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Professional Qualifications

1992 – Graduated MBBS (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka)

1996 – Diploma in Medical Microbiology, (Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.)

2000 – MD Medical Microbiology, (Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.)

Board certified as a Specialist in Medical Microbiology from 24th March 2002

Present Permanent Post:

Professor of Microbiology in the Dept. of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka from 19th February 2016.

Other Appointments

Adjunct Professor Duke Global Health Institute, Duke University, North Carolina, USA since 1st November 2019.

Head of the Duke-Ruhuna Collaboration from 2013 to date (The coordinator and Head of the research link between the Duke University, USA and the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.)

Previous appointments:

Professor in Microbiology in the Dept. of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka from 30th December 2015 to 18th February 2016.

Head of Department, Dept. of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka from April 2006 to March 2015

Senior Lecturer in Medical Microbiology since March 2002 to December 2015 in the Dept. of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka.

Lecturer in Medical Microbiology from January 1996 to March 2000 in the Dept. of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka.

Probationary Lecturer in Medical Microbiology from July 1994 to January 1996 in the Dept. of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Galle, Sri Lanka.

Professional Experience

1. Consultant Microbiologist, Diagnostic Laboratory Service, Dept. of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, Galle since March 2002.
2. Honorary Visiting Consultant Microbiologist to General Hospitals; Matara, Hambantota and Base Hospital Tangalle.
3. Off-site Microbiology Consultancy Service to the Southern Province of Sri Lanka.

Teaching Experience:

1. Undergraduate teaching in Microbiology since 1993
 - Examiner at the 3rd MBBS Part I- examination in Microbiology
 - External Examiner 3rd MBBS Part I- examination in Microbiology – Universities of Kelaniya and Sri Jayawardhanapura, Gen. Sir John Kothalawala Defence University & South Asian Institute of Technology & Medicine.
 - Visiting Lecturer in Microbiology, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura.
2. Postgraduate teaching in Medical Microbiology (conducted by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo)
 - Teaching Immunology for Postgraduate trainees in Paediatrics and Gynaecology and Obstetrics
 - Trainer for PGIM Diploma in Medical Microbiology since 2005
 - Mycology trainer for PGIM Diploma in Medical Microbiology since 2009
 - Examiner for PGIM Diploma in Medical Microbiology since 2007
 - Trainer for PGIM MD in Medical Microbiology
 - Examiner for PGIM MD in Medical Microbiology since 2010
 - Examiner for PGIM MD in Venereology since 2012
 - Trainer for PGIM Diploma in Pathology
 - Examiner for PGIM Diploma in Pathology
 - Member of the Board of Study in Microbiology, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Since 2006

- Member of the Board of Study in Venereology, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Since June 2012
- Member of the MCQ Core Group, Board of Study in Microbiology, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, Sri Lanka since June 2004.
- Module Coordinator for the Mycology Module of the Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Microbiology from 2014 - 2020.

3. Important Posts held in National Bodies

- Secretary, Board of Study in Microbiology, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka June 2009 – June 2012
- Chairperson, Board of Study in Microbiology, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka from January 2015 – May 2021
- Member of the National Health Research Council of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka since July 2018.
- Member of the Working Committee on Health Sciences of the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka since July 2019
- Member of the Working Committee on Bioethics of the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka since July 2019

4. Teaching Healthcare Personnel

- Lecturer and Examiner for trainee Public Health Inspectors
- Teaching in Infection Control for Nurses
- Resource Person in The National Workshops to train Medical Laboratory Technologists in Tsunami affected areas in Sri Lanka.

5. Training Postgraduate Students

- Diploma in Pathology for the Microbiology component
Dr. NG Ranawake 2006
- MD Medical Microbiology training
Dr.GIDDAD Atukorala 2008
Dr DLB Piyasiri 2008
Dr T S H Gamage 2014
- Post MD Medical Microbiology training
Dr Nayani Weerasinghe 2013
Dr Shalika Palangasinghe 2014
Dr Subodha Wickramasinghe 2014

Training and Experience in Medical Education:

1. Member of the Curriculum Development and Evaluation Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, Galle.
2. Trained in the ‘Training of Trainers Programme on Counselling conducted by Mr. John Cowley from 14th – 20th September 2005.

3. Co-Convenor, Curriculum Revision Committee of the Faculty of Medicine 2006 – 2008 and member to date.
3. Resource Person for Workshops conducted for the new entrant Medical Undergraduates on “How to be an effective Learner” and Foundation Module.
4. Resource Person for the Administration and Interpersonal Skills (AIMS) Module for the recently graduated medical students.
5. Followed the Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education, a course conducted by the Staff Development Centre, University of Colombo.
6. Six weeks Training in Curriculum Revision at the Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia in 2005.
7. Successfully completed the Ethics Teachers’ Training Course of UNESCO 20th – 24th February 2017 Colombo, Sri Lanka.
8. Attended the Examiner Training Programme in July 2017 organized by MERC, PGIM, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Management Experience:

1. Student Counselor June 2002 - 2005
2. Warden – Male Student Hostels October 2002-2005
3. Acting Head, Dept. of Microbiology 26.07.2004 – 06.08.2004
4. Head, Department of Microbiology, April 2006 to March 2015.
5. Person in Charge of the Activity 3.1 (Optimize effective learning) of the IRQUE-QEF Project of the Faculty of Medicine, funded by the World Bank.
6. Lead Faculty member /Head of Duke-Ruhuna Link Programme from 2013 to date (The coordinator for the research link with the Duke University, USA)
7. President, Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists from October 2018 to October 2019

Other Experiences:

1. Chairperson Ethics Review Committee, University of Ruhuna, since May 2020.
2. Member of the Ethics Review Committee of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka since May 2019.
3. Member of the Ethical Review Committee, Faculty of Medicine since July 2003 and Convener/Secretary since January 2004 to December 2016 and Chairperson from January 2017 to June 2020
4. Participated as a member of the MCQ Scrutiny Boards of the Faculty of Medicine, since July 2003 to date.
5. Was a trainee in the International Course on Surveying and Evaluating Ethical Review Practices 7th – 9th August 2014 Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Participation in International Workshops:

1. Workshop in Diagnostic Virology in India. January 1997.
2. 9th Western Pacific Congress on Chemotherapy and Infectious Diseases, Bangkok, Thailand. December 2004.
3. Workshop on Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Laboratories. May 2005.
4. International Training Programme on Outbreak Investigation and Response, conducted by the United States Naval Medical Research Unit. August 2005.
5. 6th International Symposium on Anti-Microbial Agents and Resistance held in Singapore, March 2007.
6. 11th Western Pacific Congress on Chemotherapy and Infectious Diseases which was held from 29th November to 3rd December 2008 in Taipei, Taiwan.
7. 12th Western Pacific Congress on Chemotherapy and Infectious Diseases held in December 2010 in Singapore.
8. 8th International Symposium on Antimicrobial Agents and Resistance held from 6th – 8th April 2011 in Seoul, Korea.
9. 21st European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, held from 7th - 10th May 2011 in Milan, Italy.
10. 13th Asia Pacific Congress on Clinical Microbiology and Infection held from 25th – 28th October 2012 in Beijing, China.
11. 2nd National Scientific Symposium, 7th July 2013 Brunei Darussalam.
12. 15th Asia Pacific Congress on Clinical Microbiology and Infection held from 26th – 29th November 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Memberships / Posts held in Professional bodies:

1. Life member, Past Secretary (2002/2003) Past Treasurer (2005/2006) and Council Member (2015/2016) Vice President (2016/2017) President Elect (2017/18) and President (2018/19) of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists.
2. Life Member and Past Secretary (2002/3, 2003/4, 2007/8 and 2008/9)) and Past Editor (2006/7) and President (2011) of the Galle Medical Association.
3. Life Member of the Allergy and Immunology Society of Sri Lanka.
4. President of the Ruhuna Faculty of Medicine Teachers Association 2007/8.
5. Life Member & Council Member (2012 & 2013) of the Sri Lanka Medical Association.
6. Life Member Federation of Ethics Review Committees Asia Pacific
7. Member American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Research Interests:

Research in Tuberculosis, Infection Control and Outbreak Investigation, Antimicrobial Resistance Undifferentiated Febrile illnesses, Superficial fungal infections, Epidemiology of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

Research Grants Received:

1. UGC Block Grant – RU/PG-R/16/03 awarded in 2016
Colonization and in-hospital transmission patterns of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* among surgical and medical patients at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya.
2. National Science Foundation Grant – RPHS/2016/D 04 awarded in 2016
Clinical Predictors and Surveillance of Severe Dengue in Southern Province, Sri Lanka
3. National Research Council Grant – 19/099 awarded in 2019
A “One Health” approach: the epidemiology of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from humans, animals and animal products in southern Sri Lanka.

Research Supervision:

- a. Supervisor PhD Project - Chief Supervisor
A “One Health” approach: the epidemiology of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from humans, animals and animal products in southern Sri Lanka.
- b. Supervisor MPhil Project - Chief Supervisor
Colonization and in-hospital transmission patterns of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* among surgical and medical patients at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya.
- c. Supervisor MD Medical Microbiology Dissertations
 - Bacterial and Fungal Aetiology of Corneal ulcers and Endophthalmitis in patients attending to Eye Unit, Teaching Hospital Kandy - Dr. W.M.S.A.Weerakoon. (one of the 2 supervisors)
 - Surgical site infections after coronary artery bypass grafting at the Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya - Dr. S S Wickramasinghe
 - Detecting bacterial pathogens causing post- operative infections following abdominal surgery at a tertiary care hospital in Southern Province of Sri Lanka - Dr. S.Palangasinghe. (one of the 2 supervisors)
 - Superficial mycoses among patients presented to Dermatology outpatient Department in the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital - Dr. J.A.M.A.Jayatilake. (one of the 2 supervisors)
 - Determinants and characteristics of Candida colonization among patients admitted to ICUs of Teaching Hospital Karapitiya - Dr. H.H.P.M.J.Thabrew. (one of the 2 supervisors)
 - Risk factors and outcome of infections caused by Acinetobacter spp.among critically ill patients in a Tertiary Care Hospital in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. - Dr. W.K.A.P. Priyaranjani
(one of the 2 supervisors)
- d. Supervision of Duke University Students

Ms. Dena Javandi	2014
Ms. Hannah Ruth Brittany Meredith	2016
Ms. Charmaine Priyanka Mutucumarana	2016
Ms. Thilini Weerakkodi	2016
Ms. Christine Anne Wang	2018
- e. Assessor of MD dissertations

Dr. Jananie Kottahatchchi	2007
Dr. Primali I Wijeratne	2008
Dr. HAD Sanjeevani	2014

f. Reviewer for MPhil project proposal of

- Dr. L V C Liyanapathirana, University of Peradeniya, ‘Validation of genus specific PCR for diagnosis of spotted fever group reckettsial diseases, surveillance of reckettsial diseases in selected sites in Sri Lanka and developing a PCR for the diagnosis of scrub typhus’.
 - Ms. J G Thevaki, University of Peradeniya, on ‘Validation of laboratory diagnosis in typhoid fever’
- g. Reviewer appointed by the Research and Publications Division of the University of Kelaniya for Research Project report of Dr. C N Badanasinghe on “Association of fungal infections with chronic urticaria”.**
- h. Evaluator appointed by the Research and Publications Division of the University of Kelaniya for Research Project report of Prof. N P Sunil–Chandra on “A study on the Association of Hantavirus infection and Leptospirosis with Chronic Kidney Disease of Uncertain Etiology(CKDu) among patients in Sri Lanka”.**
- i. Evaluator appointed by the Research and Publications Division of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura for Research Project report of Dr. T D C P Gunasekara on “Diagnosis of upper gastrointestinal disease using Gastropanel in a dyspeptic patient population”.**
- j. Examiner to evaluate the MPhil Thesis of Ms. G D B Gayani titled “A novel 3-D Printed Super Amphiphobic Nano-coating for Silicon Material as a Potential Anti-biofilm Forming Surface” appointed by the Vice Chancellor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.**

Research Experience:

1. Study on febrile illnesses in collaboration with the Duke University, North Carolina, USA
2. Water Filter Study in collaboration with the University of North Carolina, USA
3. The role of fine needle aspiration cytology in the diagnosis of tuberculous lymphadenitis. Funded by the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka.
4. Dengue fever and surveillance of dengue in the Southern Province – Funded by National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka.
5. Epidemiology of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* - Funded by National Research Council of Sri Lanka.

Awards:

1. Presidential Award for Scientific Publication 2011
2. Presidential Award for Scientific Publication 2012
3. Presidential Award for Scientific Publication 2015
4. Presidential Award for Scientific Publication 2016
5. NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publication 2013
6. NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publication 2017

7. Presidential Award for Scientific Publication 2018
8. **Award for the best oral presentation of the Annual Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association 2011.**

Dengue fever in a large cohort of febrile patients in Southern Sri Lanka. C.K. Bodinayake, I.V. Devasiri, **A. Nagahawatte**, W. Kodikara-Arachichi, M.E. Reller, and C.W. Woods.
9. **Second Prize for the oral presentations at the Annual Academic Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2008.**

An alternative technique of collecting nail specimens for mycological investigations. H K T A Gunasekara, **A de S Nagahawatte** and N de Silva.
10. **Third Prize in oral presentations The Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 22nd Annual Academic Sessions 2013.**

Proportion of lower limb fungal foot infections in patients with type 2 diabetes at a tertiary care hospital in Sri Lanka. T M Wijesuriya, M M Weerasekera, J Kottahachchi, K N P Ranasinghe, M S S Dissanayake, S Prathapan, T D C P Gunasekara, **A Nagahawatte**, L D Guruge, U Bulugahapitiya, S S N Fernando.
11. **Award for the best poster in the laboratory section. Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association 25th & 26th September 2014.**

Bacterial pathogens causing postoperative infections following abdominal surgery at a tertiary care hospital in Southern Province of Sri Lanka. Palangasinghe S, Vidanagama D S, **Nagahawatte A**, Perera B.
12. **Award for the best poster in the clinical section. Annual Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association 25th & 26th September 2014.**

Health related cost and loss of productivity in patients with undifferentiated acute febrile illness. C.K. Bodinayake, L G Tillekeratne, **A. Nagahawatte**, I.V. Devasiri, W. Kodikara-Arachichi, T Ostbye, D J, Gubler, C.W. Woods and M.E. Reller.
13. **Award for the best poster. International Conference on Infection Control and Antimicrobial Resistance and 27th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists. 8th – 11th August 2018.**

Acute respiratory viral infections: an important cause for admission for febrile illness in the Southern Province, Sri Lanka. Tillekeratne LG, Bodinayake CK, **Nagahawatte Ajith**, Devasiri Vasantha, Nicholson Bradly, Sky Vanderburg, Kurukulasooriya Ruvini, Ostbye Truls, Reller Megan E, Woods Christopher W.

14. **Third Prize in oral presentations. International Conference on Infection Control and Antimicrobial Resistance and 27th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists. 8th – 11th August 2018.**

First point-prevalence study of inpatient antimicrobial use in five public hospitals in Southern Sri Lanka. Sheng T, Wijayarathne G, Bodinayake CK, Kurukulasooriya R, Nagaro K, Sudarshana AT, Anderson D, Drew R, Ostbye Truls, Woods Christopher W. **Nagahawatte A**, Tillekeratne LG,

Publications:

Peer Reviewed Publications:

1. An audit of cleaning practices of nebulizers at the Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle, Sri Lanka. P L Ariyananda, **A de S Nagahawatte**, A M S A Liyadipitiya U K A Wijayantha. *Journal of the Galle Medical Association* 1997; 02:26-27
2. Hospital nebulizers and bacterial contamination. P L Ariyananda, **A de S Nagahawatte**, MAK Manabharana. *Journal of the Galle Medical Association* 1997; 02:21-25.
3. Incidence of contamination of intravenous canulae used to maintain intravenous access. Ariyananda P L, **Nagahawatte A de S**, Navaratne P B V. *Galle Medical Journal* 1998, 1(2);43-44.
4. The role of lower genital tract microflora and antenatal maternal risk factors in preterm labour. R J Fernando, I M R Goonewardene, **A Nagahawatte**, S Fernando. *The Ceylon Journal of Medical Sciences* 2001,44:41-51e
5. Diagnosis of tuberculous lymphadenitis: Combining cytomorphology, microbiology and molecular techniques – A study from Sri Lanka. Lakmini K B Mudduwa, **Ajith de S Nagahawatte**. *Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology*. 2008; 51: 2:195 -197
6. An alternative technique for collecting nail specimens for mycological investigations. HKTA Gunasekera, **A Nagahawatte**, N de Silva. *Sri Lankan Journal of Infectious Diseases* 2011 Vol.1 (1); 24-26 [OI:http://dx.doi.org/10.4038/sljid.v1i1.3186](http://dx.doi.org/10.4038/sljid.v1i1.3186)
7. Clinically Unsuspected Rickettsial Illness in Sri Lanka. Megan E. Reller, Champika Bodinayake, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara-Arachichi, Emily Clemens, Christopher W. Woods, Strouse JJ, Truls Østbye and J. Stephen Dumler. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*. 18(5)
8. Leptospirosis as frequent cause of acute febrile illness in southern Sri Lanka. Megan E Reller, Champika Bodinayake, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara-Arachichi, John J Strouse, Judith E Flom, J Stephen Dumler and Christopher W Woods *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 2011,17(9):1678-84
9. Unsuspected Dengue and Acute Febrile Illness in Rural and Semi-Urban Southern Sri Lanka. Megan E. Reller, Champika Bodinayake, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara-Arachichi, John J. Strouse, Anne Broadwater, Truls Østbye, Aravinda de Silva, and Christopher W. Woods. *Emerging Infectious Diseases Journal, Volume 18 Number 2 February 2012*

10. A post-implementation evaluation of ceramic water filters distributed to tsunami-affected communities in Sri Lanka. Lisa M. Casanova, Adam Walters, **Ajith Nagahawatte** and Mark D. Sobsey. *Journal of Water and Health* Volume 10 Number 2, 2012, Pages 209–220
11. Is checking for antibiotic associated diarrhoea due to *Clostridium difficile* relevant to Sri Lankan hospitals? GIDDAD Athukorala, SSN Fernando, NS Chandrasiri, R Rajapakse Millikahewa, P Chandrasiri, **A Nagahawatte**, MK Peelawattage. *Galle Medical Journal* Volume 17 (1) 2012.
12. Synopsis of findings from a study of Leptospirosis in Southern Sri Lanka. Megan E. Reller, Champika Bodinayake, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara-Arachichi, John J. Strouse, Judith E. Flom, J. Stephen Dumler, Christopher W. Woods, **Ajith Nagahawatte**. *The Bulletin of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists*, Volume 10, Issue 1, August 2012, Pages 62-64.
13. Factors affecting continued use of ceramic water purifiers distributed to tsunami-affected communities in Sri Lanka. Lisa M. Casanova, Adam Walters, **Ajith Nagahawatte** and Mark D. Sobsey. *Tropical Medicine & International Health* Volume 17, Issue 11, November 2012, Pages: 1361–1368.
14. Ceramic pot filter user satisfaction and water quantity production in tsunami-affected Sri Lankan communities. Lisa M. Casanova, Adam Walters, **Ajith Nagahawatte** and Mark D. Sobsey. *Journal of Water Sanitation, and Hygiene for Development* Volume 3, Number 4, 2013, Pages 646-648.
15. Chikungunya as a Cause of Acute Febrile Illness in Southern Sri Lanka. Megan E. Reller, Ufuoma Akoroda, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikaraarachchi, John J. Strouse, Robert Chua, Yan'an Hou, Angelia Chow, October M. Sessions, Truls Østbye, Duane J. Gubler, Christopher W. Woods, Champika Bodinayake. Research Article | published 02 Dec 2013 | PLOS ONE 10.1371/journal.pone.0082259
16. Proportion of lower limb fungal foot infections in patients with type 2 diabetes at a tertiary care hospital in Sri Lanka. T M Wijesuriya, M M Weerasekera, J Kottahachchi, K N P Ranasinghe, M S S Dissanayake, S Prathapan, T D C P Gunasekara, **A Nagahawatte**, L D Guruge, U Bulugahapitiya, S S N Fernando. *Indian Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism*. 2014 18(1):63-9.
17. Non-Specific Amplification with the LAMP Technique in the Diagnosis of Tuberculosis in Sri Lankan Settings. K. D. Senarath, R. B. Usgodaarachchi, V. Navaratne, **A. Nagahawatte**, C. D. Wijayarathna, J. Alvitigala, C.L. Goonasekara. *Journal of Tuberculosis Research*, 2, 168-172. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4236/jtr.2014.24021>
18. An Under-Recognized Influenza Epidemic Identified by Rapid Influenza Testing, Southern Sri Lanka, 2013. L. Gayani Tillekeratne, Champika K. Bodinayake, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Dhammika Vidanagama, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara Arachchi, Ruvini Kurukulasooriya, Aruna Dharshan De Silva, Truls Østbye, Megan E. Reller and Christopher W. Woods. Published online March 2, 2015, doi: 10.4269/ajtmh.14-0708 *Am J Trop Med Hyg* 2015 14-0708
19. Use of rapid influenza testing to reduce antibiotic prescriptions among outpatients with influenza-like illness in Southern Sri Lanka. L Gayani Tillekeratne, Champika K Bodinayake, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Dhammika Vidanagama, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara Arachchi, Ruvini Kurukulasooriya, Aruna Dharshan De Silva, Truls Østbye, Megan E Reller, Christopher W Woods. *The American journal of tropical medicine and hygiene*. 08/2015; DOI: 10.4269/ajtmh.15-0269

20. Fusarium Onychomycosis: prevalence, clinical presentations, response to itraconazole and terbinafine pulse therapy and one-year follow-up in 9 cases" Ranthilaka R Ranawaka, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Tusitha Aravinda Gunasekara. International Journal of Dermatology (2015) Jul 29. doi: 10.1111/ijd.12906. [Epub ahead of print]
21. Randomized, double-blind, comparative study on efficacy and safety of itraconazole pulse therapy and terbinafine pulse therapy on nondermatophyte mold onychomycosis: A study with 90 patients. Ranthilaka R. Ranawaka, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Thusitha Aravinda Gunasekara, Hema S. Weerakoon, and S. H. Padmal de Silva. Journal of Dermatological Treatment, Early Online: 1–9 12/ 2015. DOI: 10.3109/09546634.2015.1119781
22. Candida infection in oral leukoplakia: an unperceived public health problem. Ayomi Dilhari, Manjula M. Weerasekera, Anusha Siriwardhana, Oshanthi Maheshika, Chinthika Gunasekara, Sunil Karunathilaka, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Neluka Fernando. Acta Odontologica Scandinavica, August 2016, Taylor & Francis DOI: 10.1080/00016357.2016.1220018
23. Extended-spectrum β -Lactamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae as a Common Cause of Urinary Tract Infections in Sri Lanka. L. Gayani Tillekeratne, Dhammika Vidanagama, Rashmi Tippalagama, Rashmi Lewkebandara, Maria Joyce, Bradley P. Nicholson, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Champica K. Bodinayake, Aruna Dharshan De Silva, and Christopher W. Woods. Infect Chemother. 2016 Sep; 48(3): 160–165. [10.3947/ic.2016.48.3.160](https://doi.org/10.3947/ic.2016.48.3.160)
24. Emergence of Epidemic Dengue 1 Virus in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. Champica K. Bodinayake, L. Gayani Tillekeratne, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara-Arachchi, John J. Strouse, October M. Sessions, Ruvini Kurukulasooriya, Anna Uehara, Shiqin Howe, Xin Mei Ong, Sharon Tan, Angelia Chow, Praveen Tummalapalli, Aruna D. De Silva, Truls Østbye, Christopher W. Woods, Duane J. Gubler, Megan E. Reller.; PLoS Negl Trop Dis. (October 2016).
25. Antibiotic overuse for acute respiratory tract infections in Sri Lanka: a qualitative study of outpatients and their physicians. L. Gayani Tillekeratne, Champica K. Bodinayake, Thushani Dabrera, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Wasantha Kodikara Arachchi, Anoji Sooriyaarachchi, Kearsley Stewart, Melissa Watt, Truls Østbye and Christopher W. Woods. BMC Family Practice BMC DOI: 10.1186/s12875-017-0619-z Published on: 16 March 2017
26. Analysis of Dengue Serotype 4 in Sri Lanka During the 2012–2013 Dengue Epidemic. Duane J. Gubler, Jie Cui, Champica K Bodinayake, Sunethra Gunasena, October M Sessions, Paba Palihawadana, Annelies Wilder-Smith, Christopher Woods, Gayani Tillekeratne, Hasitha Aravinda Tissera, Megan E Reller, Ananda Amarasinghe, Aruna Dharshan De Silva, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Anna Uehara. The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. April 2017.
27. Burden and Seasonality of Viral Acute Respiratory Tract Infections among Outpatients in Southern Sri Lanka. David Shapiro, Champica K Bodinayake, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Vasantha Devasiri, Ruvini Kurukulasooriya, Jeremy Hsiang, Bradley Nicholson, Aruna Dharshan De Silva, Truls Ostbye, Megan E Reller, Christopher W Woods, L Gayani Tillekeratne. American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, July 2017, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. DOI: 10.4269/ajtmh.17-0032.
28. Evaluation of the WHO 2009 Dengue Classification for diagnosis of Acute Dengue in a Cohort of Adults and Children in Sri Lanka during a Dengue-1 Epidemic. Champica K. Bodinayake, L. Gayani Tillekeratne, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Vasantha Devasiri, Wasantha Kodikara Arachchi, John J. Strouse, October M. Sessions, Ruvini Kurukulasooriya, Anna Uehara, Shiqin Howe, Xin Mei

Ong, Sharon Tan, Angelia Chow, Praveen Tummalapalli, Aruna D. De Silva, Truls Østbye, Christopher W. Woods, Duane J. Gubler, Megan E. Reller. Accepted for publication at PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases 9th February 2018.

29. Validating the Loop Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) technique to detect tuberculosis in a Sri Lankan laboratory setting. S U Perera, V Navaratne, **A Nagahawatte**, J Perera, C D Wijayarathna, J Alvitigala, C L Goonasekara. Ceylon Medical Journal 2018; 63: 40-42
30. Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*: prevalence of and risk factors associated with colonization at the Teaching Hospital, Karapitya. Kurukulasooriya, M.R.P., Tillekeratne, L.G., Wijayarathne, W.M.D.G.B., Bodinayake, C.K, De Silva, A.D., Nicholson, B.P., Østbye, T., Woods, C.W., **Nagahawatte, A. De. S.** Journal of the University of Ruhuna, 6(2), pp.70–75. 2018.
31. Lipophilic extracts of *Leucas zeylanica*, a multi-purpose medicinal plant in the tropics, inhibit key enzymes involved in inflammation and gout. Mayuri Napagoda, Jana Gerstmeierb, Hannah Butschekb, Sybille Lorenzc, Dinusha Kanatiwelad, Sudhara De Soyzaa, Mallique Qaderd, **Ajith Nagahawatte**, Gaya Bandara Wijayarathne, Aleš Svatošc, Lalith Jayasinghe, Andreas Koeberleb, Oliver Werzb. Journal of Ethnopharmacology, May 2018.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jep.2018.04.042>
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Invited Guest Lectures:

1. MRSA Infections. Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists, Annual Academic Sessions June 2002.
2. Campylobacteriosis - Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2003.
3. Antibiotic Therapy in Respiratory Tract Infections. Maldivian Medical Association in Male - May 2008.
4. Rational Use of Antibiotics Base Hospital Kamburupitiya, Matara – 9th November 2010.
5. Rational Use of Antibiotics Batticaloa Medical Association Annual Scientific Sessions - 16th July 2011.
6. Rational Use of Antibiotics in UTI Batticaloa Medical Association – 2013
7. Conventional Laboratory Methods in the Diagnosis of Fungal Infections 2nd National Scientific Symposium, Brunei Darussalam. 7th July 2013.
8. “When to bring out the big guns and when to hold them back – Rational use of antibiotics” at the 5th Foundation Sessions of the Ceylon College of Physicians in Collaboration with Galle Medical Association. July 2015.
9. “Challenges in ethics review in international collaborations – the Sri Lankan experience” Ethical Challenges on Global Health Research UK wide workshop. University of Keele, United Kingdom. 11th December 2018
10. Guest speaker at the technical session on 'Combatting AMR' at the National Veterinary Exhibition 'VET-EXPO' at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Sri Lanka, 7th April 2019.
11. “Immune aspects of Bacterial Infections” Ceylon College of Physicians, Clinical Immunology Update. 11th September 2019.

Participation as a Resource Person in CPD Programmes /Extension courses:

1. A resource person for the workshop on ‘Infection control for Nursing Officers’ WHO/SRL/HRH.031/G held on 30th November 1998, organized by the Ministry of Health.
2. A resource person for the Workshop for Operating Theatre Nurses, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya organized by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka 7th November 2003.
3. Resource person for academic activities of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2002/2003

4. Resource person for the Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists June 2002
5. A resource person for the Basic Sciences Course for MD Part 1 (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) 2002, 2003 and 2004
6. A resource person for the MCQ course for MD Part 1 conducted by the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians 2003
7. A resource person for the workshop on “Counselling the Undergraduate; a workshop for academics”; A two-day workshop held on 11th and 12th 2007 for the academics of the University of Ruhuna. Organized under the Activity 3.4 of the IRQUE-QEF Project
8. A resource person for the joint symposia held at the Annual Academic Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologist 2003/4.
9. A Resource person for the Workshop on ‘Training of trainers in infection control’ held on 22nd and 23rd June 2005, organized by the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.
10. A resource person for workshop on ‘Training of Medical Laboratory Technologists in Microbiology’ held from 14th to 18th June 2005 organized by the WHO and Ministry of Health.
11. A resource person for the workshop on ‘Reducing post-operative infections; a workshop for surgery trainees’ held on 16th and 18th March 2004, organized by the Galle Medical Association and the Sri Lanka College of Surgeons.
12. A resource person for the National Quality Week and the World Standard Day-2007, conducted by the office of the Regional Director of Health Services on 11th October 2007. Delivered a lecture on ‘Control of Hospital Acquired Infections’ to PHI, MO, MS, DMO, MOIC s of the Galle District.
13. A resource person for the Academic Day workshop organized by the Galle Research Network (GaRNet) 26th November 2009 delivered a lecture on “Ethics in Research”
14. A resource person for the ‘Workshop on learning objectives and evaluation of pharmaceutical microbiology for degree programme in Pharmacy’ 2009
15. A resource person for ‘In-service Training Programme for MLTT in Microbiology at Regional Level- Teaching Hospital Karapitiya’. 8th and 9th March 2011
16. A resource person for the workshop on ‘Ethical Review of Research Proposals’ organized by the Sri Lanka Medical Association and the Galle Medical Association 2012. Delivered a lecture on ‘The structured review process: the 8 segments’.
17. Resource person for the Workshop on Infection control for Staff Nurses in Teaching Hospital Mahamodara. Lecture on “Standard Precautions” 3rd and 5th July 2006
18. A resource person for the Pre-congress workshop of the 71st Annual Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association on “Rational use of antibiotics” Delivered a lecture on Antibiotic classes and their uses. Organized by the Galle Medical Association and Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists. 2012.

19. Resource person for workshop on “Antibiograms; towards implementing CLSI guidelines” 2nd National Scientific Symposium organized by the Department of Laboratory Services, Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam July 2013.
20. Resource person of Haematology Study Day on ‘Research Proposal Writing’. A lecture on “Ethics in Research” was delivered April 2015. Organized by the College of Haematologists of Sri Lanka.
21. Resource Person for Workshop on Counselling for Student Counsellors of the University of Ruhuna. Delivered a lecture on “Strategies of Student counseling” 20th August 2015.
22. Resource Person for 2-day Workshop on Counselling for Academic Staff of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. Delivered a lecture on “Basic Counselling Skills” 13th & 14th November 2017.
23. Resource Person for the Symposium on “Candidaemia – Bridging the Gaps” organized by the Expert Committee on Communicable Diseases of the SLMA and delivered a lecture on Epidemiology and risk factors of Candidaemia on 23rd November 2017.
24. Resource person for the Workshop on Research organized by Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists and delivered a lecture on “Ethics in human research and planning your study” on Sunday, 13th May 2018.
25. Resource Person for the Workshop on Mentoring for Academic Staff of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna. 2018.
26. Resource person for the UK Wide Ethics Workshop on Research, Responsibility and Regulation: Ethical Challenges on Global Health Research held on 11th December 2018 at Keele University, United Kingdom.
27. Resource person for the Workshop on Research Ethics at Institute of Indigenous Medicine, Colombo, 4th April 2019.
28. Resource Person for Workshop on Counselling for Student Counsellors of the University of Ruhuna. 23rd July 2019.
29. Resource Person for Workshop on ‘Starting up a Quality Biomedical Research’ conducted by The Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka (NSSL) on 21st of May 2021.
30. Resource Person for Capacity Building Training Programme for hospital ERC members on Research Ethics conducted by the National Health Research Council, Ministry of Health, June 2021

Scholarly Work:

1. Co-Editor of Galle Medical Association Journal 2006
2. Associate Editor Galle Medical Journal 2008, 2009
3. Member Editorial Board Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2018, 2019, 2020
4. Member Editorial Board Sri Lanka Journal of Infectious Diseases since June 2019

5. Member of the Editorial Board of the Ceylon Medical Journal from August 2019

Creative Work:

1. Contributed to the development of the Infection Control Manual, Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2005 & 2020.
2. Contributed to the revision of Laboratory Manual in Microbiology in 2011 (2nd edition).
3. Contributed as a Resource Person for the preparation of guidelines for Antimicrobial Usage at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya and Mahamodara 2005.