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QUALIFICATIONS

1. MBBS - obtained on 06.05.2003 from Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
2. Post-graduate Diploma in Medical Microbiology – obtained on 01.11.2007 from Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
3. MD in Medical Microbiology - obtained on 01.03.2013 from Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

CAREER PLAN

After obtaining MBBS degree in 2003, I worked as an intern house officer in paediatrics and general surgery at Lady Ridgeway hospital for children and the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. Thereafter I worked as a post intern house officer at Emergency treatment unit at Teaching hospital Karapitiya, Galle. Then I worked as a medical officer at Intensive Care unit of Teaching hospital Mahamodara, Galle.

In 2006, I entered post graduate training in Medical Microbiology conducted by the post graduate institute of Medicine leading to a Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Microbiology and MD in Medical Microbiology.

I joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka as a lecturer in microbiology since 03.02.2014.

I completed one year post MD training at Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley District General Hospital of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust in United Kingdom.

Currently I am a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Microbiology engaging in teaching, diagnostic and research activities.

My career objective is to become a good academic and serve the country and its people in many possible ways.

Publications

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