



## Bianca Dessington

Bianca Dessington is a Paramedic with over 20 years of frontline experience in emergency medical care. Her work has taken her across multiple African countries, giving her a broad understanding of the diverse healthcare challenges faced across the continent.

Diagnosed with Common Variable Immunodeficiency (CVID) 14 years ago following a life-threatening episode of septicemia, Bianca's personal journey has become a driving force behind her advocacy in the field of primary immunodeficiency (PID).

She currently serves as the Medical Liaison Officer for the Primary Immunodeficiency Network of South Africa (PINSA), where she supports patients wherever possible. Her dual role as a healthcare provider and PID patient allows her to offer a deeply informed, empathetic perspective. At this year's conference, Bianca will address the critical issue of treatment product shortages in South Africa, calling for diversified, reliable access to therapies beyond sole-provider systems. Her mission is to raise awareness, improve early diagnosis, and advocate for equitable, timely treatment access for PID patients throughout the continent.

Bianca remains deeply committed to empowering patients and strengthening the voice of the PI community across Africa.