

CURRICULUM VITAE

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01. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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02. QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED

- M.D (Forensic Medicine), University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2012.
- Diploma in Legal Medicine (D.L.M.), University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2010
- MBBS , University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 2005

03. BRIDGING PROGRAMS / QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

1. Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
1st March 2005, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
2. Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Medicine (DLM)
1st December 2010, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo
3. Doctor of Medicine (Forensic Medicine)
1st November 2012, , Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo
4. IELTS
Centre Number – LK001, Date – 16th of May 2015, Candidate number – 001262
Test results – Listening : 8.0, Writing : 7.0, Reading : 7.5, Speaking : 7.5
Overall band score : 7.5

04. CLINICAL / PROCEDURAL SKILLS

SKILLS AND COMPETENCE ACQUIRED IN FORENSIC MEDICINE AND PATHOLOGY

- Medico-Legal Examination of more than 4000 patients which include cases with traffic accidents, assaults, sexual abuses, child abuses, drunken drivers, torture victims etc.
- Conducted greater than 700 medico-legal autopsies including homicides, maternal deaths, deaths in custody, deaths during anaesthesia, fatal child abuses, etc.
- Examinations of homicides, deaths in custody, surreptitious disposals etc.
- Respond to crime scenes. Collect and document evidence and property.
- Exhumation of buried, surreptitiously disposed bodies.
- Collection of trace materiel in clinical cases and autopsies.
- Appeared as an expert witness in courts.
- Special training in histopathology, forensic psychiatry, venerology, forensic dentistry, gynaecology and obstetrics, neuro-surgery, thoracic- surgery, accident and emergency care relevant to forensic practice.
- Special training in forensic odontology, forensic neuropathology, forensic photography, disaster victim identification, family violence and post mortem CT interpretation (From Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia)

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Examiner at the Department of Forensic medicine, University of Ruhuna, since 2007 to present.

- Council Member of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka in 2011 – 2012, 2014-2015, 2017-2018.
- Editor of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka in 2014-2015
- Secretary of the Ruhuna Faculty of Medicine teachers association Sri Lanka in 2010
- Council member of the Ruhuna Faculty of Medicine teachers association Sri Lanka in 2011, 2012 and 2017
- Student counsellor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
- Faculty representative to the Sports advisory board of the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka

OTHER TRAINING/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Successfully completed a Short Course in Post Mortem CT Interpretation at Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia on September 2016.
- Successfully completed a Forensic Dentistry Short Course in Disaster Victim Identification at Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia on June 2016.
- Successfully completed a Clinical Forensic Medicine Short Course on "Family Violence - behind crimes in the home" at Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia on September 2016.
- Attended the clinical forensic medicine teaching and masters programme conducted at the Victorian institute of Forensic Medicine
- Successfully participated in the consultative workshop on Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology education in Sri Lanka organised by the College of Forensic Pathologist of Sri Lanka and the International committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on 2015.
- Successfully completed the certificate course in professional development in higher education conducted by the staff development centre, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka on May, 2013.
- Successfully participated at a programme on Identifying victims of human trafficking conducted by the International organization for migration on July 2012 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Successfully completed a Course in research methodology in health and social sciences conducted by the Galle research network and the faculty of medicine, university of Ruhuna on October 2011 at the faculty of medicine, university of Ruhuna.
- Successfully completed in the workshop on production of computer based learning materials under the IRQUE-QEF project, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna on January 2008.

- Successfully participated at the training on the comprehensive rehabilitation of torture survivors conducted by SOSRAC (New Delhi) India and Survivors associated – Sri Lanka on November 2008 at Wadduwa, Sri Lanka.
- Successfully participated in the workshop on counselling the undergraduate; ‘workshop for academics’ conducted by the student support service, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka on September 2007.
- Participated in the workshop to review recommended amendments to the Medico-legal examination form conducted by the college of Forensic Pathologist of Sri Lanka on August 2012.
- Participated in the international conference on building resilience at Ahungalla, Sri Lanka on September 2013.
- Participated for the lecturer on “the use of forensic dentistry in increasing post-mortem information of incinerated victims” by Dr. John Berketa in Colombo on June 2013.
- Successfully completed the sexual assault Forensic examination (SAFE) training program conducted by the institute of legal medicine and toxicology, Colombo of the ministry of health, Sri Lanka on January 2013.
- Attended the Pathology Update (annual academic sessions) of Royal college of Pathologists, Australia, 26th -28th February 2016, Melbourne Convention Centre, Victoria Australia.
- Attended the 9th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (INPALMS 2007), 22nd -27th July 2007, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Attended the Annual academic Sessions of College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka. 2007 - 2015.
- Attended the annual Annual Scientific Sessions organized by the Medico-Legal Society of Sri Lanka. 2007-2015.
- Attended the Annual academic sessions of the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. 2007 – 2015.
- Attended the Annual academic sessions of the Galle medical association, Sri Lanka. 2007- 2015.
- Attended the Annual academic sessions of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. 2013-2015.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka since 2010
- Member, Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka since 2010
- Member, Galle medical association of Sri Lanka since 2007

- Member, Ruhuna faculty of Medicine, Teachers association, Sri Lanka since 2007

05. WORK / PRACTICE HISTORY

PRESENT POSITION, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lecturer in Forensic Medicine at the department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka (2007 February up to now)

My duties and responsibilities are to:

- Conduct Medico Legal autopsies including macroscopic and microscopic examinations and other ancillary investigations in relevant cases.
- Medico Legal examination of clinical patients which includes cases of assaults, accidents, sexual abuse, child abuse, torture, and drunken drivers
- Submit autopsy reports and medico legal examination of clinical cases to the coroners and the court of law.
- Respond to crime scenes, mass disasters
- Participate in exhumations
- Examination of skeletal remains and submit reports to the courts
- Cover on call duty as a forensic pathologist on the on call duty roster
- Participate in teaching programmes to law enforcement people, undergraduate medical students, forensic scientists, school children, social workers.
- Supervise and train post graduate registrars in forensic pathology and medical officers in forensic pathology.
- Contribute to continue medical education
- Participate in administration procedures of the institute
- Performed the anatomic examinations and prepared written reports summarising observations and conclusions, incorporating results of toxicology analyses, histology (all cases) and other testing procedures as needed.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Post Graduate Trainee leading to DLM, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka under the guidance and supervision of Dr. M.Vidanapathirana MBBS, DLM, MD, MA (Col), (Senior lecturer and head of the department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka), Oct. 2008 – Oct 2010. (Full time)
- Post Graduate Trainee for MD (Forensic Medicine), Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle, Sri Lanka, under supervision of Dr. P. R. Ruwanpura, MD (USSR), DLM, MD (Col.), DFM (RCRA), DMJ Clin et Path. (Lond) – Chief Consultant Judicial Medical Officer, Dec. 2010 – Dec. 2011. (Full time)

- Post Graduate Trainee for MD (Forensic Medicine), Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka under the supervision of Dr.H.A.M.Mahinda MBBS (Sri Lanka), DLM, MD (Col) (Senior lecturer in Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka), Dec.2011 – Dec. 2012. (Full time)
- Senior registrar in Forensic medicine, General hospital, Mathara, Sri Lanka under supervision of Dr.D.Samaraweera MBBS (Sri Lanka), DLM, MD (Col), Dec 2012 – May 2013. (Full time)
- Senior registrar in Forensic Medicine, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle, Sri Lanka, under supervision of Dr. P. R. Ruwanpura, MD (USSR), DLM, MD (Col.), DFM (RCRA), DMJ Clin et Path. (Lond) – Chief Consultant Judicial Medical Officer, June 2013 – December 2013 (Full time)
- Acting Consultant Judicial Medical officer at the Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle, Sri Lanka, December 2013 – December 2015 (Full time)
- Forensic pathology fellow at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne, Austraria, December 2015 – December 2016 (Full time)

MEDICAL INTERNSHIPS

- House Officer in Surgery, General Hospital, Mathara, Sri Lanka under Dr. V.P.Gamage, (Consultant Surgeon), Feb 2006 – July 2006. (Full time)
- House Officer in Medicine, General Hospital, Mathara, Sri Lanka under Dr. M. Mujahid, (Consultant Physician), Aug 2006 – Feb 2007. (Full time)

06. GAPS IN WORK / PRACTICE HISTORY

Not applicable

07. REGISTRATION HISTORY

- Authority : Sri Lanka Medical Council
- Registration Number : 21832
- Registration date : 06/02/2007

08. REFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS

01. Rathnaweera RHAJ. Trends of suicides in Galle- Sri Lanka. Medico-legal journal of Sri Lanka Vol 2, No 2, Dec 2013

02. Rathnaweera RHAI. A study on the victims of assaults in Matara. *Medico-legal journal of Sri Lanka* Vol 3, No 1, June 2014
03. Rathnaweera RHAI. Sexual violence towards females in Matara. *Medico-legal journal of Sri Lanka* Vol 3, No 1, June 2014
04. Rathnaweera RHAI. Trends of homicides in Galle-Sri Lanka. *Medico-legal journal of Sri Lanka* Vol 3, No 2, Dec 2014
05. Rathnaweera RHAI. Deaths following trivial trauma. *Medico-legal journal of Sri Lanka* Vol 3, No 2, Dec 2014
06. Rathnaweera RHAI. A death of a pregnant mother following Leptospirosis. *Medico-legal journal of Sri Lanka* Vol 3, No 2, Dec 2014
07. Ruwanpura PR, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. Severe pulmonary leptospirosis associated with high fatality rate: an autopsy series in Galle, southern Sri Lanka. *Med j Malaysia* Volume 67, No 06, December 2012
08. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. An alleged case of assault and murder turned out to be a run over accident. *The Galle medical journal* Volume 14, No 1, September 2009.
09. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. An alleged case of unusual human bite. *The Galle medical journal* Volume 13, No 1, September 2008.
10. Rathnaweera RHAI, Lamahewage A. Chronic pyelonephritis – are we under diagnosing it? 7th academic sessions of the University of Ruhuna on March 2010
11. Vidanapathirana M, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. A study on pregnant teenagers referred by obstetricians for medico-legal examinations. *Medico-legal journal of Sri Lanka* Volume 1, No1, April 2011
12. Rathnaweera RHAI. A descriptive study on homicides. Oral presentation at the First academic sessions of the Faculty of Medicine-University of Ruhuna on July-2013, and oral presentation at 11th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (INPALMS 2013), 05-10th Oct 2013. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
13. Rathnaweera RHAI, Gunarathna EGUN. A brutal case of physical child abuse. Poster presentation at the 13th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on February 2015.
14. Rathnaweera RHAI. A study on self inflicted injuries among patients presented to teaching hospital – Karapitiya. Poster presentation at the 13th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on February 2015.
15. Vidanapathirana M, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. Comparison of deaths due to lethal weapons during and after civil strife in Sri Lanka: a medico-legal analysis. Oral presentation at the 13th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on February 2015.
16. Ruwanpura PR, Rathnaweera RHAI. Timing of contusions – a preliminary study. Oral presentation at the Annual scientific sessions of Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka on August 2014
17. Vidanapathirana M, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. Comparison of injuries and correlates of male victims of sexual assault during and after terrorism in Sri Lanka; a medico-legal study. Oral presentation at the Annual scientific sessions of Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka on August 2014.
18. Vidanapathiran M, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. Comparison of nature, characteristics and correlates of the elderly abuse to community violence. Oral presentation at the 12th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on March 2014.
19. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. Maternal deaths – the rare causes. Poster presentation at the 12th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on March 2014. (Won the gold medal for best case report)
20. Rathnaweera RHAI, Gunarathna EGUN. A case of child hood malignancy. Poster presentation at the 12th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on March 2014.
21. Rathnaweera RHAI, Gunarathna EGUN. A rare case of posterior mediastinal tumour in an adult. Poster presentation at the 12th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on March 2014.

22. Rathnaweera RHAI. Myocarditis – the illusive illness. Poster presentation at the 12th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on March 2014.
23. Rathnaweera RHAI, Ruwanpura PR et al. Child sexual abuse in Galle. Poster presentation at the 12th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on March 2014.
24. Rathnaweera RHAI. A case of fatal haemorrhage due to ruptured varicose veins. Oral presentation at the Annual scientific sessions of Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka on September – 2012.
25. Rathnaweera RHAI. A case of human trafficking. Orall presentation at the Annual scientific sessions of Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka on September – 2012
26. Rathnaweera RHAI. A man as a victim of intimate partner violence. Poster presentation at the 10th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on February -2012.
27. Rathnaweera RHAI, Fenando LBM. A sudden death of an infant due to endocardiofibroelastosis. Poster presentation at the 10th annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on February -2012.
28. Vidanapathirana M, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. Raping the innocent: are we equipped to manage child sexual abuse in Forensic medical setting. Oral presentation at the Annual scientific sessions of Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka on July – 2011.
29. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M). Non-communicable disease: still the biggest killer! Oral presentation at annual scientific sessions of the Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka. Sept 2013.
30. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. A study on the injuries sustained by three-wheeler occupants in an accident. Oral presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on October 2008.
31. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. A study on the injuries sustained by motor bicycle occupants. Poster presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on October 2008.
32. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. A study on the victims of assault in Galle – a comparison with previous findings. Poster presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on October 2008.
33. Vidanapathirana M, Wagasenevi W, Rathnaweera RHAI. A study on suspects of terrorist activists detained at terrorist investigation division – Boossa. Poster presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on October 2008.
34. Rathnaweera RHAI, Lamahewage A. A study of autopsy findings in 10 cases of Leptospirosis in Galle, Sri Lanka. Oral presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on November 2009.
35. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M, Irangi SAN. A study on deaths due to suicides, based on cases reported to Teaching Hospital Karapitiya from 2007 to 2009. Poster presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on November 2009.
36. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. After drop phenomenon leads to hypothermia. Poster presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on November 2009.
37. Vidanapathirana M, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. A study on pregnant teenagers referred by obstetricians for medico-legal examinations. Oral presentation at the annual academic sessions of the college of Forensic pathologist of Sri Lanka on February 2011.
38. Vidanapathirana M, Rathnaweera RHAI et al. Incidence of assault in Galle, Sri Lanka. Poster presentation at the 9th Indo-pacific congress on legal medicine and forensic sciences of the Indo-pacific association of law, Medicine and science on July 2007.
39. Rathnaweera RHAI, Vidanapathirana M. Victims of road traffic accidents: pedestrians or occupants? Oral presentation at annual scientific sessions of the Medico-legal society of Sri Lanka. Sept 2009.
40. Dahanayaka K, Jayasumana C, Ruwanpura R, Dahanayaka M, Rathnaweera RHAI. Toxicological aspects of non-communicable diseases (NCD) in Sri Lanka: A critical review in medico-legal perspectives. Poster presentation at 11th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (INPALMS 2013), 05-10th Oct 2013. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

41. Ruwanpura R, Warushahennadi W, Rathnaweera RHAI. Explosive injuries following bomb blasts in Sri Lanka. Poster presentation at 11th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (INPALMS 2013), 05-10th Oct 2013. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
42. Rathnaweera RHAI, Munasingha KM, Amarasingha D. Study on child sexual abuse in Galle. Oral presentation at Annual academic sessions of the Medico-Legal society of Sri Lanka. Aug 2016.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Forensic Histopathology

Disaster victim identification

Post-mortem imaging

Family violence investigation

REFEREES

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Monash University
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I do, hereby, certify that the details furnished by me above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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