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01) Personal information

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Acting Consultant Forensic Pathologist, Teaching Hospital Peradeniya,

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“I am interested in the fields of Forensic radiology, Forensic histopathology, and Clinical forensic medicine. I am also passionate about teaching, research, academia, quality assurance, and peer review. I'm motivated to enhance and uplift the quality of medico-legal work in my country by improving the reproducibility, documentation/storage, and objectivity of medico-legal evidence and the peer-review process for the fair administration of justice.”

02) Academic profile

- Completed Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (May 2017) with a Second-class upper division and Distinctions in Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Second MBBS examination:
Second class upper division (GPA 3.38)
Distinction in Physiology
- Third MBBS examination:
First class (GPA 3.91)
Distinctions in Parasitology
Microbiology
Pathology
Community Medicine
- Completed postgraduate training in Forensic Pathology in the following centers
Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka (2020- 2022) under supervision of
Prof. KAS Kodikara
Prof. D. Fernando
Prof. A. Vadysinghe
Prof. D. Edussuriya

JMO's Office, National Hospital Kandy, Sri Lanka (2022- 2023) under supervision of
Dr. MS Subramaniam
Dr. RP Jayasooriya

JMO's Office, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Sri Lanka (2024) under supervision of
Dr. Dassanayaka
Dr. Dayapala
- Obtained Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Forensic Medicine (2023) from the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka with being placed first in the merit list.
- Completed the FRCPath part one examination in March 2023.

03) Professional experience

- Appointed as a Lecturer (probationary) in Forensic Medicine at the Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka from March 2022 to present.
- Working as an Acting Consultant Forensic Pathologist attached to the Teaching Hospital Peradeniya, Sri Lanka from October 2024 to present.
- Appointed as Copyeditor of the “Sri Lanka Journal of Forensic Medicine, Science & Law” from 2022.
- Working as a reviewer in the “Sri Lanka Journal of Forensic Medicine, Science & Law” and “Sage Open Pathology” journals.
- Resource person at multiple workshops conducted by the Department of Forensic Medicine for school children, lawyers and inquirers into sudden deaths.
- Was an academic member of the scientific subcommittee and reviewer of the PemSARC’25.

04) Continuous professional development

1. Attended 19th Annual Academic Sessions organized by The College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, held on 22,23-01-2021 on Zoom digital platform
2. Participated in workshop on Forensic Pediatric and Perinatal pathology and Grand Clinico-Pathological rounds organized by the Medical Education Resource Centre, PGIM in collaboration with the Board of Study Forensic Medicine and College of Forensic Pathologists Sri Lanka, held on 14-12-2020 on Zoom Digital platform
3. Attended Grand Clinico-Pathological Rounds (CP) & Clinical Forensic Medicine Workshop organized by the Medical Education Resource Centre, PGIM in

collaboration with the Board of Study Forensic Medicine and College of Forensic Pathologists Sri Lanka, held on 26-06-2020 on Zoom Digital platform

4. Participated in workshop on “Post Graduate Research Forum” organized by the Medical Education Resource Centre, PGIM in collaboration with the Board of Study Forensic Medicine (20-11-2020)
5. Attended 18th Annual Academic Sessions organized by The College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka. (22,23-11-2019)
6. Completed certificate course on “Standardizing the competency on Tobacco & alcohol prevention among doctors in Sri Lanka” conducted by the National Authority on tobacco & Alcohol in 2017
7. Attended “Workshop on ethics in conducting and publishing research” conducted by the Faculty Research Committee of Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya on 26-07-2017
8. Participated in the 46th Annual Academic Sessions 2017 of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the SAARC Surgical Care Society, held on 17,18,19- 08-2017
9. Participated in “Good intern programme” and “Communication Skills Programme (CSP I)” organized by the Government Medical Officers’ Organization and Society for Health Research and Innovations held on 3,4-11-2017
10. Attended the foundation sessions organized by the Kandy Society of Medicine held on 11-10-2016
11. Attended 7th Annual Clinical Immunology Update organized by the UK- Sri Lanka Immunology Foundation in collaboration with Ceylon College of Physicians, held on 8-10-2014
12. Awarded certificate of completion in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) online course conducted by the NIDA Clinical Trials Network, valid until 29th January 2024
13. Attended 19th Annual Academic Sessions organized by The College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka.

14. Attended 134th SLMA Anniversary International Medical Congress 2021.
15. Attended 20^h Annual Academic Sessions organized by The College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka.
16. Attended 4th International Congress of INPALMS 2022
17. Was a member of the organizing committee of the 4th International Congress of INPALMS 2022
18. Attended 45th Annual Academic Sessions 2023 of the Kandy Society of Medicine.
19. Was a resource person at a workshop conducted at the Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Peradeniya for Inquirers into Sudden Death in Sri Lanka.
20. Attended workshop on “Undergraduate mentoring and active listening” at the University of Peradeniya 2024

05) Awards

Received the SLMA prize for best poster at the SLMA 134th International Medical Congress in 2021

Award for “Commendable research presentation- Poster category” at the 45th Annual Academic Sessions 2023 of the Kandy Society of Medicine.

Received Research Excellence Award at PeMSarc 2023 at the University of Peradeniya.

Received Research Publication Awards at PeMSARC 2024 at the University of Peradeniya.

Received Research Publication Awards at PeMSARC 2025 at the University of Peradeniya.

06) Publications

Journal publications

- **Wickramasinghe, C.**, Sivasubramaniam, M., Gunasekara, S. et al. Diagnosing coronary artery dissection using virtual autopsy in a resource-poor setting- a case report. *Forensic Science, Medicine, and Pathology* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12024-025-00967-z>.
- Roshini N, Jayarathna SL, Madushani N, Wickramasinghe CU, **Ekanayake KB**, Fernando DMG. Knowledge and practices on the usage of pesticides among farmers in Sevanagala, Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Medicine* . 2024;33(4):8-15. [10.4038/sljim.v33i4.513](https://doi.org/10.4038/sljim.v33i4.513).
- Ekanayake KB, Sanjaya B, Vadysinghe AN, Kumarasinghe G, Kodikara S, Fernando D, Wickramasinghe C, Nayakarathne N. A case of *Gloriosa superba* poisoning. *Australian Journal of Forensic Sciences* . 2024;56(S1):S147–S149. doi: [10.1080/00450618.2024.2324759](https://doi.org/10.1080/00450618.2024.2324759).
- Vadysinghe AN, Seneviratne P, Ekanayake KB, Wickramasinghe CU, Kumarasinghe WGGB, Sanjaya B. A death due to faulty airbag system—case report. *Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology* . 2023. doi: [10.1007/s12024-023-00715-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12024-023-00715-1).
- Wickramasinghe CU, Sivasubramaniam M, Muthugala R. Acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis following influenza infection: a case report. *Journal of Medical Case Reports* . 2023 May 3;17(1):176. doi: [10.1186/s13256-023-03906-0](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13256-023-03906-0).
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- Wickramasinghe C, Vadysinghe AN, Kodikara S, Udupihilla J. Frontal sinus pattern analysis for human identification using non-contrast computed tomography images: A Sri Lankan experience. *SAGE Open Medicine* . 2022;10. doi: [10.1177/20503121221143628](https://doi.org/10.1177/20503121221143628)
- Wickramasinghe CU, Fernando DMG, Wijetunge S, Sumanasekara HRSD. Death following rapidly progressive demyelinating disorder in a young female- a case report. *Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology* . 2022 Nov 17;28:1-5. doi: [10.1007/s12024-022-00564-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12024-022-00564-4)
- Vadysinghe AN, Sivasubramaniam M, Wickramasinghe C. A fatal muzzle/barrel injury by home-made firearm-an unusual mechanism. *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine* . 2022 Oct 1;91:102426. doi: [10.1016/j.jflm.2022.102426](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jflm.2022.102426)

- Kodikara S, Siddique S, Wickramasinghe C. Self-induced hemopericardium using a syringe needle: A rare method of suicide. *Legal Medicine*. 2022 Feb 1;54:102005. doi: [10.1016/j.legalmed.2021.102005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.legalmed.2021.102005)
- Kodikara S, Wickramasinghe C, Kudagammana V, Fernando DMG, Vadysinghe AV, Edussuriya DH, Siddique S, Kumarasinghe G, Nayakarathna T, Gunasekara S, Chandradasa S, Kulathunga N. Upgrading infrastructure of an autopsy laboratory to conduct autopsies of bodies infected with SARS CoV-2 virus. *SLMA News*. 2021;14(07):25-26.
- Kodikara S, Wickramasinghe C, Muthugala R, Fernando DMG, Vadysinghe AV, Edussuriya DH, Siddique S, Kumarasinghe G, Nayakarathna T, Gunasekara S, Chandradasa S, Wijetunge S. SARS CoV-2 epidemic and autopsy practice in Sri Lanka: Can it be erroneous without a comprehensive autopsy? *SLMA News*, 2021;14(06):24
- Fernando DMG, Thilakarathne SMNK, Wickramasinghe CU. Pulmonary artery dissection—A review of 150 cases. *Heart and Lung*. 2019;48:428-435. doi: [10.1016/j.hrtlng.2019.02.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.hrtlng.2019.02.007)
- Vadysinghe AN, Wickramasinghe CU, Nanayakkara DN, Kaluarachchi CI. Suspicious scars: physical child abuse vs Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. *Autopsy & case reports*. 2018;8(1). doi: [10.4322/acr.2018.008](https://doi.org/10.4322/acr.2018.008)
- Edussuriya D, Marambe KN, Tennakoon SUB, Rathnayake RMISD, Premaratne BG, Ubhayasiri SK, Wickramasinghe CU. Emotional intelligence in first year medical students and its correlates: A study conducted at a faculty of medicine in Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Medicine*. 2018;27(2):4–13. doi: [10.4038/sljmv.v27i2.104](https://doi.org/10.4038/sljmv.v27i2.104)
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Academic Sessions of the Kandy Society of Medicine, 7th-9th February, 2024, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

3. Kulathunga NP, Ekanayake EMKB, Kodikara KAS, Bandara KVUKS, Wickramasinghe CU. Intracranial haemorrhage following methamphetamine toxicity. Proceedings of the 46th Annual Academic Sessions of the Kandy Society of Medicine, 7th-9th February, 2024, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
4. Seneviratne P, Ekanayake EMKB, Wickramasinghe CU, Liyanage LSL, Vadysinghe AN. Single papillary muscle hypertrophy: A sudden teenage death. Proceedings of 22nd Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka. 9th-10th December, 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
5. Seneviratne P, Ekanayake EMKB, Wickramasinghe CU, Liyanage LSL, Vadysinghe AN. Methotrexate instead of metolazone: A fatal overdose. Proceedings of 22nd Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka. 9th-10th December, 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
6. Wickramasinghe CU, Sicasubramanium M. Gunasekara SB, Kumarasinghe G, Chandradasa S. Tailor made approach to investigate sudden cardiac deaths using virtual autopsy - a case report. Proceedings of the 45th Annual Academic Sessions of the Kandy Society of Medicine, 9th-11th February, 2023, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
7. Wickramasinghe CU, Sicasubramanium M. Uncommon presentations of mortality following influenza infection - a case series. Proceedings of the 45th Annual Academic Sessions of the Kandy Society of Medicine, 9th-11th February, 2023, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
8. Seneviratne P, Vadysinghe AN, Ekanayake EMKB, Wickramasinghe CU, Kumarasinghe WGGB, Sanjaya B. Saviour turned killer: Death due to faulty airbag system. Proceedings of Sri Lanka Medical Association 136th Anniversary International Medical Conference, 25th-28th July, 2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
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11. Wickramasinghe CU, Sivasubramaniam M. A rare finding of adrenal infection leading to Addisonian crisis: a case report. Proceedings of the 14th International Congress of Indo Pacific Association of Law Medicine and Science, 13th-16th December, 2022, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
 12. Wickramasinghe CU, Sivasubramaniam M. Custodial suicide- a case series and review of literature. Proceedings of the 14th International Congress of Indo Pacific Association of Law Medicine and Science, 13th-16th December, 2022, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
 13. Wickramasinghe CU, Kodikara KAS. Missed miscarriage following physical abuse by intimate partner; the ethical and medico-legal implications- A case report. Proceedings of the KSM Annual Academic Sessions 2022, Kandy, Sri Lanka
 14. Wickramasinghe CU, Nayakarathna T, Fernando DMG. Two cases of fatal Abamectin poisoning- a single Centre experience. Proceedings of the 20th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, December 2021, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
 15. Wickramasinghe CU, Fernando DMG, Wijethunga S, Sumanasekara S. Demyelinating disease with rapid and fatal course in a young female. Proceedings of the 20th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, December 2021, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

16. Wickramasinghe CU, Vadysinghe AN. Blast injury from locally manufactured “Hakka Patas” - a case report. Proceedings of the 20th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, December 2021, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
17. Vadysinghe AN, Perera I, Wickramasinghe CU, Darshika S, Ekanayake EMKB, Thilakarathne I, Jayasooriya D, Wijesiriwardena Y. Prevalence, socio-demographic patterns and impact of COVID-19 pandemic on cyberbullying among Advanced Level students in Kandy municipal area - a descriptive study. Proceedings of the 20th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, 11th December, 2021, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
18. Wickramasinghe CU, Vadysinghe AN, Kodikara KAS, Udupihilla J, Kumarasiri PVR. Frontal sinus pattern analysis for human identification- A digital radiographic study. Proceedings of the 20th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, December 2021, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
19. Wickramasinghe CU, Fernando DMG. Post- mortem microbiology in sepsis related fatalities: a diagnostic conundrum. Proceedings of the 19th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
20. Wickramasinghe CU, Fernando DMG. Mortality in muscular dystrophies: experience from a single center in Sri Lanka. Proceedings of the 19th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
21. Wickramasinghe CU, Vadysinghe AN. Meleney’s synergistic gangrene: a rare case of soft tissue infection. Proceedings of the 19th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

22. Kumarasinghe WGBB, Wickramasinghe CU, Vadysinghe AN. Diagnosis of arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy/dysplasia: role of forensic practitioner. Proceedings of the 19th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka, 2020, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
23. Edussuriya DH, Wickramasinghe CU, Perera S, Herath N. Usefulness of virtual autopsy in diagnosing pathologies in the paediatric population- A systematic review. Proceedings of the 134th Anniversary International Medical Congress, 2021, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- Member Sri Lankan Medical Council (SLMC no:37177)
- Member of Government Medical Officers Association (Sri Lanka)
- Member of the College of Forensic Pathologists of Sri Lanka
- Diplomate Member (overseas) of the Royal College of Pathologists UK

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