

Corporate Profile

The Aurum Institute for Health Research is dedicated to improving the understanding and treatment of tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other diseases. Our team of scientists and professionals is committed to advancing health research and improving health.



HISTORY

The Aurum Institute for Health Research (Aurum) was officially founded in 1998 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the then AngloGold Limited to gather together into a single institution the large body of ad hoc research, results of treatment and knowledge generated by scientists working in the South African gold mining industry.

The origins of this research and knowledge can be traced back almost to the start of the gold mining industry in South Africa. Local mining corporations, whose operations were often in remote areas, far from either state or private health services, established their own medical services to care for and attend to the medical needs of their employees. Such services have been run by these companies for close on 100 years.

On its founding, Aurum was tasked with the research, surveillance, treatment and management of epidemic, occupational and other diseases that occur among mineworkers and their dependents. Aurum subsequently expanded its activities beyond the needs of the mining industry, especially in response to international demand for quality treatment, research sites and programme development around HIV/AIDS-related projects.

AURUM TODAY

In 2005, Aurum became an independent, not-for-profit, public-benefit organisation. It is also a Proudly South African organisation and is committed to promoting South African products and services as well as skills development in our country.

Aurum is positioned to impartially represent the interests of working South Africans, their employers and the public. It has enjoyed significant success working

with and informing communities, and taking an active part in their development.

Aurum is acknowledged by funders, donors, companies, non-government organisations and communities as a partner capable of conducting ethical research and delivering reliable results. Aurum adds value by supplying the context, expertise and experience for our partners to make better-informed health-related management and treatment decisions.

GOVERNANCE

Aurum's Board is independent and the directors have among them a wide range of the requisite expertise to guide and direct the organisation's strategic direction. The Scientific Advisory Committee oversees Aurum's adherence to the highest standards of scientific endeavour and treatment.

We approach this by:

- Treating our patients and research participants to the highest standards of care delivered by dedicated and committed medical specialists.
- Understanding and researching the diseases and life circumstances of our patients, thus enabling us to develop appropriate health systems which may influence and transform individual care or public health policy.
- Pursuing the highest levels of governance and operating standards relevant to public benefit organisations.

