

David Mills

Dr David Mills grew up in Adelaide, South Australia doing medical training at Flinders University and graduating in 1994. He moved to the Northern Territory after completing his internship, and ended up staying for five years, doing three years of hospital training, particularly in obstetrics and anaesthesia. David was fortunate enough to then be employed in Katherine for the completion of his postgraduate degree in rural general practice. A six-week rotation as a student in PNG eventually led to his full-time return to Kompam in Enga Province in 2000. He has been employed as Medical Superintendent there since that time, working at various times with up to two other doctors, but also unfortunately for long periods on my own. That journey has been shared with his wife, Karina, and four children (Natasha, Ashleigh, Chelsea and Nicholas). The experiences in Kompam have been key in the ideas that led to the setting up of PNG's first training program for rural doctors. David is President of the PNG Society for Rural and Remote Health.