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He started his career in 1998 in the Technical Department of Animal Health industries- Pfizer PLC in Lagos - Nigeria where he later became a Field Technical Representative for 5 years. Currently, with over 15 years experience in infectious disease investigation, Dr Meseko acquired dual expertise in human and animal health intervention. In 2006, he prepared a research thesis in virology on the isolation of influenza virus from patients presenting influenza-like illness at the University College Hospital in Ibadan - Nigeria. He was later extensively involved in the diagnosis and control of the first introduction of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to Africa leading to effective control of the outbreak in Nigeria in 2008. He received EU sponsored trainings at Veterinary Institute, Oldenburg, Germany, FAO funded training at NAMRU-3 Cairo Egypt and several in-country training courses in biosafety, disease surveillance, research methodology and advance diagnostic techniques. He has served in various technical capacities with the Federal Livestock Department, IFPRI, CIRAD, FAO, World Bank sponsored projects and participated at the WHO expert consultation on influenza at Geneva, Switzerland.

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Dr Meseko's research interest spans many infectious viral diseases at the human-animal interface. He is presently focused on influenza virus and has published some articles, presentations and reports in national and international journals. A member of Wildlife Disease Association (WDA) and International Society for Influenza and other Respiratory virus diseases (ISIRV), Dr Meseko is a family man and a passionate adventurer who loves mountain climbing.