prime - K project
- Organising committee members of the faculty Silver Jubilee celebrations

## **School Responsibilities**

- Director School of Nursing Sciences
- Chairing School of Nursing Sciences Board Meetings
- In charge of programmes and examinations

- Chair – of the School research committee
- Participates in university-wide committees when requested

## **Senior Lecturer - School of Nursing Sciences (2009)**

### **Duties and responsibilities**

- Lectures in nursing to all BScN and MScN students enrolled with the School of Nursing Sciences.
- Carrying out research into specific aspects of nursing and health education for course improvement and for increased knowledge in the field of nursing and health education.
- Supervising students' research projects and their field practice on various professional aspects of nursing.
- Preparing, moderating and grading students' examination papers.
- Attending conferences and workshops and presenting professional papers in various aspects of nursing to conferences, professional symposium seminars and workshops

## **Lecturer - School of Nursing Sciences (1992 -2009)**

- Lectures in nursing to all BScN and MScN students enrolled with the School of Nursing Sciences.
- Carrying out research into specific aspects of nursing and health education for course improvement and for increased knowledge in the field of nursing and health education.
- Supervising students' research projects and their field practice on various professional aspects of nursing.
- Preparing, moderating and grading students' examination papers.
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### **Additional responsibilities**

- Chairlady, the Inter-universities Committee of the Nursing Council of Kenya
- Timetabling officer for the School of Nursing Sciences
- In charge of the clinical department within the department

## **Lecturer - Kenya Medical Training Centre (July 1991 - February 1992)**

### **Duties and responsibilities:**

- Preparing and giving lectures in nursing and health education to Kenya Registered Community Nurses enrolled at the centre.
- Preparing students for research projects in contemporary issues relative to nursing profession and supervising the projects to ensure smooth and timely completion.
- Supervising and evaluating students' performance on field practicum in various aspects of nursing.
- Preparing, moderating and grading students' examination papers.
- Attending conferences and workshops and presenting professional papers in various aspects of nursing to conferences, professional symposiums, seminars and workshops.

## **Nursing Officer - Kenyatta National Hospital (1979 -1988)**

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Staff Nurse in maternity labour ward, managing patients in normal labour, abnormal labour, pre-eclamptic and eclamptic conditions, pre and post operative states etc, supervising and teaching student midwives, student nurses and medical students.
- Staff Nurse and Nursing Officer II in the new born unit - management of babies with various problems (congenital malformation, anoxia, adoption etc), clinical teaching to student nurses, student midwives, medical students who were undertaking neonatal nursing and clinical officers who were undertaking courses in paediatrics.
- Nursing Officer in charge of health centres, clinics in the city - Railway Dispensary Headquarters Clinic, Loco Dispensary and Kenyatta International Conference Centre Clinic - concerned mainly with the efficient management of the clinics in dispensing services to the patients and attending to international visitors for immunization country requirements and co-ordination of staff in these clinics.
- Nursing Officer at Kenyatta International Conference Centre where I served as a Medical Staff to various international conferences and obtained certificates of services, notably the Africa Telecom 86 and Africa Broadcasting Conference.

## **Nursing Assistant, Tandara Nursing Home, Australia (2000-2001)**

### **Responsibilities as a Nursing Assistant:**

- Ensuring the safety of residents,
- Ensuring that their daily living activities have been made e.g. having a shower, grooming, dressing, toileting and feeding.
- Ensuring the prescribed nursing care activities have been made,
- Effective management of human and material resources.

### **National Responsibilities**

- Deputy Chairperson of the Kenya Midwives Chapter
- Member of the midwifery conferences organizing committee
- Founder member of Africa Research Midwives Network (ARMN)
- Chairperson of African Research Midwives Network (AMRN)
- Member of the research committee for the College of Health Sciences

### **International Responsibilities**

- Member of the International Engender Health Research Committee
- President of Confederation of African Midwives Associations (CONAMA)
- Editorial Member of the African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health
- President Confederation of Africa Midwives Associations (CONAMA) (2014 to date)

### **International Consultancies**

- Enhancing Partograph uptake in Kenya-2012 (UNFPA)
- Scientific Writing and presentation Skills for Midwives (WAHA International,2010)

### **Principal Investigative Role**

Omoni (PI)

10/01/15-10/01/17

The goal of this project is to empower midwives & PNP in nutrition and business development through modern and innovative training methods – e-learning, m-learning and face to face sessions – to help them provide sustainable and high quality health and nutrition services to middle-class women in Kenya.

## **RESEARCH**

### **Principal Investigator Role**

Omoni (PI) 10/01/15-10/01/17

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### **Co- Principal Investigator Role**

#### **Ongoing Research Support**

R116065 Lavender (PI)  
01/04/13-31/03/15

Develop a thriving, collaborative and sustainable research network with the capacity and skills to strengthen evidence-based practice in the region.

Role: Co-Investigator

R117685 Lavender (PI) 01/08/14-31/07/15

Regional Education Initiative for Midwives in Sub-Saharan Africa using Game-based Learning for Effective Labour Monitoring.

Role: Co-Investigator

MR/M002543/1 Edozien (PI) 01/08/14-30/11/15

The goal of this project is provide the necessary development/preparatory work to determine the feasibility of a future randomized controlled trial, and to ensure that the design and delivery of the trail are robust.

Role: Co-Investigator

Masese L. (PI)

Exploring the feasibility of Chlamydia trachomatis screening among adolescents and young women in Kenya.

#### **Completed Research Support**

Role: Co-PI

2011-2013. Adoption of New EPI Vaccines in Kenya. A joint Collaboration of the University of Nairobi and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Role: Co-PI

2009-2010. Use of E-Learning as a tool to enhance Partograph: A case study of Universities of Nairobi and Manchester

Role: Co-PI

2009-2010. Gender Based Violence in the Post-election Period. Collaborative study, St. Mary's University, Japan and the School of Nursing Sciences, University of Nairobi.

Role: PI

Impact of Adolescent Pregnancies in Education and Economic Spheres of Young Women in Kisii, Kenya

Role: PI

Violence against Nurses: A Kenyan case study.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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2. **Omoni, G. M.; (2000).** "The nature and meaning of Research". *Pharmacotherapy & Drug Information Journal*, 11 No. 5, 40 - 42.
3. **Omoni, G. M.; (2000).** Quality Assurance in rural Hospitals. *Pharmacotherapy & Drug Information Journal*, 11 No. 5, 36 -39.
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8. **Omoni, G. M., Plant, J. A. and Watkins, R. (2009)**. Predisposing factors in the spread of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections among female teenagers. *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, 3(1) p.24 - 29.
9. **Omoni Grace, Sabina Wakasiaka, Weston Khisa, Francis Kagema**. Teenage Pregnancies in Kisii County, *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*,
10. **Tecla, N., Omoni, G., Mwaura, J. and Omuga, B (2010)**. Evaluation of evidence-based episiotomy practice by the midwives. *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, January-March, 4(1).
11. **Lavender, T., Omoni, G., Lee, K., Wakasiaka, S., Watiti, W., & Mathai, M (2011)**. Students' experience of using the partograph in Kenya labour wards. *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, July-September, Vol. 5, No 3, pp. 117-122
12. **Weston Khisa, Sabina Wakasiaka, Francis Kagema, Grace Omoni (2012)**. Contraception knowledge and practice among fistula patients at referral centers in Kenya. *International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics*, 25 June, 2012, doi: 10.1016/j.ijgo.2012.04.018
13. **Makworo, D., Bwibo, N., Omoni, G, (2014)**. Parental involvement in the management of hospitalised children in Kenya: Policy and practice. *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, October-December, Vol. 8, No 4, pp. 183-188.
14. **Maimbolwa, M., Omoni, G., Mwebaza, E., Chimwaza, A., Laisser, R., Mudokweyu-Rawdon, C. (2015)**. A Dephi survey to determine midwifery research priorities among midwives in Sub – Saharan Africa. *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, March, Vol. 9(1), pp. 12-16. DOI: 10-12968/ajmn 2015.9.1.12.
15. **Omoni, G., Lavender, T. (2015)**. Setting a midwifery research Agenda: The Lugina Africa Midwives Research Network. *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, March, Vol. 9(1), pp. 110-111. DOI: 10-12968/ajmn 2015.9.1.12.

16. **Omari, J., Wakasiaka, S., Khisa, W., Omoni, G., Lavender, T., (2015).** Women and men's awareness of Obstetric fistula in facilities in Kisii and Nyamira counties, Kenya. *African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*, March, Vol. 9(1), pp. 12-16. DOI: 10-12968/ajmn 2015.9.1.12.
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20. **Dame Tina Lavender, Grace Omoni, Karen Lee, Sabina Wakasiaka, Malcom Campbell, James Watiti and Mathews Mathai. (2013).** A pilot quasi-experimental study to determine the feasibility of implementing a Partograph e-learning tool for student midwife training in Nairobi. *Journal of Midwifery*, August, 29(8), 876-884.
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the partopen digital pen system. *URI: [http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-662-44485-6\\_28](http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-662-44485-6_28)*

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### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 1. Milcah Amolo Achola, Grace Moraa Omoni, Kennedy Mwangi (2014).** Revitalization of Health Infrastructure Flagship Project: The case of Mbagathi District Hospital. In Women's Experiences with Selected Flagship Projects in Vision 2030. Edited By: Lucia Mary Mbithi, Ciarunji Chesaina & Anna Petkova Mwangi. Supported by The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). Pg. 74 – 90.
- 2. Grace Omoni, Wellington Waithaka (2013).** Best Practices. In Socio – Economic Rights – Article 43 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Best Practices. Supported by Amkeni waKENYA – Civil Society Democratic Governance. Edited by: Elishiba Kimani, Wanjiku Mukabi Kabira & Lucia Mary Mbithi. Published by African Women's Studies Centre, University of Nairobi. Pg 63 – 69.

### PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Omoni, G. (2000).** The Nature and Meaning of Research." *Pharmacotherapy & Drug Information*, 11(5), 40-42.
- 2. Omoni, G. (2012).** Scaling Up Nursing Education in Two African Countries. In: Sigma Theta Tau International's 23<sup>rd</sup> International Research Congress, Brisbane, Australia.
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- 4. Omoni, G. (2010).** Interpretation of Safe Motherhood Policies by Midwife Practitioners in Kenya. In: Global Maternal Health Conference, New Delhi, India.

## **Post Graduate Mentorship Program**

### **1. Drussilla Gekonde Makworo: PhD**

*Dissertation:* Evaluation of Family Centred Care among Children admitted at Kenyatta National Hospital. **Graduated 2013**

**2. Matheka Emmah Kanini.** Impact of BSN Curriculum on students' Perceptions and Attitude towards Nursing Profession. **Graduated 2014**

**3. Lilian Omondi:** PhD *Dissertation:* Efficacy of pre-operative and post operative tools in Patient care. **In Progress**

**4. Irene Mageto:** PhD Development of a model curriculum of forensic Nursing in Kenya. **Graduated 2015**

**5. Anna Khisa:** PhD A Grounded Theory of Regaining Normalcy: Health seeking behaviour, Coping and re-integration of Women with Obstetric Fistula in Kenya. **Being prepared for External Examination**

**6. Hannah Inyama.** PhD The effect of therapeutic hypothermia on ICU patients post cardiac arrest at KNH. **In Progress**

**7. Abedinego Alibiri Ongeso:** Acute Incidence and Seroconversion of HIV Among Pregnant Women Attending Antenatal Care—Determinants and outcomes: A Case of Kakamega and Nairobi County Hospitals. **Being prepared for Examination**

**8. Millicent Weche Ambetsa:** PhD Pregnancy outcomes in elderly primigravidas and reproductive health disasters in Kakamega County, Kenya. **In progress**

**9. Cheptum Joyce Jebet.** Evaluation of birth preparedness education among mothers attending antenatal care clinics in Migori County, Kenya. **In progress**

**10. Elizabeth Mutete Mutunga.** Competence of Midwives in prevention and management of postpartum haemorrhage at Kiambu District Hospital labour ward. **Graduated 2015**

**11. Mercy Nyanchama Abere.** Factors associated with new HIV infections among infants born to mothers on prevention of mother to child transmission programme at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital, Kenya. **Graduated 2014**

- 12. Nyariki Carolyne Kerubo. MSc.** Prevalence of Malnutrition among pregnant women attending at Mbagathi District Hospital, Nairobi. **Graduated 2010**
- 13. Tekla Kemboi-Ngote: MSc. Dissertation:** Evaluation of Evidence based episiotomy by midwives at Pumwani Hospital. **Graduated 2009**
- 14. Mugambi Rosemary Kinyua: MSc. Dissertation:** Effectiveness of midwives in reducing maternal mortality rates in Tharaka District, Kenya. **Graduated 2009**
- 15. Mfalomagoha Johari: MSc Dissertation:** Assessment of Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) of midwives toward HIV/AIDS positive mothers delivering in Kenyatta National Hospital labour ward: **Graduated 2011**
- 16. Ilyn Wiysanyuy MSc.** Factors determining antenatal health seeking behaviour of adolescent mothers at the ANC clinic in Naivasha District Hospital. **Graduated 2012.**
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#### **MEMBERSHIPS TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- President of Confederation of African Midwives Associations
- Chair and Founder member of Lugina Africa Midwives Research Network (LAMRN)
- National Nurses Association of Kenya
- Institute of Health Education - Chesire - England
- Member of the East, Central, Southern African College of Nursing. (ECSACON).
- Executive Committee member of the East, Central, South African Public Health Associations.

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