

More than medical care

Clinical precision in helping with business growth

Marumo Abel "Bobby" Ramasia is principal officer of Bonitas Medical Fund, SA's second-biggest open medical scheme, which covers almost 700 000 people.

A doctor by profession, he has a wealth of clinical and management experience spanning a 25-year career in the health-care industry. He is particularly well versed in the medical schemes and managed care environment.

He joined Bonitas in 2012 after a seven-year stint at Medscheme.

Ramasia (52) has served as nonexecutive director in a number of companies, including Lerumo Investments, which was part of an empowerment consortium that negotiated the first BEE deal with mining giant Anglo American in 1996.

He has also been a director of Tugela Mining Minerals, whose main activity is chrome

recovery for Samancor Ferrometals in Witbank. He has sat on the board of the investment wing of the SA Medical & Dental Association since 2003.

He completed his matric in 1978 and achieved his MBChB in 1986 at the University of Natal, now the University of KwaZulu Natal. He has since completed an MSc in Sports Medicine from the University of Nottingham (UK) and has several certificates in sports law and financial management.

He served his internship at Natalspruit Hospital in Ekurhuleni and worked as a family

practitioner and part-time principal medical doctor at the hospital for 15 years.

Between 2004 and 2005 he was executive director of Netpartner Investments. Netpartner was replaced by Lethimvula, which has since been rebranded AfroCentric Health, a subsidiary of JSE-listed black-owned Afrocentric Investment Corp. Here he played a key role in the company's acquisition of Medscheme in 2006.

Ramasia has been involved with Orlando Pirates FC for almost 20 years. He was appointed chief team physician in 1994, and now consults for the club.

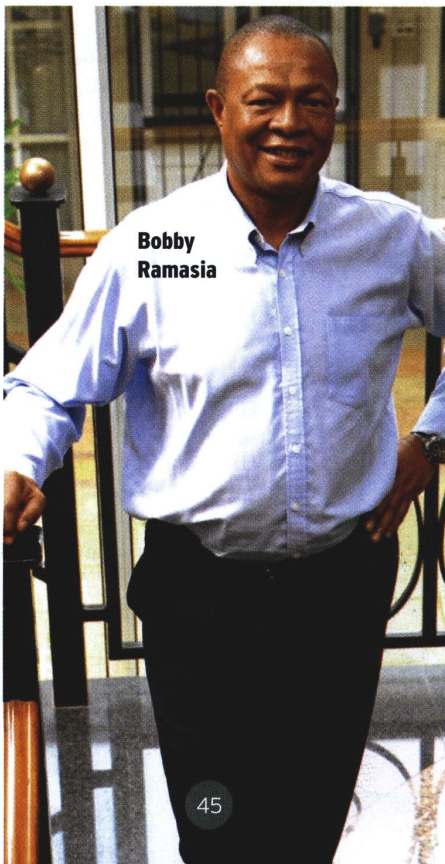
In 1996 he served as chief medical doctor for the African Cup of Nations hosted by SA.

He's also been team physician for SA's under-20 national soccer squad and was chief medical officer for Team SA Deaf-olympics Australia in 2005.

During his time in the UK, he was involved with English Premier League teams Nottingham Forest FC and Blackburn Rovers.

Ramasia is a member of the ANC's health desk, the Vosloorus All Sports Association and is a trustee for Siphosethu Special School for the mentally handicapped.

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