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Broken hearts, spacemen, wattle trees and a man with one leg:

My extraordinary journey in medicine

**UCT Professor Wayne Derman to deliver inaugural lecture on Wednesday,
5 October 2011,
at 17h30, Sports Science Institute Auditorium, Boundary Road, Newlands**

Professor Wayne Derman of the University of Cape Town has provided important clinical support to South Africa's athletes at international level: as Chief Medical Officer for the South African Team to the Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games, and as Medical Officer for the South African Paralympic Team to Beijing in 2008. From December 2001 to May 2002, he served as Flight Surgeon to Cosmonaut Mark Shuttleworth during the "First African in Space" mission in Russia. He recently served as the Medical Officer for Cape Town for the FIFA 2010 World Cup.

He is presently Professor of Sport & Exercise Medicine at the UCT Sport Science Institute of South Africa (SSISA), and Co-Director of the Sports Medicine Services and Research Group, incorporating the FIFA Medical Centre of Excellence and IOC Research Centre for Injury Prevention and Protection of Health of the Athlete, at SSISA. He is also Co-director of the Sports & Exercise Medicine Practice and Chronic Disease of Lifestyle Rehabilitation Programme, based at SSISA. He served as President of the South African Sports Medicine Association from 1998 to 2000 and was one of the pioneers responsible for establishing sports and exercise medicine as a clinical discipline in South Africa.

Professor Derman has received many diverse awards in his career: a Fellowship of the American College of Sports Medicine; the Val Schreire Award for the Outstanding Investigator in the Cardiovascular Field in Southern Africa; the Paul Harris award from Rotary International for community contribution; and a Mondi Award nomination for journalism. In December 2004, he received the Department of Health and Health Professionals Council award for Excellence in Health Care in South Africa.

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