

# **PROFESSOR INDRALAL VASANTHA DEVASIRI**

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## **EDUCATION**

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MBBS, University of Ruhuna, 1985  
DCH, University of Colombo, 1992  
MD, University of Colombo, 1994  
Board Certified as a specialist in aediatrics, 1996

## **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

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Current      Dean, Faculty of Medicine University of Ruhuna  
                Professor in Paediatrics  
                President Sri Lanka College of Paediatrics  
                Fellow of Sri Lanka College of Paediatrics  
                Honorary Consultant Pediatrician to the Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle

2016 - 2019 Head of the Department of Pediatrics (2014-), Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

2001- 2016    Senior Lecturer, Department of Pediatrics, University of Ruhuna

1996- 2000    Lecture, Department of Paediatrics, University of Ruhuna

1997- 1998    Honorary fellow in Royal Children's Hospital New South Wales Australia

Prof. Vasantha Devasiri, Curriculum Vitae, Nov 2019

- 1994- 1996 Senior Registrar, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, Galle
- 1989- 1993 Registrar in Pediatrics in Professorial Pediatrics Units in Colombo (Lady Ridgeway Hospital) and in Galle (Teaching Hospital Karapitiya)
- 1986- 1989 Demonstrator, Departments of anatomy and Pediatrics, University of Ruhuna
- 1985- 1986 Internship General Hospital Kalutara, Sri Lanka

## **AWARDS**

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- 2004 Presidential Awards for Research
- 2011 Presidential Awards for Research
- 2011 Best Scientific Paper award, 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association
- 2012 Presidential Awards for Research
- 2012 Fellowship FAIMER Institute, Philadelphia, USA
- 2013 NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publication
- 2014 Best Poster presentation, 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions of the Galle Medical Association
- 2015 Presidential Awards for Research
- 2015 NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publication

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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### **Present:**

Dean Faculty of Medicine  
President Sri Lanka College of Paediatrics

Education expert in the Management Committee of the Staff Development Centre, University of Ruhuna

Committee member in the Program Committee of the Staff Development Centre, University of Ruhuna

Faculty representative in the committee appointed to develop Pediatrics core curriculum for undergraduate students in Sri Lankan universities

Member of the Curriculum Development and Evaluation Committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

**Previous:**

2018- 2019 Chairperson of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell Faculty of Medicine,

2007- 2015 Head and Chairperson, Medical Education and Staff Development Unit, Faculty of Medicine University of Ruhuna

2009- 2015 Member of the Board of Study Medical Education Post Graduate Institute of Medicine University of Colombo

2012- 2015 Member of the Board of Study (Paediatrics) in Post Graduate Institute of Medicine

2006- 2009 Member of the Board of Study (Paediatrics) in Post Graduate Institute of Medicine

2008- 2011 Chairperson for the Curricular Revision Committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. During that period conceptualized and worked to introduce seven modules to the medical curriculum identified as Component of integrated Learning (CIL)

2006- 2007 Council member of the College of Paediatricians

2017 -2019 Vice President, President Elect Sri Lanka College of Paediatrician

2015- 2016 Council member of the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) and a member in the Professional Conduct Committee of the SLMC

2009- 2010 President of the Ruhuna University Medical School Alumni (RUMSSA)

2001- 2002 President of Galle Medical Association

- 1999- 2000 Secretary of Galle Medical Association
- 2007 Coordinator for the committee of developing national guidelines on management of diarrhea and dehydration in children

### **SPECIAL TRAINING**

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- 1997- 1998 Pediatric Cardiology in New Children's hospital NSW Australia as an Honorary Fellow
- 2001 Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (ASTHE) awarded by University of Colombo
- 2006 Accreditation of Senior Teachers in Higher Education was awarded (Accredited to SEDA UK.)
- 2008 Special training on Teaching Learning and Assessment received at University of Durham UK
- 2012 Fellow of FAIMER Institute, Philadelphia, USA on Medical Education and leadership skills development
- 2013 Completed Training the Trainer Course in Advanced Pediatrics Life Support (APLS)
- 2014 Completed Training the Trainer Course in Communicating Skills (Cambridge Calgary method)
- 2014 Completed Training the Trainer Course in Breast Feeding Counselling

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN ASSOCIATIONS**

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Fellow in Sri Lankan College of Pediatricians

Sri Lanka Medical Association

Galle Medical Association

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Full Papers

- 1. Unsuspected dengue and acute febrile illness in rural and semi-urban southern Sri Lanka.** Reller ME, Bodinayake C, Nagahawatte A, **Devasiri V**, Kodikara Arachchi W, Strouse JJ, Broadwater A, Østbye T, de Silva A, Woods CW. *Emerg Infect Dis.* 2012 Feb;18(2):256-63. doi: 10.3201/eid1802.110962.
- 2. Unsuspected Rickettsioses among Patients with Acute Febrile Illness, Sri Lanka, 2007.** Reller ME, Bodinayake C, Nagahawatte A, **Devasiri V**, Kodikara Arachchi W, Strouse JJ, Flom JE, Ostbye T, Woods CW, Dumler JS. *Emerg Infect Dis.* 2012 May;18(5):825-9. doi: 10.3201/eid1805.111563.
- 3. Leptospirosis as frequent cause of acute febrile illness in southern Sri Lanka.** Reller ME, Bodinayake C, Nagahawatte A, **Devasiri V**, Kodikara Arachchi W, Strouse JJ, Flom JE, Dumler JS, Woods CW *Emerg Infect Dis.* 2011 Sep;17(9):1678-84.
- 4. An Under-Recognized Influenza Epidemic Identified by Rapid Influenza Testing, Southern Sri Lanka, 2013.**Tillekeratne LG, Bodinayake CK, Nagahawatte, A, Vidanagama, D, **Devasiri, V**, Kodikara Arachchi, W, Kurukulasooriya, R, De Silva, D, Ostbye, T, Reller ME, Woods, CW. - Full paper-*The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.* (AJTMH-14-0708 –2015).
- 5. Use of Rapid Influenza Testing to Reduce Antibiotic Prescriptions Among Outpatients with Influenza-Like Illness in Southern Sri Lanka.** L. Gayani Tillekeratne, Champica K. Bodinayake, Ajith Nagahawatte, Dhammika Vidanagama, **Vasantha Devasiri**, Wasantha Kodikara Arachchi, Ruvini Kurukulasooriya, Aruna Dharshan De Silva, Truls Østybe, Megan E. Reller, Christopher W. Woods. - Full paper-*The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.* (AJTMH –2015)
- 6. Chikungunya as a cause of acute febrile illness in Southern Sri Lanka.** Reller ME, Akoroda U, Nagahawatte A, **Devasiri V**, Kodikara Arachchi W, Strouse JJ, Chua R, Hou Y, Chow A, Sessions OM, Østbye T, Gubler DJ, Woods CW, Bodinayake C. *PLoS One.* 2013; 8(12): e82259. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.008225
- 7. Wheeze and urban variation in South Asia.** Mistry R, Wickramasingha N, Ogston S, Singh M, **Devasiri V**, Mukhopadhyay S. *Eur J Pediatr.* 2004 Mar;163(3):145-7. Epub 2004
- 8. An outbreak of salmonellosis following consumption of monkey meat** Lamabadusuriya SP, Perera C, **Devasiri IV**, Jayantha UK, Chandrasiri N. *J Trop Med Hyg.* 1992 Aug;95(4):292-5.
- 9. Changing antibiotic sensitivity patterns in shigellosis.** Lamabadusuriya SP, **Devasiri IV**, Jayantha UK, Perera C. *Ceylon Med J.* 1991 Dec; 36(4):159-61.

10. **Congenital nephrotic syndrome.** De Silva DG, **Devasiri IV**, Dharmasiri H, Pathirana C. Ceylon Med J. 1995 Mar;40(1):40-1.
11. **Role of infection and exchange transfusion in fulminant hepatic failure.** de Silva DG, Fernando AJ, **Devasiri IV**. Ceylon Med J. 1993 Dec;38(4):188-90.
12. **"CHARGE" association.** Jayantha UK, **Devasiri IV**, de Silva DG. Ceylon Med J. 1993 Sep;38(3):136-
13. **DiGeorge syndrome: a case report.** Kankanarachch, **Devasiri IV**, Rathuwithana C, Wackwella WGHC, Atapattu N. Ruhunu Clinical Society J.2015 Dec; Vol.20,No.1
14. **Study on Knowledge and Practices of the Use of Bp 100 among Parents of Children with Severe Acute Under Nutrition (Sau) at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya.** Kankanarachchi I., Fernando CMP., **Devasiri IV.**, Dharmasiri HHKT., Jayathilaka EA and Shanika JBAG. *International Journal of Recent Scientific Research.* 2018 June;9 (6F): 27619-27621.

#### Abstracts

1. **Developing Drivers of Curriculum Change within a Traditional Medical School Resistant to Change.** Avindra Jayawardene, **Vasantha Devasiri.** 6th Congress of the Asian Medical Education Association. Trends in Medical Education 23- 26 March 2011, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2. **Leptospirosis and Rickettsioses cause Acute Febrile Illness in Children in Southern Sri Lanka.** Megan E. Reller, Champika Bodinayake, Ajith Nagahawatte, Wasantha Kodikara-Arachchi, JohnJ. Strouse, J Stephen Dumler, Christopher W. Woods, **Vasantha Devasiri.** 6th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases- 28 November – 1 December 2012 BMICH, Colombo, Sri Lanka
3. **Epidemiological and Clinical Characteristics of Dengue during Epidemic and non-Epidemic periods in Southern Sri Lanka- Lessons from 2007 and 2012-2013.** Bodinayake CK, Tillekeratne LG, Nagahawatte A, **Devasiri IV**, Kodikara Arachchi W, Ostbye T, Gubler DJ, Woods CW, Reller ME. Ruhuna Journal of Medicine, July 2014. Vol 2.No.1
4. **Accuracy of Clinical Diagnosis of Dengue during non-Epidemic and Epidemic Periods in Southern Sri Lanka, 2007 and 2012-2013.** Bodinayake CK, Tillekeratne LG, Nagahawatte A, **Devasiri IV**, Kodikara Arachchi W, Ostbye T, Gubler DJ, Woods CW, Reller ME. CCP Annual Academic Sessions 2014
5. **The Usage of Prophylactic Treatment in Children with Bronchial Asthma.** **Devasiri I.V.**, Wickramasingha E.M.N. Journal of Galle Medical Association. september 2002 Volume 3
6. **How do students learn?** Study on learning styles using VARK questionnaire. Bodinayake C.K, **Devasiri I.V.** Galle Medical Journal 2008 Sep (abstract)
7. **Active self-directed learning – Are we ready to change?** Bodinayake C.K, **Devasiri I.V.** Galle Medical Journal 2007

8. **“Are students mature enough to decide on what they should learn?”** V. Devasiri, R Hewapathirana, A Jayawardena Galle Medical Journal 2007 Sep Vol 12 No11
9. **Addressing possible impacts on the learning climate of medical students at University of Ruhuna based on teacher perceptions.** Vasantha Devasiri Oral persentaion SLAIHEE Conference April 27<sup>th</sup> 2007

## **OTHER**

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Special interesting in literature, history, culture and Buddhism

Currently working on publishing a poetry book.

## **REFREES**

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### **Prof D G H de Silva**

Professor of Paediatrics,  
Department of Paediatrics,  
University of Colombo.

### **Prof Asvini D Fernando**

Professor in Paediatrics,  
Department of Paediatrics,  
University of Kelaniya.