

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**School Education** : 1977-1989

Richmond College, Galle, Sri Lanka.

### General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) December 1986

Won the **Principal's Gold Medal** and the **Edmond Samarasekara Memorial Prize** for the Best Ordinary Level Student 1986.

### General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) 1989

Won the **Darrel Gold Medal** for the Best Advanced Level Student 1989.

## Medical Education

Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

## Primary Medical Qualification

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S.) with **Second Class Upper Division Honours**.  
Awarded on January 1998, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

## Registration

General Medical Council (GMC) – Full Registration – Number 6151631

Sri Lanka Medical Council, July 1999.                      Number: 14533

## Postgraduate Qualification

**Master of Surgery (M.S.)**, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Awarded on April 2005.

**MRCS ( Edinburgh ) - May 2008**

## Postgraduate Training in Surgery

April 2001 to September 2008

**Trust Registrar in General Surgery, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, United Kingdom.**  
**(Fixed term training appointment sponsored by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.)**  
**(working on the SpR on-call rota) (From 01.09.2006-31.08.2008)**

**01.09.2008 to date** – Consultant General Surgeon/Senior Lecturer in Surgery, University Surgical Unit,  
Teaching Hospital, Galle, Sri Lanka.

**Senior Registrar Appointment** : Senior Registrar/Lecturer in General Surgery, University Surgical Unit, Teaching Hospital, Galle. (From October 2005 to August 2006)

Consultant : Dr M.M.Kumara MS, FRCS

**Senior Registrar Appointment :**                      **Senior Registrar in General Surgery,**  
  
**Department of Surgery,**  
  
**National Hospital of Sri Lanka,**  
  
**Colombo.**  
  
**One year ( October 2004 to October 2005 )**  
  
**Consultant : Dr K.S.Perera MS, DRCS (Eng)**

The **National Hospital of Sri Lanka** is the main tertiary care referral centre in Sri Lanka, situated in the heart of the capital city Colombo. This **three thousand bedded** hospital which is considered to be the **biggest in Asia** has diverse specialities.

This unit deals with a wide variety of patients, both routine and emergency. Initial management of general surgical emergencies are part of the work load. My duties include, performing a major surgical list and a clinic as well as assisting / performing operations in the consultant's list.(routine and emergency)

I have performed a wide range of operations including thyroidectomies (total and lobectomy), submandibular sialoadenectomies, mastectomies, exploratory laparotomies for acute surgical emergencies, cholecystectomies, small bowel resection and anastomoses, hemicolectomies, total colectomies, anterior resections, reversal of colostomies, mesh repairs of incisional hernias, paraumbilical hernias and inguinal hernias, nephrectomies, pyelolithotomies, ureterolithotomies, vesicolithotomies, prostatectomies, sapheno femoral ligation and strippings and lower limb amputations.(AK/BK/distal).

I have assisted oesophagectomies (Transhiatal, Ivor-Lewis and Mc Keown), gastrectomies, Whipples's operations, total colectomies and ileal pouch anastomoses, abdominoperineal resections, common bile

duct explorations, abdominal rectopexies, hepatectomies and nephroureterectomy and excision of cuff of bladder.

**Registrar – Intensive Care Medicine, 15<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2004**

**Surgical intensive Care Unit, National Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka.**

**Consultant : Dr Mrs H.Perera MD, FRACS**

**Registrar – Paediatric Surgery, 15<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

**Lady Ridgeway Hospital for children,**

**Colombo, Sri Lanka.**

**Consultant : Dr.B.A.D.Jayawardana MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Registrar – GenitoUrinary Surgery, 15<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2004**

**National Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka.**

**Consultant : Dr.N.D.Perera MS, FRCS(Edin), Dip(Urol)**

**Registrar – Cardiothoracic Surgery, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2003-15<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

**National Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka.**

**Consultant : Dr.P.N.Rajapaksa MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Registrar – Accident and Emergency Department, 15<sup>th</sup> September -15<sup>th</sup> November**

**National Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka. 2003**

**Consultant : Dr.M.N.Pinto MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Registrar – Cancer and reconstructive Surgery, 15<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2003**

**Cancer Institute, Maharagama, Sri Lanka.**

**Consultants :**

**Dr.Mrs.I.Y.Amarasinghe MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Dr.P.Jayasekara MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Dr N.Perera MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Registrar-Neuro Surgery,**

**15<sup>th</sup> April - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2003**

**National Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka.**

Dr.C.A.Samarasinghe FRCS(Eng), FRCS(Edin), FACS

**Registrar- Orthopaedic Surgery,**

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2002-April 15<sup>th</sup> 2003**

**National Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka**

**Consultant : Dr K.U.R.A.Banagala MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Registrar General Surgery,**

**April 15<sup>th</sup> -October 15<sup>th</sup> 2002**

**Base Hospital,**

**Elective appointment**

**Wathupitiwala,**

**Sri Lanka.**

**Consultant : Dr Ajith De Silva MS, FRCS(Edin), FRCS(Eng), FRCS(Glas)**

**Registrar- General Surgery,**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2001-14<sup>th</sup> April 2002**

**University Surgical Unit,**

**Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle, Sri Lanka.**

**Consultants :**

Prof.Neil Fonseka FRCS(Edin), FRCS(Eng), FRCOG (Gt.Brit.)

**Dr M.M.Kumara MS, FRCS(Eng)**

**Dr N.M.Amjad MS, FRCS(Edin)**

**Internship (12 months )**

Intern House Officer, Surgery, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo.

July 1998 to January 1999

Consultant : Dr Lucien Perera MS, FRCS.

Intern House Officer, Medicine, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo.

January 1999 to July 1999

Consultant :Dr W.K.Balasuriya MD, FRCP.

## **Research, publications and presentations**

### ***Research publications in refereed in refereed journals***

1. Comparison of Quality of Life of patients with Hydrocele and Quality of Life of Patients with Inguinal Hernia. Seneviratne RW, Kumara MMAJ, Abeywickrama R, Kumarasinghe JPM, Somasiri KG, De Silva PV. European Journal of Preventive Medicine.2015;3(2-1):47-49.
2. A Use of New Questionnaire Based Tool for Evaluation of Medical Student's Satisfaction Regarding their Final Professorial Surgical Appointment at Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. Kumara MMAJ, Seneviratne RW, Abeywickrama R, KumarasingheJPM, De Silva PV. European Journal of Preventive Medicine.2015;3(2-1): 50-53.
3. Study on value of eFAST performed by non-radiologist emergency care doctors in Management of Trauma at Emergency Trauma Centre, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle, Sri Lanka. Seneviratne RW, Kumara MMAJ, Kumarasinghe JPM, Abewickrama R, Jayasekara K, Abewickrama A, De Silva PV .Anuradapura Medical Journal,2015,(9)1
4. Can the operating time be reduced by use of magnification in Total Thyroidectomy? A preliminary Study. Seneviratne RW, Kumara MMAJ, Kumarasinghe JPM, Abewickrama R, De Silva PV Journal of the Ruhunu Clinical Society,vol20 ,No1 ,December 2015.
5. Prevalence of Hypocalcaemia among normothyroid patients with multinodular goitres undergoing total thyroidectomy at professorial surgical unit, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya. Seneviratne RW, Kumara MMAJ, Abeywickrama RP, Kumarasinghe JPM, Hapuarachchi, UI, De Silva PV. Approved for publication by the Editor.
6. Damage Control in Surgery-An Expanding Concept, Asian Journal of Medicine and Health1(1): 1-8, 2016, Article no.AJMAH.28588  
  
Seneviratne RW, Kumara MMAJ, Abeywickrama RP, Kumarasinghe JPM, Hapuarachchi UI;
7. Prevalence of Incidental Thyroid Carcinoma among Total Thyroidectomies performed by PSU-UOR in Multinodular goiters; How Accurate is the Diagnosis and how rational is the treatment?

Seneviratne RW, Kumara MMAJ, Abeywickrama RP, Kumarasinghe JPM, De Silva PV, Anuradhapura Medical Journal. Vol. 12(1), Pp. 17, 2018.

8. Improving the Speed of surgical operations with loupe magnification-the theory behind.

MMAJ Kumara, R Abeywickrama, RW Seneviratne, JPM Kumarasinha (accepted for publication by Anuradapura medical Journal; letter of acceptance attached)

9. Satisfaction and Perception of Effectiveness among elective medical students from developed countries at Department of Surgery, Faculty of medicine, University of Ruhuna-An Audit. RP Abeywickrama, JPM Kumarasingha, RW Seneviratne, PV De Silva. (Forwarded to Galle Medical Journal)

### ***Presentations***

1. The course of the lateral cutaneous nerve of the thigh and the significance of its blockade in harvesting skin grafts from the anterolateral aspect of the thigh.

Abeywickrema R.P, Wijesuriya S.R.E, Amarasinghe L.

Presented at the annual academic sessions of the college of surgeons of Sri Lanka,1999.

2. Quantitative assessment of essential metals in chronic wounds.

Rodrigo I, Liyanage J.A, Wijeratne M, Abeywickrema R.P.

Presented at the annual academic sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), 2005.

3. Audit on the Management of Acute Diverticulitis in a District General Hospital in West Midlands, United Kingdom.2007

4. Case presentation- Fournier's Gangrene-An unusual complication of circumcision. At Russells Hall Hospital , Dudley, United Kingdom. 2008

5. Comparison of quality of life of patients with hydrocele and quality of life of patients with inguinal hernia

Seneviratne RW, Somasiri KG, Abeywickrema RP, Amarasingeh APGP, Ukwaththa C

Galle Medical Journal, Vol. 19; No.2, September 2014

6. Quality of life of patients with primary inguinal hernia before and after surgical repair using polypropylene mesh

Somasiri KG, Abeywickrema RP, Subasinghe RD

Galle Medical Journal, Vol. 19; No.2, September 2014

7. Association of chronic lymphocytic thyroiditis with thyroid malignancies: single unit experience. PYAAN Kumarasinghe, S. Madanayake, MAM Kulasinghe, RW Seneviratne, RP Abeywickrema, The Sri Lanka Journal of surgery, August 2017 Vol. 35.(S1) – Quarterly, ISSN 1391 - 491 X

8. Voice quality of the patients after the total thyroidectomy at professorial surgical unit, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya (THK)

Abeywickrama RP, Kumarasinghe JPM, Kumara MMAJ, Seneviratne RW, De Silva PV.

Ruhuna Clinical Society Annual Academic Sessions 2019

### **Recognized publisher (Books)**

1. Aid to multiple choice questions in surgery, Kumara MMAJ and Others/ed. Seneviratne RW ISBN978-955-4851-07-8 / 9 789554 85107. *I have written 02 of the 20 chapters*
2. Aid to single best answer questions in surgery, Kumara MMAJ and Others/ed. Seneviratne RW ISBN978-955-4851-08-5. *I have written 02 of the 20 chapters*
3. Question based learning objectives in surgery, Kumara MMAJ and Others/ed. Seneviratne RW ISBN978-955-4851-09-2 / 9 789554 851092. *I have written 16 of the 83 mini chapters.*
4. Clinical scenarios in Surgery Kumarasinghe JPM ISBN978-955-4851-10-8/ 9 789554 851108 *I have written 02 of the 08 chapters.*
5. Anatomy of the Lower Limb at a glance MB Samarawickrema, MMAJ Kumara, JPM Kumarasinghe, RP Abeywickrema Bhathiya Publications, ISBN978-955-4851-15-3 *I have written 01 of the 06 chapters.*



### Continuous Medical Education Activities

1. Seminar on Inflammatory Bowel Disease .Colombo Sri Lanka - February - 2006  
Organized by the Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy Society of Sri Lanka.
2. Joint Academic Sessions of the **British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO)** and the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. August 2005 .Colombo . Sri Lanka.
3. September 2004 - A ten day simulated training programme on
  - a. **ETHISKILLS**- basic surgical skills
  - b. **PROXIMATE** staplers
  - c. **Laparoscopic procedures at Ethicon Institute of Surgical Education (EISE), Chennai, India.**
4. Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. 17<sup>th</sup> –21<sup>st</sup> August 2004.
5. The Annual academic sessions of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka and the International Conference of the SAARC Surgical Care Society. 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August 2003, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
6. Postgraduate Course in Surgery – August 2003, Department of Surgery, University of Kelaniya.  
Overview of short and long cases for MS / FRCS conducted by **Prof,A.H.Sheriffdeen. FRCS(Eng), FRCS(Edin)**
7. Postgraduate Course in Rectal Cancer and Stapling.

Department of Surgery, University of Kelaniya. Organized by **Prof.K.I.Deen MS, FRCS.** ( Included an update on colorectal cancer and hands on experience on the use of TIA, and EEA stapler, and TME.)

8. The Inaugural Hepatobiliary Masterclass – 23.03.2003

Resource person : **Mr.Graeme Poston, FRCS.** Conducted by Department of Surgery, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Sri Lanka and the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. (Included an update on the management of CBD injury and the management of hepatic space occupying lesions and hepatic resections.)

9. Vascular workshop 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March 2003

Resource persons : **Prof. S .Wannikasingham FRCS.**

**Prof. A.H.Sherrifdeen FRCS.**

Conducted by Department of Surgery, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. ( Included hands on experience in vascular anastomosis and update on the management of vascular injuries and diseases.)

10. Workshop on **Basic Laparoscopic Surgery** – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2003

Conducted by the Department of Surgery, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Sri Lanka and the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. (Included hands on experience on basic laparoscopic techniques.)

11. Workshop on Diabetic Footcare – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2002

Organized by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka and NovoNordisc Educational foundation, India. (Included management of diabetic foot problems and introduction to podiatry.)

12. Workshop on Rectal Cancer Surgery (Total Mesorectal Excision) – 01<sup>st</sup> August 2002

Resource person: **Prof . R.J.Heald FRCS.**

( Included a live demonstration of Total Mesorectal Excision by Prof .Heald.)

13. Annual Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association – 15<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> August 2002

Held at the faculty of Medicine, Galle.

A joint session with the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka and the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka.

14. **Second Seminar on War Surgery** organized by the ICRC, Medical Services of the Sri Lanka Armed Forces and the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. 14<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> June 2002

15. **Trauma Resuscitation and Initial Management (TRIM)** course –2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002

Organized by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka. (The course covered aspects of initial management of trauma victims.)

16. **Basic Surgical Skills Course** – Organized by the Department of Surgery, University of Peradeniya and the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka.- April 2001

## **Teaching**

### **1. October 1999 to Date**

As a **Lecturer in Surgery** at the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, I have been involved in teaching 3<sup>rd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup> and final year undergraduate medical students during the past **18 years**.

### **2. January 1998 to July 1998**

As a **Demonstrator in Anatomy** at the Department of Anatomy, **Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo**, I conducted tutorials, lectures to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates, Problem Based Learning sessions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students, involved in dissecting cadaveric specimens for demonstrations and undergraduate and postgraduate examinations, and organizing spot specimens, practical examinations and conducting viva voce examinations.

### **Professional memberships**

1. Sri Lanka Medical Council – Registration
2. The College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka – Membership
3. Sri Lanka Medical Association – Membership
4. **General Medical Council (GMC) – Full Registration number - 6151631**
5. **Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, United Kingdom**

### **Other working experience**

1. January 1990-January1991

Clerk / Cashier / Teller, Indian Bank, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2. January 1991-January 1992

Medical Representative, George Steuart & Co,Ltd, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

### **Career Aim**

To be a specialist general surgeon with an interest in **minimally invasive surgery**, and Thyroid, **Colorectal and Breast** work.

### **REFEREES**

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