

Researcher Spotlight

A NEUROLOGY PIONEER IN ZAMBIA

Dr. Stanley Zimba

In 2023, Cures Within Reach funded **Dr. Stanley Zimba** at the **University of Zambia** to study the addition of a high blood pressure drug, losartan, to standard of care for drug-resistant epilepsy patients.

In addition to his role in Internal Medicine at University of Zambia School of Medicine, Dr. Zimba is a Consulting Neurologist at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka. His fellowship there focused on clinical characteristics, risk factors and endothelial dysfunction in people with HIV and stroke in Zambia. He was a Fogarty Fellow at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health and received an International Scholarship Award from the American Academy of Neurology.

Dr. Zimba became interested in neurology while a resident in internal medicine after seeing the huge burden of neurological diseases in Zambia without specialists. He is a budding researcher: one of his career goals is to contribute to developing, evaluating and implementing innovative and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and treatment of stroke in Zambia, across sub-Saharan Africa and globally.



Profile

Dr. Stanley Zimba received his Doctorate and Masters of Medicine from University of Zambia, and is now a consultant neurologist at University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka. He was one of the first neurologists trained in Zambia.

CWR Funding

This **open-label clinical trial** is adding losartan to standard of care in drug-resistant epilepsy patients. Dr. Zimba and this trial represent three Cures Within Reach communities:

- LMICs
- Neurology
- Health Equity

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