

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Qualifications : MBBS (Ruhuna) 1985
 MD Paed. (University of Colombo) 1990
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 DCH (University of Sydney) 1993
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Academic Record

Second MBBS	Anatomy	Pass
	Physiology	
	Biochemistry	
Third MBBS	Microbiology	Second Class
	Parasitology	
	Pharmacology	
	Forensic Medicine	
	Community Medicine	
	Pathology	
Final MBBS	Medicine	Second class upper (Hons) Distinction in Paediatrics
	Surgery	
	Obstetrics & Gynecology	
	Paediatrics	

Previous experience

Post	Period	Duration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna 	05.03.2019 to date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson, Board of Study in Paediatrics 	10.06.2018 to 21.06.2021	3 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Science 	20.11.2017 to 05.03.2019	2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Professor in Paediatrics 	20.09.2016	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor in Paediatrics 	20.09.2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founder Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Sir John Kotalawela Medical faculty, Rathmalana. 	07.01.2010 - 22.11.2011	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Professor in Paediatrics 	03.09.2003 - 19.09.2008	5 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head, Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna 	01.02.1999 - 29.02.2008	9 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Lecturer in Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna 	15.01.1994 - 03.09.2003	9 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar in Paediatrics, Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney, NSW 	09.07.1993 – 08.01.1994	6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar in Neonatology, Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney, NSW, Australia 	09.01.1993 – 08.07.1993	6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar in Neonatology, Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 	01.08.1991 – 08.01.1993	18 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer in Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Galle 	06.11.1990 – 14.07.1991	8 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Paediatrician, Lady Ridgeway Hospital, Colombo 	01.01.1990 – 06.11.1990	11 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar in Paediatrics, Lady Ridgeway Hospital, Colombo 	01.01.1988 – 31.12.1989	2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House officer – Surgical Intensive Care Unit General Hospital, Colombo 	01.09.1986 – 31.12.1987	16 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House officer – General Surgery, General Hospital, Colombo 	01.11.1985 – 30.04.1986	6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House officer – General Medicine, General Hospital, Colombo 	01.05.1985 – 31.10.1985	6 months

Academic Distinctions and fellowships

1. Distinctions in Paediatrics in final MBBS
2. C.R de Silva Gold medal for Paediatrics
3. Placed first in the batch completing MBBS in 1985 in University of Ruhuna
4. Placed second in the All-Island order of merit formulated by the UGC involving 4
5. Universities – Colombo, Peradeniya, Ruhuna & Jaffna
6. Australian College of Pediatrics Traveling fellowship 1991
7. WHO Fellowship. John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, March 1997
8. Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Fellowship on medical education in 2000 – Dundee Scotland
9. WHO Fellowship on Drugs and Therapeutic committees – Yogyakarta Indonesia.
10. International society for prevention of child abuse and neglect Fellowship (IPSCAN)- Istanbul, Turkey.
11. Resource person for WHO TAG on Maternal and Newborn Health since 2015 and contributed for many technical meetings.

Teaching experience

I have been teaching undergraduates and postgraduates from 1990 using all forms of teaching learning methods. I have undergone training in medical education in University of Dundee. I have been regularly evaluated by the peers and the students on teaching as an institutional requirement. This has been very good or excellent.

I have also functioned as a supervisor and a teacher for postgraduates attached to University Paediatric Unit. Our unit trains 2 to 3 postgraduates a year for higher qualifications. The training is appraisal based in service training. The trainees have rated the training highly.

I have been an examiner at both undergraduate and post graduate level for the last 28 years. In Final MBBS examinations from 1991 to 2018 at Faculty of Medicine, Galle and conducted examination as chief examiner for 9 years. This includes all components of the examination like theory, clinical, OSCE and community assessment with no reported incidents in malpractices.

I have been an external examiner in the other Faculties of Medicine at Peradeniya, Kelaniya, Colombo, Jaffna, Rajarata, Sri Jayawardenapura on a regular basis during these 28 years. I have been an examiner at postgraduate examinations of the PGIM for the last 24 years in MD and DCH. This includes being the chief examiner and coordinator and host examiner in Galle.

I have also contributed as a trainer for

1. Training in rural health
2. Neonatal advanced Life Support (NALS) Provider and Trainer
3. Advanced Paediatric life support (APLS)
4. Trainer in Management of Child Abuse and Neglect
5. Course coordinator Diploma in Lactation Management course
6. Coordinator for the BSc degree in Nursing 2002 to 2006
7. Principal coordinator of the Allied Health Sciences Degree Program 2008 - 2009

Administrative experience

I have been the Head of the Department of Paediatrics for 9 years continuously. This is a long period of experience as an administrator. During this period, I was able to run the affairs of the Department extremely well to the satisfaction of Heads of the institution and the Vice Chancellors, colleagues in the Department and students.

This work included organization and conduct of the teaching /training program for both undergraduate and postgraduate students, conduct of the examinations and submission of results and providing a clinical service through the University paediatrics unit.

There were regular consultative meetings of the department and a democratic culture was established during this period. Delegation of duties and responsibilities were effectively done. Student teaching and examinations were organized. Mentoring system for academic work was commenced. Student evaluations were conducted and over 95% of students were extremely happy about learning in the feedback evaluations.

There were many administrative committees I had to contribute such as Curriculum Development and Evaluation Committee, Finance and Administration committee, Scholarship and Fellowship committee, Ethics committee, Canteen committee, Auditorium committee, backlog clearing and many other ad hoc committees appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Medicine. I have contributed and gained much administrative experience. I also was the first coordinator of the common MCQ examination paper in Paediatrics in 2006.

Sir John Kotelawala Defence University faculty of medicine was developed as founder Dean, with development of curriculum design. As President of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians 2014/2015 and President of the Perinatal society of Sri Lanka 2007/2008 I was able take NALS around the country to reduce neonatal mortality due to Perinatal Asphyxia in 2007. I am a certified trainer and an instructor for APLS in Sri Lanka /Australia. I am also an instructor in the generic instructor course. (GIC)

I have been a resource person for the **INTERNATIONAL APLS provider course**.

Postgraduate supervision – Research

Supervisor:

- Mrs. Thushari Bandara - PhD Research “Breast milk consumption, body composition and complementary feeding practices and the impact on nutritional status among Sri Lankan infants”
- Dr. Janithra de Silva - PhD Research “Knowledge on and correlates of birth defects, risk factors and prevention and management of birth defects among pregnant mothers in Galle”

Visiting Lecturer: General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University
BSc. Nursing Programme, faculty of medicine, university of Ruhuna

Publications:

Books

1. Alumni of Ruhuna Medical School- This is a 200-page book edited by me as the single author describing the achievements of the Alumni of the Ruhuna Medical School up to the twenty first batches. ISBN 955-1402-00-06 Printed by Upuli offset printers (pvt) ltd, Galle
2. Training manual for the Neonatal Advanced Life Support (NALS) course. This book was authored jointly with four others. This was used to train over 500 doctors, nurses, and midwives in the country.
3. Training manual for the Neonatal Advanced Life Support (Sinhala translation. This was done mainly by me with two other temporary demonstrators. This contributes for a national training program in a major way as midwives and nurse were finding it difficult to cope with the training using the English manual.

4. Student Hand book for the Rural Health Training for medical students done with several other authors but I was the Person in Charge of this activity. 3 editions had been printed in this book.
5. Training manual for case conferences.
6. Guidelines of management of Congenital Hypothyroidism.
7. Guidelines of Newborn care.
8. Establishment of National programme on newborn screening for congenital Hypothyroidism. Sri Lanka Journal of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism
9. Correlates of knowledge on birth defects and associated factors among antenatal mothers in Galle, Sri Lanka: A cross-sectional analytical study
BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

Orations

1. **“Lessons Learnt from Sri Lanka”** World Congress of Reproductive biology, Nagpur, India in 2010.
2. **Dr CWW Kannangara memorial oration at National Institute of Education on 13.10.201**

Publications in indexed journals

1. Fernando R, De Silva DH, **Amarasena TS**. An unusual case of fatal accidental paraquat poisoning. Forensic science international. 1990 Jan 1;44(1):23-6.
2. De Silva D, **Amarasena S**, Samarasinghe D, Mangalika M. Ivemark syndrome: a case report.
3. De Silva DG, **Amarasena TS**, Fernando AJ, Nanayakkara BG. Could sternomastoid tumour be inherited?
<http://hellis.srilankahealthrepository.org/handle/123456789/5764>
4. **Amarasena, S**, Lekamwasam, S. & Jayawardena, P., (2009). Cyclical intravenous pamidronate therapy in children with osteogenesis imperfecta. Ceylon Medical Journal. 50(3), pp.137–138. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/cmj.v50i3.1440>

5. Farooque A, Atapattu N, **Amarasena S**, Högler W, English MW, Kirk JM. An association of craniopharyngioma in Turner syndrome. *Pediatric blood & cancer*. 2013 Jun;60(6): E7-9. DOI: 10.1002/pbc.24411
6. De Silva D, Fernando A, **Amarasena S**. Ethical aspects of CMJ articles. *The Ceylon medical journal*. 1997 Jun;42(2):103.
7. Bandara T, Hettiarachchi M, Liyanage C, **Amarasena S**. Current infant feeding practices and impact on growth in babies during the second half of infancy. *Journal of human nutrition and dietetics*. 2015 Aug;28(4):366-74.
8. Hettiarachchi M, **Amarasena S**. Indicators of newborn screening for congenital hypothyroidism in Sri Lanka: program challenges and way forward. *BMC health services research*. 2014 Dec;14(1):385.
9. Bandara T, Hettiarachchi M, Liyanage C, **Amarasena S**, Wong WW. Body composition among Sri Lankan infants by 18 O dilution method and the validity of anthropometric equations to predict body fat against 18 O dilution. *BMC pediatrics*. 2015 Dec;15(1):52.
10. Bandara T, Hettiarachchi M, Liyanage C, **Amarasena S**, Wong WW. The Deuterium Oxide-to-the-Mother Method Documents Adequate Breast-Milk Intake among Sri Lankan Infants—4. *The Journal of nutrition*. 2015 Apr 22;145(6):1325-1329.
11. **Amarasena S**. Incidence of breast and nipple abnormalities among primigravid women in Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. 2008 Sep 23;35(2).
12. **Amarasena TS**, Hapaurachchi GK, de Silva MH. A female with dyskeratosis congenita. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. 2009 Mar 6;34(4).
13. **Amarasena S**, Samanlatha MG, de Silva MH, Kolombage P. A 12 year old girl with acrodysostosis: a rare cause of short stature. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. 2009 Jul 11;38(2).
14. **Amarasena, S.**, Sudewa, L. & Hettigama, A., (2009). A neonate with quadruple cephalhaematoma, anaemia and heart failure. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. 37(4), pp.127–128. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/slch.v37i4.305>
15. **Amarasena S**, Samanlatha MK, De Silva MH, Kolombage P. A four-and-a-half-year-old boy with myositis ossificans progressiva. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. 2009 Sep 3;38(3).

16. **Amarasena, S.** et al., (2008). A case of neurofibromatosis with Chiari malformation type 1, syringobulbia and duplex system of the kidney. Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health. 37(1), pp.26–29. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/sljch.v37i1.89>
17. Pallemulla, S., **Amarasena, S.** & Wadanamby, S., (2009). A rare case of multiple hereditary exostoses with spinal cord compression. Galle Medical Journal. 12(1), pp.78–80. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/gmj.v12i1.1106>
18. **Amarasena S.** Guidelines for the use of surfactant in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health. 2008 Sep 25;37(3).
19. Kankanarachchi C, Wickramasinghe N, Vithana S, Munasinghe T, **Amarasena S.** A case of Revesz syndrome. Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health. 2018 Jun 5;47(2):183-5. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4038/sljch.v47i2.8492>
20. Jai K. Das, Arjumand Rizvi, Zaid Bhatti, Vinod Paul, Rajiv Bahl, Mohammad Shahidullah, Dharma Manandar, Hedayatullah Stanekzai, **Sujeewa Amarasena** & Zulfiqar A Bhutta The state of neonatal health care in eight countries of the SAARC region, South Asia; how can we make a difference? Paediatrics and International Child Health, 35:3.174-186 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1179/2046905515Y.0000000046>
21. Bilesha Perera, **Sujeewa Amarasena**, Champa Wijesinghe, Ananda Wijesiri, Nayana Fernando, Saman Jayasinghe, Asanka Kapilaratna. An evaluation of a community-based learning program designed for medical undergraduates in Sri Lanka. International Journal of Child Health Human Development 2010;3(1).43-48
22. **Amarasena Sujeewa**, Hettiarachchi Manjula, Establishment of National programme on newborn screening for congenital Hypothyroidism. Sri Lanka Journal of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism. 2018: 8(20) 13-18
DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/sjdem.v8i2.7361>
23. De Silva, J., Amarasena, S., Jayaratne, K. and Perera, B., 2019. Correlates of knowledge on birth defects and associated factors among antenatal mothers in Galle, Sri Lanka: a cross-sectional analytical study. BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, 19:35
URL: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12884-018-2163-9>

Scientific Papers

- 1.State of Immunization of children admitted to Professorial Paediatric ward. Galle Clinical Society Annual Sessions 1991.Abstracts No:24;26
- 2.Is patient compliance satisfactory with oral penicillin prophylaxis of Rheumatic fever. Galle Clinical Society Annual Sessions 1991. Abstracts No;27; 28
- 3.Sickle cell Anaemia masquerading as chronic hepatitis. Galle Clinical Society Annual Sessions 1991.Abstracts No:26 ;27
- 4.Could sternomastoid tumour be inherited. A case report Sri Lanka Paediatric Association Annual Sessions 1994.
- 5.Shedding lighter. Annual Sessions, Galle Medical Association 1996. Abstract No.21.
- 6.Can we leave them alone? Annual Sessions, Galle Medical Association 1996. Abstract No. 22
- 7.Neonatal transport requirement of the peripheral hospitals of Galle District. Annual sessions, Galle Medical Association 1997. Abstract No; 3
- 8.Lissencephaly pachygyria syndrome – A case report.Annual sessions, Galle Medical Association 1997. Abstract No: 17
- 9.Diaphragmatic Herniae in two of quadruplets. Annual Sessions, Galle Medical Association 1997. Abstract No ;23
- 10.Alexander’s disease – A case report. Annual Sessions, Galle Medical Association 1998.Abstact No :8
- 11.Condition on admission and outcome in neonatal transfers to University Paediatric Unit. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress 1998. Vol-No:.2;33 ISSN :1391-2992
- 12.Poor recognition of lactation failure & severe breast-feeding malnutrition. Annual sessions, Galle Medical Association 1998. Abstract No:18
- 13.Analysis of indications for admission and case of deaths in neonates over 3 months’ period. Annual sessions, Galle Medical Association 1998. Abstract; No ;17
- 14.Neonatal transport requirement in peripheral hospitals of the Galle district Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians Scientific Congress 1999.Vol-No:3; 2; 29

15. Knowledge in neonatal resuscitation among final year medical students. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians Scientific Congress 1999. Vol-No:1-No :2,34;71
16. Abuse within the system of protection. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians Scientific Congress 1999. Vol-No: 3,5;32
17. School of scandal. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians Scientific Congress 1999 Vol-No:3, Abstract No;2,56
18. Incidence of breast and nipple abnormalities among primigravid women in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians Scientific Congress 2001 Vol-No:2; 6; 38
19. Two children with Osteogenesis Imperfecta treated with IV Pamidronate Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2002. vol.2-No.3 Abstract No:3, 64
20. Short term outcome of institutionalized children, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2002 Vol.2 No:3,17;52
21. Effectiveness of case conferences in the management of child abuse and neglect. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2002. Vol.2 No:3,19;54
22. Child abuse and neglect: Reflections on the tip of the iceberg Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2002. Vol.2 No:3,20;55
23. Usefulness of ABC analysis to improve drug use in institutions. Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association, 2002. Vol .3-No.1;1 **This paper won the best paper award of the sessions.**
24. Usefulness of specialist outreach clinics Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association 2002 Vol.3No.1
25. Child abuse and neglect: Background of victims and perpetrators Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2002. Vol.3-No:1, Abstract No;20
26. Service need of the victims of child abuse. Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association, 2002 Abstract No; 12.
27. Inhaled corticosteroids and bone density in Asthmatic children: preliminary data Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association, 2002 Abstract No;11
28. It is difficult to feed my child. Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association, 2002. vol.3-No:1, Abstract No;19

29. Two children with osteogenesis imperfecta treated with intravenous pamidronate Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association, 2002 Abstract No;18
30. Tsunami recovery and repair first 100 days Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2005
31. Student's evaluation of clinical teaching, Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association, 2005.
32. Lecture attendance and examination performance, Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association, 2005.
33. Child protection in the aftermath of Tsunami current situation, Asia pan Pacific conference on public Health, Taiwan, November 2005
34. Role of the Faculty of Medicine as the disaster management, University of Ruhuna Tsunami Conference.
35. First hundred days: Repair and Recovery Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians 9th Annual Scientific Congress 2005 vol2-No.6;68 ISSN:1391-2992
36. Growth of children with cleft lip and palate compared to their peers. Royal college of paediatrics and child health annual meeting in York March 2007
37. Somatic growth of southern children. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2008
38. Running a treatment programme for children with growth hormone deficiency Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, Annual Scientific Congress, 2008
39. Prevalence and clinical predictors of osteopathy among thalassaemics aged 4 to 25 years. IOF world congress on osteoporosis to be held in Bangkok, Thailand in December 2008
40. Case for and the devising of a local growth chart for Southern Province using the LMS chart maker and LMS Growth Comparator. Annual scientific sessions, Galle Medical Association.2008

This paper won the best paper award of the sessions.

1. Prevalence of osteopathy among patients with thalassemia major-2010
2. Stress fracture among officer cadets case study at KDU -2010
3. ABC Analysis of Drug utilization at medical Inspection Room -KDU

4. Comparison of Admission criteria between military medical students and civilian medical Students in SriLanka. Ab. No. Po14 9 Page 169)
5. Complementary feeding practices & the impact on growth indicators in babies of second half of infancy Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka, Annual Scientific Sessions 2014
6. Revesz Syndrome; A rare variant of Dyskeratosis Congenita; 6th Global Congress for Consensus in Paediatrics and Child Health, November 2017
7. Syndrome of Lowe – A Case Report; 6th Global Congress for Consensus in Paediatrics and Child Health, November 2017
8. Generalized Lymphadenopathy as the first clinical manifestation in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; 6th Global Congress for Consensus in Paediatrics and Child Health, November 2017
9. Complete heart block presenting with a stroke in a Sri Lankan Child, 6th Global Congress for Consensus in Paediatrics and Child Health, November 2017
10. Breast milk intake of Sri Lankan infants during first year of life
24th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka 2019
11. Outcomes of infants with structural birth defects in Galle, Sri Lanka. International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World. 23-26 February 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka
12. Effectiveness of a health education handbook designed to increase knowledge on birth defects among Public Health Midwives in southern Province of Sri Lanka. International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World. 23-26 February 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka
13. Factors related to growth of the infants with structural birth defects in Galle, Sri Lanka. International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World. 23-26 February 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka
14. Erythema dyschromicum perstans among paediatric age group in Sri Lanka.
20th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Pediatric Dermatology March 2020

Invited presentations

1. Management of Indirect hyperbilirubinaemia. Kandy society of Medicine, Annual Scientific Sessions February 1997.

2. Lactation Failure recognition and management. Annual Sessions, Ruhuna Clinical Society December 1999.
3. Low-cost interventions to improve neonatal outcome - Sri Lanka College Obstetricians and Gynecologists Annual Scientific Congress 2001.
4. Small group teaching in the clinical setting Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians 2002
5. Childhood diarrhoea Sri Lanka paediatric Association 1991.
6. Neonatal sepsis Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians 2006
7. Perinatal infections, Perinatal Society of Sri Lanka -March 2007
8. Use of surfactant in the national health service Annual scientific sessions of the Perinatal Society of Sri Lanka July 2008
9. Management of child abuse and neglect in the community Asia Pacific Paediatric Congress organized by the Sri Lanka college of Paediatricians in March 2007
10. Running a treatment programme for children with Growth Hormone deficiency in a developing country.
11. Tsunami recovery and repairs in the first 100 days. Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians 2005
12. Necrotising Enterocolitis. Annual scientific sessions; Perinatal society of Sri Lanka 2007.
13. Role of screening programmes for better child health. Annual Scientific sessions of the Galle Medical association September 2007.
14. A screening programme for congenital hypothyroidism for the southern province Workshop on feasibility of starting a screening programme for congenital hypothyroidism. Faculty of Medicine June 2008
15. Reducing neonatal mortality rate in Sri Lanka to a single digit figure. Annual academic sessions of the Perinatal Society of Sri Lanka July 2008
16. Development of child protection system in Sri Lanka presented in the regional workshop on Child abuse and neglect in Kathmandu, Nepal. Contributed as a resource person for the development of care systems for abused children in Nepal.
17. Child in Coma. Sri Lanka College of Anesthetists, Annual Scientific Congress. 31.01.2009

18. Infectious diseases among the internally displaced children. Bangladesh Paediatric Infectious Disease Society (BPIDS) annual scientific sessions October 2009.
19. Reducing neonatal mortality rate in Sri Lanka to a single digit figure Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist, Annual Scientific session Nov 2009
20. Congenital Hypothyroidism-RDHS Office-16.07.2013
21. Newborn Screening and Congenital Hypothyroidism - Ampara Deyata Kirula Programme 02.01.2013
22. Asian Congress of Paediatric Infectious Diseases meeting SRI LANKA November 2012 on Neonatal infections
23. Career Guidance Seminar 2012,2013,2014. Sri Lanka Medical Association.
24. Viability and challenges in Sri Lanka Homagama Clinical Society annual scientific sessions in December 2014
25. Challenges in Paediatrics in Sri Lanka up to 2025, SLCP Annual Scientific Congress, 2014
26. Neonatal screening for Congenital Hypothyroidism, Bangladesh Paediatric Association Annual Scientific Congress April 2014
27. Breaking bad news Galle Medical Association, Annual Scientific Sessions 2014.
28. Retinopathy of Prematurity in SAO- South Asia Ophthalmology conference October 2014
29. Neonatal mortality in Sri Lanka South Asia Paediatric Association MEETING October 2013
30. Progress towards MDG Goals - Under 5 mortalities in Sri Lanka, SAPA Meeting New Delhi, October 2013
31. SLMA Debate "Health care safety is the responsibility of the system "2013
32. Breastfeeding Counselling: A course of Training of Trainers (TOT) organized by RDHS office Galle.2014
33. Adequacy of breast milk intake among exclusively breast-fed Sri Lankan infants. 12th Asian Congress of Nutrition-2015. Yokohoma, Japan. 14th-18th May 2015.

34. Body composition of exclusively breast-fed infants by ^{18}O isotope dilution. Proceedings of the Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) pg 01
35. Complementary feeding practices and the impact on growth indicators in babies of second half of infancy. Proceedings of Annual Scientific Sessions of the Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka (NSSL). Pg. 15. 25th-26th of January 2014, Colombo.
36. "Where and Why Children die in Sri Lanka" Consultative Workshop on determining strategic actions aimed towards ending preventable child deaths - organized by FHB and WHO. 2016
37. "Knowledge on and correlates of birth defects, risk factors and prevention and management of birth defects among pregnant mothers in Galle" (E-poster) Commonwealth Medical association- 24th Triennial Conference 2016, 14 – 16th of October 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka
38. "Birth Defects associated mortality – A longitudinal follow-up study in Southern Sri Lanka" (Oral presentation) International Neonatology association Conference 2018 22– 24th of June 2018, Ghent, Belgium
39. "Factors related to birth defects among infants: A case-control study" (E-poster) International Neonatology association Conference 2018, 22 – 24th of June 2018, Ghent, Belgium

Special Awards

1. One of the Ten Outstanding young persons of Sri Lanka (**TOYP**) BY Junior Chamber of Sri Lanka 1999 for contribution to children peace and human rights.
2. Galle medical Association Best scientific paper award 2002 and 2008.
3. Award for the service and contribution for disabled people in Galle district by the Foundation for rehabilitation of Disabled people in Bope Poddala
4. Award for the long contribution made for protection of children from abuse and neglect. After a 10-year term as the chairperson of the District Child Protection Committee in Galle district awarded by the Governor of the Southern Province.
5. Fellowship of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians 2010

Special Invitation

I was invited to meet President Bill Clinton on his visit to Sri Lanka to discuss the problems on rehabilitation of children affected by Tsunami in Galle district in 2005 for the large amount of work done in this regard by me. Invitation was extended by UNDP.

Workshops and Conferences

1. Acute respiratory tract infections control programme workshop in Colombo, Organized by WHO 1990.
2. Workshop on concept of essential drugs and rational use of drugs organized by the WHO in Kerala, India 1991.
3. Resource person – an essential drugs workshop in Colombo, Organized by GMOA / WHO & MOH.
4. Resource person -Development Plan Workshop Faculty of Medicine, Galle August 1996.
5. Resource person / Participant Review of MD training programme PGIM 1996.
6. Resource person / Participant Curricular Development workshop 1997.
7. Resource person Curriculum Development Workshop, Faculty of Medicine 1999.
8. Participant MD Evaluation scheme PGIM January 1999.
9. Perinatal workshop Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians July 1999.
10. Workshop on Child Abuse - Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians May 1999.
11. Workshop on child Abuse – Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians July 1999.
12. Workshops on Neonatal Advanced Life support resource person
13. Resource person - Rational use of drugs organized by PDHS Southern Province 2002
14. Resource person Workshop on the Development of the BSc Nursing curriculum 2006
15. Workshop on Role of screening for better child health 2007 resource person
16. Resource person for many workshops on Child Abuse and Neglect

- 17.Many training workshops on lactation management and breast feeding
- 18.Resource person for training in Early Childhood Development
- 19.Resource person for the neonatal advanced ventilation workshop April 2008
20. Resource person for the training in case conferences for pediatricians, probation officers, police officers and child rights promotion officers in Monaragala district September 2008
- 21.Resource person: new approaches to special education 14.5.2009 Galle the teachers of special schools.
- 22.Clinical Management of Hospitalized Dengue Patients, Epidemiology Unit and WHO Galle.
- 23.Resource person: Training in paediatric emergencies at Ampara.
- 24.Resource person: APLS programme conducted by SLCP in Colombo, Jaffna, Kilinochchi,Rathnapura, Kalutara, Matara and Galle.
- 25.Carrier Guidance Seminar 2013- Sri Lanka Medical Association
- 26.Workshop for Professional Stakeholders Consensus on Human Reproduction and Genetic Act 2014
- 27.Every Newborn Action Plan –WHO MEETING Colombo 2014
- 28.Birth defect surveillance- WHO New Delhi August 2014
- 29.Newborn Screening work shop WHO New Delhi August 2014
- 30.FOCUS ON THE NEONATE work shop Colombo Sri Lanka organized by FHB resource person
- 31.Screening for Retinopathy of Prematurity 22.11.2013
- 32.Workshop to Streamline Services for Retinopathy of Prematurity in Sri Lanka 22.11.2013
- 33.Lactation Management Program Teaching Hospital, Mahamodera
- 34.Resource Person Adaption of Sick Newborn Care Training Manual and Development of Newborn Guidelines.
- 34.Workshop to strengthen hospital practices to scale up Breast feeding in Sri Lanka.
- 35.Resource Person – Pre intern Doctors NALS and APLS programs

- 36.Resource Person - Workshop on Non-Accidental Injury in children
- 37.Follow-up Workshop on compliance with International Publishing Standards – SLCP
- 38.Resource Persons -Screening for Congenital Hypothyroidism Kandy -2016
- 39.Strengthen hospital practices to scale up Breastfeeding in Sri Lanka 2013
- 40.Pre- intern Growth Charts into the Child Health development Record (CHDR) -2015, Colombo
- 41.Management of Sick Children organized by FHB resource person
- 42.Screening for Congenital Hypothyroidism - A Single Story That Tells Us Half the Challenges Ahead
- 43.Birth Defects and Prevention and Control. Guidelines on Pathological Postmortem on fetal and infant deaths. organized by FHB.
- 44.Resource Person – Effective Coverage of Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition among 6 to 59 months children in Sri Lanka organized by FHB - 2017
- 45.Development of Accreditation Standards for Healthcare Services in Sri Lanka organized by Ministry of Health. Chairman in Group with special needs are identified and supported. 2017
- 46.Neurodevelopment care for the new born -Training Workshop for Paediatricians, Neurologists,Medical Officers in Southern Province. Organized by Perinatal Society of Sri Lanka and WHO. 2017

Educational Methodology and medical education workshops

1. What is a good teacher, University of Dundee.
2. The lecturer, University of Dundee.
3. Instructional material developer, University of Dundee
4. Clinical teacher, university of Dundee.
5. Facilitator of learning in the clinical context, University of Dundee
6. Student Assessor – Assessing knowledge and higher order thinking, University of Dundee.

7. Student Assessor- Assessing clinical competence, University of Dundee
8. Facilitator of learning in small groups, University of Dundee.
9. Curriculum planner, University of Dundee.
10. Educational leader, University of Dundee.
11. Roles of the teacher- University of Dundee.
12. Life long learning, Faculty of medicine Galle.
13. Developing learning materials, Faculty of medicine Galle.
14. Clinical teaching, Faculty of medicine Galle.
15. Problem based learning, Faculty of medicine Galle.
16. Becoming an effective administrator, SDU, UOC
17. Setting effective examinations questions, SDU, UOC
18. How to make slides on Power Point ME &SDU –Faculty of Medicine ME & SDU.
19. Revision of curriculum 13.12.1997 Resource person.
20. Resource person- Development of integrated teaching modules.24th and 25th April 1999.
21. The development plan workshop 28.08.1996. Resource person for infrastructure development.
22. The workshop on curriculum revision 19.03.2003. Resource person as convener CD & EC.
23. 23. Managing change for University senior academic staff SDU – Colombo 1.11.2001.
24. Learning and teaching strategies at Staff Development center, University of Colombo.
25. Subject reviewers training workshop of the quality assurance project, UGC University of Kelaniya 30th and 31st May 2003.
26. Resource person for a TOT program on Breast feeding counseling Galle and Matara.

27. Resource person Panel for the Adaptation of the Facility Based Care of Sick Neonate Training Manual

Conferences

1. European conference on child abuse and neglect 24th -27th August, 2001, Istanbul, Turkey.
2. Advance course in Neonatology, 7th -11th September 1998 at Aga Khan University, Karachchi, Pakistan.
3. Asian Pan Pacific society of Gastroenterology and Nutrition -20-23 October 1998.
4. Australian prenatal society conference in Brisbane, Australia, September 1992.
5. Regional workshop on child abuse and neglect RESOURCE PERSON Kathmandu, Nepal and made an invite presentation and contributed to development of the care systems in Nepal.
6. Advance neonatology - Chandigarh, India.
7. Federation of Asia and Oceania Perinatal Societies (FAOPS) scientific congress Bangkok Thailand 2006
8. South East Asian Society on New born Screening, Nagpure, India, October 2008.
9. SASONS 2009 Dhaka Bangladesh.
10. International Paediatric CONGRESS in August 2013 Melbourne, Australia ,2013
11. Meeting and Conference of Paediatric Association of SAARC in Delhi, India.2013
12. Training Program on Accident and Emergency Care at New Delhi, India 2014
13. Conference on pneumococcal disease and pneumococcal vaccines.Hyderabad, India.2014
14. Conference on Bangladesh Paediatric Association in Dhaka, Bangladesh,2014
15. Thematic Group meeting on Newborn Screening and Down Syndrome in the SEAR New Delhi, India.2014
16. WHO Conference in India,2014

17. South Asia Symposium on Lysosomal Storage Disorders. New Delhi, India.2014
18. FAOPS meeting in Dhaka 2015
19. WHO Meeting Nepal 2015
20. 7th International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World (ICBD 2015) Tansania
21. SEARO-Technical Advisory Group meeting for Women's and Children's Health in New Delhi India.2015
22. Asia Pacific Paediatric Congress – Hydebad, India 2016
23. SEARO-WHO/SEARO Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) Surveillance Meeting New Delhi India. 2016
24. SEAR-TAG for Women's Health, Children's Health Technical adversary Group Meeting India. 2016
25. 19th Congress of the Federation of Asia and Oceania Perinatal Societies. Taipei, Taiwan. 2016
26. SEARO Technical adversary Group Meeting Kathmandu Nepal. 2017
27. 10th ISNS Asia Pacific Regional Meeting, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. 2017
28. SEAR-TAG for Women's Health, Children's Health Technical Adversary Group Meeting India. 2017
29. Meeting of SEAR-TAG members and H6 Regional Working Group towards reducing preventable maternal, newborn mortality and stillbirths India. 2019
30. Invited to honorable speaker on International Conference on Preterm Newborn (ICPN – 2019) organized by SCANU & NICU of ICMH – Bangladesh. 2019
31. Fourth Meeting of the South – East Asia Regional Verification Commission of Measles Elimination and Control (SEA_RVC), Rubella/CRS- Nepal 2019
32. China – Sri Lanka Joint Centre for Education and research (CSL – CER) to attend the Sri Lankan student's graduate ceremony. China - 2019

Membership in professional Associations

01. Life Membership - Sri Lanka Paediatric Association since 1986 and Sri Lanka College of paediatricians since 1997
02. Life Member - Galle Medical Association
03. Life Member - Sri Lanka Medical Association
04. Member - International Society for prevention of child abuse and neglect
05. Member - Association of Medical Education, Europe.
06. Committee Member Sri Lanka Paediatric Association 1989/90, 1990/91
1997/98 , 1998/99 Srilanka college of paediatricians, council member 2011
07. Secretary - Government Medical Officers Association 1990
08. Secretary - Ruhuna Faculty of Medicine Teachers Association 1994/95
09. President - Ruhuna Faculty of Medicine Teachers Association 2000 / 2001
10. Secretary - Galle Medical Association 1998/99
11. Member - District Committee of Prevention of Child Abuse - Galle District.
12. Chairperson - District committee of prevention of child Abuse - Galle 1999 to 2007.
13. Founder secretary - The perinatal society of Sri Lanka 2001, 2002
14. President - The Perinatal society of Sri Lanka 2007/2008
- Council member - 2003-2004, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2012, 2013, 2014
14. President - RUMSAA 2001-2005.
- 15 Member - Board of study in Paediatrics/ PGIM from 1994 to 2007
16. Member - Board of study in Family Medicine 1996-1999

- 17. Member - Board of Management Postgraduate Institute of Medicine 2007 to date
- 17. Student counsellor - Faculty of Medicine for 6 years from 1995-2001
- 18. Coordinator - Career guidance unit, University of Ruhuna from Faculty of Medicine.
- 19. Life Member - Perinatal society of Sri Lanka
- 20. Chairperson - Committee on employment of medical graduates
- 21. Council member - Federation of Asia and Oceania Perinatal Societies (FAOPS)
2007,2008,2014/15
- 22. Member - Tsunami task force appointed by the National Child Protection
Authority under the special Tsunami ACT for placement children
affected by Tsunami.
- 23. Vice President - Sri Lanka college of paediatricians 2012/2013
- 24. President Elect - Sri Lanka college of paediatricians 2014
- 25. Advisor and Member - Newborn care Advisory Committee on sick newborn care.
- 26. Advisor and Member - Technical Advisory Committee on Newborn and maternal health.
- 27. Advisor and Member - Birth Defects Prevention and control Committee.
- 28. Advisor and Member - National Committee on Family Health
- 29. Advisor and Member - Monitoring committee of the Sri Lanka code for Promotion
Protection and support of Breast feeding and Marketing
Designated products.
- 30. Member - Panel of expert to advice on Health development
- 31. Council member - South Asian Paediatric Association (SAPA)
- 32. Subcommittee Member - Formulation of Duty list of Consultant Community Paediatrician
- 33. Committee member - SLCP committee on Child injury prevention committee
- 34. Chairperson - Manual of Procedure for conduct university examinations Faculty
of Medicine, Karapitiya

35. Member - Sri Lanka Code for the Promotion, Protection and Support of Breast Feeding and Marketing of Designated Products Monitoring Committee
36. President - Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians 2014/2015
37. Member - National Advisory Committee on Communicable Disease
38. Member - Adaption of Sick Newborn Care Training Manual and Development of Newborn Guidelines.
39. Member - Development of Norms for Newborn care
40. Member - Developing the QOC tool for MCH services 2016
41. Member - Board of study in Medicine (For Faculty of Graduate studies)
42. Member - Birth defects Prevention and Control programme
43. Member - Nutrition Steering Committee Ministry of Health
44. Member - Project Monitoring Committee – Twelve Storied Building Complex for Faculty of Medicine.
45. Member - National Advisory committee on Communicable Diseases

Extracurricular activities

1. Junior Chess champion in the school 1975
2. Member Hockey team University of Colombo 1979/80

