

# Celebrating the Women of MTW



## Rantimi Ayodele's journey into Orthopaedic Surgery!

Rantimi is one of our Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeons and has had an interesting journey to become a valued member of our team.

Having done a BSc along the way, she qualified from St Mary's Hospital (Imperial College School of Medicine) when her passion for international development or missionary work in the developing world really kicked in.

Ever the life-long student, having started her surgical training, Rantimi opted to undertake an MSc in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. This led to an MD research degree where she developed a tool to understand the burden of musculoskeletal disease in the developing world. Rantimi and her team successfully used the tool in Rwanda. It was presented at the World Health Organisation

and it has since been used in other countries since. She returned to complete her surgical training in 2007 and became a Consultant Paediatric Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon in 2016. Now, in the Trust alongside her busy practice she is the Trauma and Orthopaedic Specialty leads for Audit and for Research. She helped set up a quarterly Paediatric Orthopaedic Governance Meeting. She recently sat on the panel for the Clinical Excellence Awards and her passion for staff engagement means she is working to help restart the Staff Choir.

- Paediatric Orthopaedic Consultant since 2016
- Has 4 Degrees (including an MD & an MSc.)
- Her seminal research was presented at the World Health Organisation
- T&O Lead for Audit and Research
- Is a Contralto singer who sang with the English National Opera

Her experience in the profession as a mum of two means she is keenly aware of the benefits and challenges that career breaks can add to climbing the ladder and would encourage women to fully enjoy the time away, but also get support when coming back to work. Rantimi feels it is a privilege to be in her role and has a feeling of personal responsibility both to her patients and her team.

Away from medical life she is a keen baker, singer and avid Marvel fan, which gives some much needed rest and relaxation, as well as time to come up with some interesting film theories!

She knows working in the medical profession is not without its challenges and encourages all women to take control of their progression through opportunities like mentoring, which can be a powerful way to grow professionally and personally.