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Rare Diseases South Africa

Kelly du Plessis is the CEO & Founder of Rare Diseases South Africa which was born out of necessity when her oldest child was diagnosed with Pompe Disease in 2011 at 11 months of age. Having dedicated her life and career to furthering the plight of those impacted by rare diseases in developing countries, Kelly serves on various boards and committees which focus on improving the quality of life for rare patients.

Kelly has taken rare disease policy and patient advocacy to new heights in South Africa and has presented at various national and international conferences to raise awareness and create a new narrative in terms of treatment and access for rare patients. Kelly has been awarded various awards and accolades for her contribution to healthcare both locally and abroad.