

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL
ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 12(1)(c)
(Medical Practitioners registered under Section 29 of the Medical Ordinance)

Biographical Sketches of the Candidates

Biographical Sketches of the Candidates are given according to the order given below:

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22	HARITHA PUNU ALUTHGE

Names of the candidates are arranged according to the Sinhala alphabetical order, and they will appear in the ballot paper in the same order.

Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake
Returning Officer/President
Sri Lanka Medical Council

17 April 2023

**PROFILE OF DR ANUSHIKA MADHAVI
JAYATHILAKE ABEYNAYAKE**

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Dr. Anushika Madhavi Jayathilake Abeynayake currently reads for her Doctoral degree in Medical Administration at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine.

She is a past student at Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo and obtained her MBBS from University of Ruhuna in 2007. She completed her internship in Paediatrics and Gynecology and Obstetrics disciplines. Her post intern appointment was at Divisional Hospital Kadugannawa. She joined the Voluntary Naval Force, as a Commissioned Surgeon lieutenant in 2010 and served at Sri Lanka Naval Hospital Trincomalee until 2013. Coming back to the service in Ministry of Health, Dr. Anushika received the placement to National Hospital of Sri Lanka as a medical officer at the department of Neuroanaesthesia until the commencement of postgraduate studies.

Following completion of MSc in Medical Administration, she covered duties of Deputy Director - Tertiary Care Services at Ministry of Health for more than a year. She held administrative positions at District General Hospital Chilaw and Colombo South Teaching Hospital in the capacity of Deputy Director (covering up) until she was released for her MD in 2021.

Dr. Abeynayake, completed her Master of Science in Medical Administration from Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and Master of Business Administration from Cardiff Metropolitan University, United Kingdom in 2019. She obtained a Diploma in Diplomacy and International Relations from Bandaranaike International Diplomacy Training Institute in 2020.

She is a joint secretary Sri Lankan Association of Geriatric Medicine and a council member of the College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka.

**DR. AMARAKOON MUDIYANSELAGE DON
MOHAN INDIKA DE LANEROLLE**

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I, Dr A. M. D. M. Indika de Lanerolle, am presently serving as Consultant Emergency Physician, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, having served with distinction for 21 years in government health services.

Having successfully completed my school education at Royal College, Colombo, I entered the Medical Faculty of University of Colombo, where I served as Vice President of Medical Faculty Welfare Association and obtained MBBS degree in year 2001.

I obtained my MD in Emergency Medicine in 2018.

I have served the medical fraternity in general and government doctors in particular as President of GMOA Branch Union, National Hospital of Sri Lanka.

PROFILE OF PROF INDIKA MAHESH KARUNATHILAKE

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Prof. Indika Mahesh Karunathilake (MBBS (Col.), MMedEd (Dundee), FCGP (Hon., SL), FHEA (UK), FCME (SL), FRCP (Edin) is the first ever professor in Medical Education in the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Prof. Indika Karunathilake also serves as the Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Medical Education, University of Colombo.

Prof. Indika Karunathilake has held several leadership positions in the fields of Medicine, Public Health and Medical Education, at both National and International level. Prof. Karunathilake is a Past President of the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA). He held this coveted position of the apex body for medical professionals in Sri Lanka during the most challenging year of 2020 and contributed immensely towards the national effort towards controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. Prof. Karunathilake is the founder President of the College of Medical Educationists. He has made significant contributions towards the field of medical Education at regional and global level through several leading international organizations the World Health Organization (WHO) and the South East Regional Association for Medical Education (SEARAME). Prof Karunathilake was recently elected uncontested as the Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH). He is the first Sri Lankan to be appointed to this prestigious post.

Prof. Indika Karunathilake has conducted extensive research and authored over 100 publications in peer reviewed international journals, several books and book chapters and over 350 research presentations at international and national level, resulting in an H-index of 16, over 1350 citations and the President's Award for Scientific Publications.

PROFILE OF DR EPITAKADUWE GAMAGE DILAN CHANDIKA EPITAKADUWA

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I, Dr E. G. D. Chandika Epittakaduwa, am presently serving as Consultant Histopathologist, BH Puttalam, having served with distinction for 21 years in government health services.

Having successfully completed my school education at Royal College, Colombo, I entered the Medical Faculty of University of Colombo, and obtained MBBS degree in year 2000.

I obtained my MD in Histopathology in 2014.

I have served the medical fraternity in general and government doctors in particular a Secretary of Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) from 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 and is serving as Vice President from 2020 to date.

I have served as Convenor of Consultants' Transfer Board of GMOA and as a Member of Consultants' Transfer Board of Ministry of Health. I have also served as Branch Secretary of GMOA District Branch Union Ratnapura and BH Kahawatta for over 3 years.

PROFILE OF DR CHANDANA SUDASSI DHARMARATNE

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I Dr. Chandana S Dharmaratne, am presently serving as a Medical Officer, OPD, TH Colombo South, having served for 28 years in government health services.

I received my primary education at Uva College, Badulla and Secondary Education at Royal College, Colombo.

Having entered the Medical Faculty of University of Colombo, I served as the President of the Medical Students' Union and obtained MBBS degree in 1993. Diploma in Family Medicine was obtained in 2009.

I have served the medical fraternity in general and government doctors in particular as Assistant Secretary and Editor of Government Medical Officers' Association (GMO) from 2015 to date. This is in addition to serving as Branch Secretary of Cancer Institute Maharagama, Base Hospital Panadura and as Provincial Coordinator, Western Province.

I have contributed to GMOA proposals on Minimum Standards of Medical Education as well as COVID 19 guidelines.

**PROFILE OF DR DON DESHAPRIYA
ANANDA WIJEWICKRAMA**

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PRESENT POST: Consultant Physician, National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Colombo, Sri Lanka. (Formerly Infectious Diseases Hospital).

OTHER ACADEMIC POSTS:

- Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.
- Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Jayawardenapura.
- Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, Kothalawala Defense Academy.
- Member, National Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases.
- Member National Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS

OTHER POSTS

- Member of the Board of Directors of AIDS Foundation Lanka.
- Past secretary, treasurer and council member of the Ceylon College of Physicians & President 2020.
- Past Vice President and present member of the Sri Lanka Medical Association

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- MBBS- From Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Year of Qualification: 1991.
- MD - From Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Year of Qualification: 1998.
- MRCP (UK). Year of Qualification: 2000.
- FCCP - From Ceylon College of Physicians. 2009.

**PROFILE OF DR PADMA SRIYANI
GUNARATNE**

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Dr Padma Sriyani Gunaratne qualified MBBS, Medicine from the Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya in 1982 with Second Class Honours. She, completed the MD (Medicine) in 1987 and Board certified as a Neurologist in Sri Lanka in January 1991. She worked as the Consultant Neurologist at the Teaching Hospital Kandy from 1991 to 2004 and at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka from 2004 to her retirement in 2018.

During the professional carry she held several prestigious posts in Professional Colleges including the President of the Association of Sri Lankan Neurologists, National Stroke Association of Sri Lanka, Ceylon College of Physicians and Sri Lankan Association of Geriatric Medicine. She responsibly held the post of the President of the Sri Lanka Association of Medicine during the unprecedented outbreak of COVID-19 in 2021 and guided the medical profession and public on strategies for mitigation of the outbreak efficiently.

She is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (UK), Ceylon College of Physicians, Royal Australasian College of Physicians, American Association of Neurologists and the World Stroke Organization. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the World Stroke Organization (2008 - 2015), and an executive committee member of the Asia Pacific Stroke Organization from 2011 - 2014. She has a special interest in stroke care and has appreciably contributed to uplift stroke care in Sri Lanka significantly. She pioneered the thrombolytic and thrombectomy programmes for acute ischemic stroke at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. She authored the book "Stroke Care" published in all three languages.

PROFILE OF DR PANAPITIYAGE WIJAYALAL CHANDRASIRI PANAPITIYA

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I, Dr P. W. C. Panapitiya, am presently serving as Deputy Director General (Medical Services-1), having served with distinction for 30 years in government health services.

I have served at various key administrative positions such as Additional Secretary (Medical Services) to State Ministry of Primary Healthcare, Epidemics and COVID Control, Director, Medical Supplies Division, Director, Medical Services and Director, Non Communicable Disease Control.

Having successfully completed my school education at Henegama Central College, I entered the Medical Faculty, University of Colombo, where I served as the President of the Medical Students Welfare Society, Secretary of the Buddhist Brotherhood and President of Jeewaka Buddhist Hostel, and obtained MBBS degree in 1991.

I obtained MSc in Medical Administration in 2001 and MD in Medical Administration in 2009 and was subsequently board certified as a Consultant Medical Administrator by PGIM, University of Colombo in 2011.

I have served medical fraternity in general and government doctors in particular as chairperson of Medical Administrative Subcommittee of GMOA.

Health Information Systems development, COVID control and home care services, redrafting of Medical Service Minute, developing transfer policies of all categories of Medical Officers and Primary Healthcare Development USAID Project, are some areas I contributed as a Medical Administrator.

PROFILE OF DR MUDITHA HANSAKA WIJEMUNI

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I am Dr. Muditha Hansaka Wijemuni.

My University of graduation is Ruhuna (1999).

I got SLMC membership in 2001.

I work as grade Medical Officer in Ministry of Health since 01.04.2001.

I got my Post Graduate Diploma of Family Medicine from PGIM – University of Colombo.

In last 13 yrs duration I work as Medical Officer in Matara & Kandy District.

PROFILE OF DR MANUJ CHRISHANTHA WEERASINGHE

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Currently I am a Professor in Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Colombo. I obtained the MBBS from the Faculty of Medicine Colombo, in 1998 and has been in the academia since 1999. I was board certified as a specialist in 2006 and since then has been a trainer and an examiner in the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine. I believe in free medical education in this country and continued to work towards the same during the last three decades in my life.

I have been a past vice president of Sri Lanka Medical Association and a Past General President of Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science. I was the President of the Faculty of Medicine, Teachers Association during the cries period of SITAM struggle. I believe the SLMC should be an independent body and need to be strengthen further.

PROFILE OF DR MESTRIGE RUKSHAN EDWARD BELLANA

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Graduation in 1995 from Rostov - on - Don Medical University and was registered under Section 31 (812) from 1995. Internship at BH Panadura in 1996 to 1997. First appointment in 1997 to Batticaloa TH as an Aneasthetist. Thereafter did work in several stations as Medical Officers at Welisra CH, CSTH, Karawanella BH. In 2008 entered to PGIM for MSc Medical Administration. Following the results, I was appointed to DGH Polonnaruwa as Director obtained Medical Administration grade in 2010.

Since then I have worked at TH Mahamodara, NBTS, CSTH and now at NHSL as Deputy Director. In 2011 passed MD - I from PGIM. But did not complete the course due to a sickness during that period.

PROFILE OF DR YAKUPITI HIMAN SHASHENDARA DE SILVA
SLMC REG 19024

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I have following qualifications: MBBS, Msc in Sports Medicine(UK), Dip in Sports Medicine, International Olympic Committee and Dip in Sports Physical Therapies by International Olympic Medical Committee.

I work as the MO - IC of Sports Medicine Unit at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya. Currently a PHD student in University of Ruhuna in Sports & Exercise Medicine.

PROFILE OF RAJAKARUNA NAWARATHNA ATHAPATHTHU MUDIYANSELAGE UBAYA KUMARA BANDARA WARAKAGODA

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I Dr. R. N. A. M. U. K. Bandara Warakagoda, am presently serving as a Medical Officer, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, having served for 15 years in government health services.

Having successfully completed my school education at Weeraketiya Rajapaksha Central College, I entered the Medical Faculty of University of Ruhuna, where I served as the Batch Representative, President of the Art Circle and Secretary of the Buddhist Society, and obtained MBBS degree in 2007.

I have served the medical fraternity in general and government doctors in particular as a General Committee Member of Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA).

I have also served as Secretary of GMOA Branch Unions of DGH Ampara and TH Karapitiya.

I was founder of District Branch Union Ampara and Branch Union BH Pottuvil.

PROFILE OF DR. YATI WALA VITHARAMALAGE NALINDA DHARSHANA SIRISENA

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I, Dr Y. V. N. Darshana Sirisena, am presently serving as a Consultant Neurologist at Colombo North Teaching Hospital, having served with distinction for 24 years in government health services.

Having successfully completed my school education at Maliyadeva Boys School, Kurunegala, I entered the Medical Faculty of University of Kelaniya, where I served as the President of the Medical Faculty Students Union and obtained MBBS degree in 1998.

I obtained my MD in Medicine in 2006 and was subsequently board certified as a Consultant Neurologist by PGIM, University of Colombo in 2009. I was elected as President of the Association of Sri Lankan Neurologists for year 2022/23.

I have served the medical fraternity in general and government doctors in particular as President of Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) from 2022.

I have also served as Convener of Consultants' Transfer Board of GMOA and as a Member of Consultants' Transfer Board of Ministry of Health.

PROFILE OF DR ROHAN AJITH DHARMADASA

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I Dr RA Dharmadasa graduated for Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna 2003.

Did internship at Colombo South Teaching Hospital 2004 - 2005.

Got SLMC registration 2005.

Post Intern period 2005 - 2007, working of GH-Hambanthota as MO - Radiology.

2007 - 2013, working as SHO Paediatric of TH - Karapitiya.

From 2013 - 2020 work as MO - Neonatology at TH - Mahamadara.

2021 - 2022 worked as MO - planning of Provincial Director at Health Services Officer Southern Province.

Since 2022 working as SHO - Medicine at TH - Karapitiya.

**PROFILE OF DR WICKREMASINGHE
ARACHCHIGE DON THENUWAN
THARANGA WICKREMASINGHE**

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I Dr. W. A. D. Thenuwan. T. Wickremasinghe, am presently serving as a Medical Officer, Cardio-Thoracic Intensive Care Unit of Sri Jayawardenepura General Hospital, having served with distinction for 13 years in government health services.

Having successfully completed my school education at Royal College, Colombo, I entered Faculty of Medicine, University of Science and Technology (Institute of Applied Health), Chittagong, Bangladesh and obtained my MBBS degree in 2008. I was ranked in top 10 at both 1st and 2nd Professional Examinations and actively participated in multi-cultural activities and extra-curricular activities in the Faculty.

I hold a MBA in Health Sector Management by Cardiff Metropolitan University, United Kingdom. I have served the medical fraternity in general and government doctors in particular as a General Committee Member of GMOA from 2018 to date.

**PROFILE OF DR VITHARANA PATHIRANA
DHAMMIKA**

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I am Senior Medical Officer attached to DH Kandana as DMO since 2018. My Carrier pathway as follows;

- Started A/L at Rahula College Matara
- Graduated in University of Peradeniya
- Internship - TH Kurunagala
- Post Internship - TH Jaffna ICU
- Thereafter, TH Ragama, JMOS office Colombo, JMOS office Chilaw, TH Kagalle, DH Kandana
- Post Graduate - DLM
- Trade Union activities
 - Assistant Secretary, GMOA (2005 – 2007)
 - Secretary - ACGMOA (2008 up to now)

PROFILE OF DR. WELPALLE
ARACHILLAGE CHAMENDRA
CHANDRASIRI RANASINGHA

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Dr. Welpalle Arachillage Chamendra Chandrasiri Ranasinghe serves as Director of Police Medical Services, since 2021, providing administrative leadership to three hospitals attached to Police Department of Sri Lanka - Narahenpita, Kundasale and Kankasanthurai. His responsibilities include planning, sustaining and developing health services of Sri Lanka Police and conducts a special coordinating role in the instances where Ministry of Health collaborates with Sri Lanka Police.

He joined Police Medical Services, in 2002 as an Assistant Superintendent of Police and had served, as a medical officer providing care related to all disciplines. He has served in special assignments such as ensuring care of President and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. He has engaged in health education and training, contributing to develop Police officers' competency with necessary skills and knowledge.

Dr. Chamendra was a student of Ananda College and obtained his MBBS from University of Peradeniya. Following his internship, he worked at Lady Ridgeway Hospital and Castle Street Hospital for Women before joining Sri Lanka Police. He served as Deputy Provincial Director of Sabaragamuwa province for following completion of his medical administrative qualifications.

He possesses Master of Science in Medical Administration from Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Development & Research from University of Colombo, and Diploma in Diplomacy and International Relations from Bandaranaike International Diplomacy Training Institute.

Dr. Chamendra is an entrepreneur and always supports community by providing opportunities.

PROFILE OF DR SUMANASIRI HEWA
KOLAMBAGE

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Graduated from University of Ruhuna.

Internship at NCTH – Ragama.

Post Intern Appointment 01.06.1998.

- ICU - DGH Kalutara
- ICU - DMH Colombo
- ICU - DGH Kalutara
- PGIM to follow Diploma in Critical Care Medicine
- ICU - DGH Kalutara
- NICU – NHSL – Colombo 2015 to up to date

PROFILE OF DR HATHURUSINGHE
ARACHCHILAGE CHITRANANDA
WIJESIRI HATHURUSINGHE MBBS MA
PGDVNC

CONSULTANT VENEREOLOGIST
TH KURUNAGALA

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I Dr HACW Hahurusinghe, passed out from the faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya started my carrier as MOIC – STD clinic Kurunagala in 1998.

Subsequently qualified with Diploma & MD in Venereology from the PGIM – University of Colombo and completed foreign training in Chelsea & Westminster Hospital London, United Kingdom.

I was a past president of Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health & HIV Medicine in 2020 & 2021. Currently working at the Consultant Venereologist, TH Kurunagala and visiting Lecturer of Faculty of Medicine, University of Wayamba.

PROFILE OF DR HADUNNETHEGE
TYRONE CHRISHANTHA SILVA ABEYSENA

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I am a Senior Professor in Community Medicine graduated from Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo in 1992. I had post graduate qualifications MSc in Community Medicine and MD in Community Medicine from the PGIM. I have joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya in 1997 and became a professor in 2010. I served as a reviewer in the QAC of the, UGC. A reviewer in the SLMC – Accreditation Unit.

PROFILE OF DR HARITHA PUNU ALUTHGE

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I, Dr. Haritha Punu Aluthge, been a Student of Royal College, Colombo, obtained my MBBS from Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Jayawardenepura in 1999. During my faculty days, I worked actively in Medical Faculty Students' Union, as an Office Bearer.

I have served the Government Health Care System for 23 years with distinction and during my career I have been awarded with Health Excellence and National Productivity awards on numerous occasions for my contribution to the Preventive Health Sector as a Medical Officers of Health (MOH) in Anuradhapura, Kegalle and Colombo districts.

During this period, I was a resource person for most of the newly introduced Public Health Programs of Family Health Bureau, Epidemiology Unit and other Public Health focal points.

Presently I am serving as the General Secretary of Government Medical Officers' Association. Previously I have held the same post for 3 consecutive years from year 2017 onwards. I have been a General Committee Member of GMOA, since 2012 and served as Provincial Coordinator- Western Province.

My dedicated service, Excellent communication skills and analytical ability has been invaluable to GMO in particular and to the free health sector in general.

During the global pandemic of COVID 19, my role in representing the GMOA has been valued by many, including the General Public.