

SHORT BIO_ BRAMWEL WEKESA SIMIYU, KENYA.

Bramwel Wekesa is an accomplished medical professional and bioethicist with an extensive background in clinical practice, healthcare education, and ethical scholarship. He obtained his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from Moi University, Kenya, in 2011. Subsequent to his graduation, he completed his internship in 2012 at AIC Litein Hospital, Kenya, where he subsequently served as a Medical Officer for a duration exceeding three and a half years.

In 2016, he embarked upon a specialization residency program in Family Medicine and Community Health at Kabarak University, which he successfully completed in 2021. His exemplary professional standing was further reinforced in 2024 when he was recognized by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) as a fully qualified Family Medicine Consultant. He is currently practicing in Kericho County, Kenya. He also has training and special interests in aviation, migration and travel medicine.

Between August 2018 and August 2019, he deferred his residency commitments to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Bioethics at Trinity International University, USA. Upon completing this postgraduate qualification and returning to Kenya, he pioneered the establishment of a clinical ethics committee at AIC Kijabe Hospital, a prominent tertiary referral hospital. Over the years, this initiative has resulted in the development and ratification of numerous clinical ethics policies.

In addition to his institutional contributions, he has participated extensively in ethics consultations across various healthcare institutions, both as a committee member and individual ethics consultant. His expertise and insights in bioethics have led to invitations to speak at national and international conferences, and he actively teaches short courses on ethical issues within several Kenyan educational and healthcare institutions.

His scholarly contributions include participation in a chapter review for the *Bioethics Case-Based Teaching Guides for Resident Training*, a publication produced by the American Academy of Pediatrics. His academic and professional interests are centered around informed consent in clinical practice and research, the ethical implications of artificial intelligence in healthcare, and the health access and quality concerns of/for migrant populations.

Dr. Wekesa aspires to further his academic pursuits by undertaking a doctoral degree focused on the ethics of artificial intelligence use in healthcare, aiming to contribute meaningfully to the evolving discourse at the intersection of technology, ethics, and medicine.