



Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname : Abeyagunawardena

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Date of Birth : 22nd October 1963

Place of Birth : Kandy, Sri Lanka

Nationality : Sri Lankan

Civil status : Married

Sex : Male

Board Certification as a Consultant Paediatrician in Sri Lanka : January 1998

Current Designation : Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
Professor of Paediatrics/Consultant Paediatrician
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Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo

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EDUCATION

- Primary and Secondary* : Trinity College, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- Undergraduate* : The Faculty of Medicine,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- Postgraduate* : The Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- The Royal College of Physicians
United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) - 1990
University of Peradeniya

Diploma in Child Health - 1995
University of Colombo

Doctorate in Medicine (MD Paediatrics) - 1996
University of Colombo

MRCP (UK) - June 1998
Royal College of Physicians

FRCPCH (UK) – March 2007
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Fellow of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians - 2016

AWARDS AND ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

Winner of the Sir Andrew Caldecot Gold Medal for the best performance at the final MBBS examination (1990)

Distinction in Paediatrics – Final MBBS (1990)

Winner of the Sri Lanka Paediatric Association Gold Medal for the best performance at the DCH examination (1995)

First in the order of merit in both MD Part 1 and Part 2 examinations (1993 and 1996)

Winner of a research grant from the 'Caring for Kids Fund' of Institute of Child Health, University College London for a research in childhood nephrotic syndrome, 2000

Winner of the prize for the best oral presentation at the British Renal Association Spring meeting 2001, Nottingham, UK

Topic: *Relapse of nephrotic syndrome following Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine*

Guest Speaker at the International Paediatric Nephrology Week (March 2001) held at the Institute of Child Health, London UK.

Topic: *Treatment of steroid sensitive nephrotic syndrome*

Orator of the Professor CC De Silva Memorial Oration of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, 2002.

Guest Speaker and a Resource Person for the International Paediatric Nephrology Association Training Course, New Delhi, India 2004

Topic: *Management of Steroid Sensitive Nephrotic Syndrome*

Guest Speaker at the International Paediatric Nephrology Association Scientific Congress, Adelaide, Australia 2004

Topic : *Causes, approaches and outcome of nephrotic syndrome in the third world in comparison to western practice*

Winner of the prize for the best oral presentation at the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians Annual Sessions 2004. Topic: *Long term follow up of children with vesicoureteric reflux*

Winner of the prize for the best oral presentation at the International Paediatric Nephrology Association Scientific Congress, Adelaide, Australia 2004 Topic: *Pulsed vincristine therapy in steroid resistant nephrotic syndrome*

Guest Speaker at the Indian Paediatric Nephrology Group Annual Congress, held in Bangalore, India 2005 Topic: *Critical Care in Nephrology*

Orator of the Prof Senaka Bibile Memorial Oration of Kandy Society of Medicine Annual Sessions, 2005.

Guest Speaker at the Indian Academy of Paediatrics Annual Scientific Congress, New Delhi, India 2006

Topic: *Office approach to haematuria*

Guest Speaker at the Clinico-pathological conference organised by the British Association of Paediatric Nephrology, London, 2006 **Topic:** *Predictors of long term outcome of children with focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis.*

Winner of the Gold medal for the best oral presentation at the Kandy Society of Medicine Annual Sessions 2006. Topic: *The use of Levamisole as a single agent in maintaining remission in steroid dependant nephrotic syndrome*

Serving in the official review panel for the International Journal Pediatric Nephrology, 2007

Appointed as a Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatricians and Child Health for the contribution to Paediatric Nephrology, 2007

Orator of the Professor CC De Silva Memorial Oration of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, 2009.

Guest Speaker at International Paediatric Transplant Association Montreal, Canada - 2011

Guest Speaker at the Asia Pacific Paediatric Association Malasiya 2012. NICE way to manage UTI

Guest Speaker at the Asia Pacific Paediatric Association Malasiya 2012. *Global Inequities in Managing Chronic Renal Failure*

Guest Speaker at the Asian Society of Infectious Disease 2012. Infections in transplanted children

Guest Speaker at International Paediatric Transplant Association Warsaw, Poland - 2013

Winner of the prize for the best poster presentation at the Asia Pacific Gastroenterology Association Scientific Congress 2014

Winner of the prize for the best oral poster presentation at the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology Congress, Porto, Portugal 2014

Winner of the prize for the best oral presentation at the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians Annual Sessions 2014 - Short course of steroids during upper respiratory tract infection reduces the risk of relapse in nephrotic syndrome

Invited Speaker for the Asian Society of Paediatric Nephrology meeting New Delhi 2014

Invited Speaker at International Paediatric Transplant Association , USA - 2015

Appointed to the Scientific committee of the International Paediatric Transplant Association 2013 and 2015

Invited speaker for International Pediatric Nephrology Association Congress, Iguaçu, Brazil, 2016

Orator, Kandy Society of Medicine 2015

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Orator of the Dr S Ramachandran Memorial Oration of Sri Lanka Medical Association, 2016.

NRC merit Award for Scientific Publication 2016, awarded by the National Research Council of Sri Lanka

Orator at the XIXth Nepalese Congress of Paediatrics, NEPCON 2018 (Kahmandu, Nepal)

Outstanding Asian Paediatrician Award (OAPA) 2018 from the Asia Pacific Paediatric Association

PRESENT DESIGNATION

Dean

Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Professor of Paediatrics / Consultant Paediatrician with a special interest in Paediatric Nephrology

Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD

Chairman : Board of Study in Paediatrics Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo (2015-2018)

President : Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (2017)

Director : Centre for Education Research and Training on Chronic Kidney Disease (CERTKiD), University of Peradeniya (2014-2018)

Head : Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya (2010-2013)

Locum Consultant Paediatrician: Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust (UK)

Duration 2 months-2008/9

Locum Consultant Paediatrician: Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust (UK)

Duration 3 months-2006

Clinical Research Fellow in Paediatric Nephrology:

Institute of Child health/Great Ormond Street

Children's Hospital(GOSH), London.

Jan 2000 to Jan 2002 (2 years - Study leave)

GOSH is the premier children's hospital in the UK. The Nephro-Urology Unit performs on average 30 renal transplants per year. I was employed as the Research Fellow in paediatric nephrology researching in to childhood nephrotic syndrome. Apart from research work, my

clinical responsibilities were to conduct a weekly outpatient clinic for children referred with complicated nephrotic syndrome and also provide advice to regional hospitals on management issues relating to nephrotic syndrome. In addition, I provided on call service to the Renal Unit at Specialist Registrar level, exposing myself to the management of diverse renal problems.

Registrar (Middle Grade Paediatrician) in Paediatrics:

Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

3rd February 1999 to 31st January 2000 (One year - Study Leave)

Senior House Officer: Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

5th August 1998 to 2nd February 1999 (Study Leave)

Senior House Officer: New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton

4th February 1998 to 4th Aug 1998 (Study Leave)

New Cross Hospital is a Sub-regional referral centre for neonatal intensive care.

Senior Registrar in Paediatrics: Teaching Hospital Peradeniya (THP), Sri Lanka

1st Jan 1996 to 31st Dec 1997

Registrar in Paediatrics: Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital, Sri Lanka

Jan 1995 to Dec 1995

Registrar in Paediatrics: Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya

Jan 1994 to Dec 1994

Senior House Officer in Paediatrics: Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya

March 1992 to Dec 1993

Intern Medical Officer in Surgery: Professorial Surgery Unit National Hospital of Sri Lanka (Colombo) 1991

Intern Medical Officer in General Medicine: Renal Unit, National Hospital of Sri Lanka (Colombo) 1991

FULL TEXT PUBLICATIONS

Dufek, S, Cheshire, C, Levine, AP, Trompeter, RS, Issler, N, Stubbs, M, Mozere, M, Gupta, S, Klootwijk, E, Patel, V, Hothi, D, Waters, A, Webb, H, Tullus, K, Jenkins, L, Godinho, L, Levchenko, E, Wetzels, J, Knoers, N, Teeninga, N, Nauta, J, Shalaby, M, Edlesoky, S, Kari, JA, Thalgahagoda, S, Ranawaka, R, Abeyagunawardena, A, Adeyemo, A, Kristiansen, M, Gbadegesin, R, Webb, NJW, Gale, DP, Stanescu, HC, Kleta, R, Bockenhauer, D (2019) Genetic identification of two novel loci associated with steroid-sensitive nephrotic syndrome. *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* (In press).

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Thalgahagoda, R., Ranawaka, R., Abeyagunawardena, S., Karunadasa, U. and **Abeyagunawardena, A.** (2019). A possible case of levamisole-induced pauci-immune focal necrotising and crescentic glomerulonephritis. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*, 48(1), p.84.

Adeyemo, A., Esezobor, C., Solarin, A., **Abeyagunawardena, A.**, Kari, J., El Desoky, S., Greenbaum, L., Kamel, M., Kallash, M., Silva, C., Young, A., Hunley, T., de Jesus-Gonzalez, N., Srivastava, T. and Gbadegesin, R. (2018). HLA-DQA1 and APOL1 as Risk Loci for Childhood-Onset Steroid-Sensitive and Steroid-Resistant Nephrotic Syndrome. *American Journal of Kidney Diseases*, 71(3), pp.399-406.

Ranawaka, R., Pathmanathan, T., Gamage, M. and **Abeyagunawardena, A.** (2018). A child with end stage renal failure with acquired hepatitis C infection who has undergone a successful renal transplant. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*, 47(4), p.360.

Abeyagunawardena, A. (2018). Working towards zero mortality from acute kidney injury in Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*, 47(2), p.100.

Abeyagunawardena, A., Thalgahagoda, R., M. Jayaweera, A. and Karunadasa, U. (2018). Therapies for steroid-sensitive nephrotic syndrome. *Asian Journal of Pediatric Nephrology*, 1(2), p.56.

Varner, J., Chryst-Stangl, M., Esezobor, C., Solarin, A., Wu, G., Lane, B., Hall, G., **Abeyagunawardena, A.**, Matory, A., Hunley, T., Lin, J., Howell, D. and Gbadegesin, R. (2018). Genetic Testing for Steroid-Resistant-Nephrotic Syndrome in an Outbred Population. *Frontiers in Pediatrics*, 6.

Abeyagunawardena A, Karunadasa U, Jayaweera H, Thalgahagoda S, Tennakoon S, Abeyagunawardena S. Efficacy of higher-dose levamisole in maintaining remission in steroid-dependant nephrotic syndrome. *Pediatric Nephrology*. 2017;32(8):1363-1367.

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Thalgahagoda S, Abeyagunawardena S, Jayaweera H, Karunadasa U, **Abeyagunawardena A**. Pulsed Vincristine Therapy in Steroid-Resistant Nephrotic Syndrome. *BioMed Research International*. 2017;2017:1-4.

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Dharmawardane H, Abeyagunawardena S, Karunadasa U, Jayaweera A. **Abeyagunawardena A** (2017). Efficacy and safety of long-term levamisole therapy in maintaining remission in steroid dependent nephrotic syndrome. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health*. 46(4), p.357.

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Pham, N., Trinh, Q., Takanashi, S., Abeysekera, C., **Abeygunawardene, A.**, Shimizu, H., Khamrin, P., Okitsu, S., Mizuguchi, M. and Ushijima, H. (2010). Novel Human Parechovirus, Sri Lanka. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 16(1), pp.130-132.

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Ranasinghe J G S, Gamlath G R R D K, Samitha S, **Abeyagunawardena A S**. Prophylactic use of yoghurt reduces antibiotic induced diarrhoea in children. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health* 2007;36(2):53-56

Abeyagunawardena A S, Gunasekara W D V N, Ratnatunga N V I. Acute renal failure following multiple wasp bites. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health* 2007;36(2):67-68

Abeyagunawardena A S, Sabire NJ, Risdon T, Kumarasiri PVL, Dillon MJ, Rees L, van't Hoff W, Trompeter RS. Predictors of long term outcome of children with idiopathic focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis. *Pediatric Nephrology* 2007;22(2):215-221

Abeyagunawardena A S Thalgahagoda R S, Pathinayake C, Abeysekera C K. Antibiotic sensitivity pattern in childhood urinary tract infections. *Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health* 2006;35(2):55-60

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Abeygunawardena A S. Longterm outcome of Sri Lankan children with idiopathic focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. *Sri Lanka Journal of Medicine* 2006; 15 (1): 9-14

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PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (Abstracts Published)

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Asiri Abeyagunawardena. Montelukast sodium reduces the risk of relapse in childhood nephrotic syndrome. 15th Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association. 2010. Newyork USA

Chandra Abeysekera, M. Lamawansa, Gamini Buthpitiya, Chulananda Goonasekera, **Asiri Abeyagunawardena.** PAEDIATRIC RENAL TRANSPLANTATIONS IN SRI LANKA. *Pediatric Transplantation*. 13():79, APR 2009

Asiri Abeyagunawardena. Intravenous Pulsed Cyclophosphamide versus Vincristine Therapy in Steroid Dependant Nephrotic Syndrome: a Randomised Controlled Trial. 14th Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association. 2007. Hungary

Sayaka Takanashi-Jayawardena, Chandra Abeysekera, **Asiri Abeyagunawardena**, Takashi Igarashi, Hiroshi Ushijima. Molecular Epidemiology of Viral Acute Gastroenteritis in Sri Lankan Children. Proceedings of The 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics and 2nd Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing 2007;1(1): 43.

C K Abeysekera, C D A Goonasekera, W A M Wazeel, Oswald Fernando, M D Lamawansa, A S **Abeyagunawardena** . Paediatric Renal Transplantation Programme. Proceedings of The 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics and 2nd Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing 2007;1(1): 73

C K Abeysekera, N Kumarasingha, J C Rathnatilake, S H Pathirathne, A S **Abeyagunawardena** . Children with Chronic Kidney Disease. Proceedings of The 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics and 2nd Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing 2007;1(1): 72.

Abeyagunawardena A S., Trompeter R S, Efficacy Of Levamisole as a Single Agent In Maintaining Remission in Steroid Dependant Nephrotic Syndrome. *Pediatric Nephrology* 2006;21:1503

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Abeysekera CK, **Abeyagunawardena AS.** Children with chronic renal failure: a study on a tertiary care unit in Sri Lanka. *9th Asian Congress of Paediatric Nephrology* 2005: 170

Abeyagunawardena A, Trompeter RS. The effect of an increased dose of prednisolone during viral infections to reduce the risk of relapse in nephrotic syndrome: a randomised double blind placebo controlled trial: *Pediatric Nephrology* 2005;20:C29

Abeyagunawardena A, Trompeter RS. The effect of an increased dose of prednisolone during viral infections to reduce the risk of relapse in nephrotic syndrome: a randomised double blind placebo controlled trial. *Archives of Disease in Childhood* 2005;90:P12

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- Abeygunawardena A,** Abeysekera C, Thalgahagoda S, Dillon MJ. Pulsed Vincristine therapy in steroid resistant nephrotic syndrome: *Pediatric Nephrology* 2004;**19**:C66
- Abeygunawardena A S,** Sebire NJ, Risdon RA, Rees L, van't Hoff W, Dillon MJ, Trompeter RS, Long-term outcome focal segmental glomerulosclerosis: *Pediatric Nephrology* 2004;**19**:C144
- Abeygunawardena A,** Hutchinson C, Hindmarsh P, Trompeter RS. Adrenocortical suppression in nephrotic syndrome. *Archives of Disease in Childhood* 2003; **88** (1): A67
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- Abeygunawardena A,** Dillon MJ, Rees L, Van't Hoff W, Trompeter RS. Alteration of the disease course in Minimal Change Nephrotic Syndrome following Cyclophosphamide. *Pediatric Nephrology* 2002;**17**:C96
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ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS HELD

Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians - 2003/2004

Secretary, Kandy Society of Medicine - 2005/2006

Secretary Sri Lanka Society of Paediatric Nephrology - 2003 to date

Joint Secretary, Children's Welfare Society 2002 to date

Deputy Proctor, Faculty of Medicine - 2003-2005

Course Coordinator for training in paediatric nephrology, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo, Sri Lanka – 2003- to date

Trainer for postgraduate trainees in Paediatrics and Paediatric Nephrology -2004 to date

Examiner for the Diploma in Child Health, MD part 1 and part 2 examinations 2002 to date

Public Relation Officer, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians -2007

Head, Department of Paediatrics University of Peradeniya 2010-2013

Chairperson, Infrastructure committee, Faculty of Medicine, 2012-2014

Chairman, Board of Study in Paediatrics at Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, 2015-2017

Director, Centre for Education Research and Training on Chronic Kidney Disease (CERTKiD), University of Peradeniya, 2014 to date

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Represented school in rugby football and athletics.

Represented the Faculty of Medicine, Kandy Medical Officers and Institute of Child Health, London UK, in cricket

As the Secretary of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians I was strongly responsible in organising the Annual Sessions which were held in Kandy. This was the first time it was held outside the capital, Colombo. The meeting was graced by over 10 international speakers and 20 local speakers. During my tenure in office, I was instrumental starting a paediatric life support course for the first time in Sri Lanka with the collaboration of College of Anaesthesiologists.

I was instrumental in starting a separate society for paediatric nephrology.

As the Founder Secretary of the newly formed Sri Lanka Society of Paediatric Nephrology, I have conducted many lectures island wide, written reviews and guidelines and have been involved in commencing a training programme in paediatric nephrology.

As the Secretary of the Kandy Society of Medicine I was able to organise several life support courses for the benefit of doctors and nurses. Over 60 invited lectures and 18 symposiums were conducted with the participation of eminent speakers.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Kandy Society of Medicine

Member of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians

Member of the International Paediatric Nephrology Association

Member of the Royal College of Physicians

Member of the Royal College of Paediatricians and Child Health

Member of the International Paediatric Transplant Association

Collaborative research work with the Institute of Child Health, University College London, UK

Collaborative research work with Tokyo University, Japan

Collaborative research work with the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology

Collaborative research work with the Royal Free Hospital, London, UK

Collaborative research work with the Dukes Medical School, USA