

# Short CV

## 1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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**PRESENT POST** : Senior Lecturer

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

**Honorary Consultant in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation**  
Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya

## 2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

### 2.1 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

- **Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2004 - 2009)**

Passed the final MBBS examination in 2009 Dec with **first class honours**. Received distinctions in all 13 undergraduate subjects.

### 2.3. POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

- **MD (Medicine)**  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka  
August/September 2016
- **MRCP (UK):** May 2017
- **MRCP (Rheumatology):** October 2020

### **3. MEDALS & PRIZES RECEIVED DURING UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE CARRIER**

- **University of Peradeniya**

- University scholarship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> MBBS examination
- Dr. C.E.S.Weeratunga Gold Medal for 2<sup>nd</sup> MBBS examination
- Emily Wickramanayake Scholarship
- The Arthur Fernando Memorial Prize
- Dr. H.J.Hazari Gold Medal
- Punchi Banda Panabokke Memorial prize for Forensic Medicine
- P.B.P. and Irene Maralande Panabokke Memorial Scholarship
- The University Prize for Academic Excellence
- Perry Exhibition
- Dhandishaw Dadhabhoy Gold Medal for Medicine
- Maneckbai Dadhabhoy Gold Medal for Midwifery
- Mr. B.H.Aluwihare Prize in Surgery
- Prof. Herbert A. Aponzo Prize in Paediatrics
- Award for the **Best Performance during undergraduate carrier by an individual in the history of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya** for the rare feat of acquiring distinctions in all subjects  
Awarded at the PeMSAA awards 2010
- Award for **Best Performance in Final MBBS 2009**  
Awarded at the PeMSAA awards 2010

#### Other awards

- Leader of the group winning the **Championship** at the Inter Medical Faculty Paediatric Quiz 2010, organized by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians
- Award for the **Best Free Paper** at the proceedings of the combined 10th Congress of Asian and Oceanic Society for Paediatric Radiology & 9th Annual academic sessions of Sri Lanka college of Radiologists, for the presentation titled 'role of ultrasonography in the diagnosis of autoimmune thyroiditis'
- **Presidential merit award** at the National Research Council research awards for the paper titled "Electrocardiographic and echocardiographic manifestations of cardiac involvement in leptospirosis", published in the transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

- **Special Award of Excellence** for the outstanding achievement in the field of Medicine, awarded by the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Sri Lanka, on international Women's day, 2011
- Lead author of the free paper which won the **best poster presentation award** at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the CSRRSL, 2024.

#### **4. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS**

| <b>Designation</b>                                | <b>Department/Institution</b>  | <b>From</b>                 | <b>To</b>                 |
|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Voluntary teacher for underprivileged students    | Saint Theresa's Girls' Hostel, Good Shepherd Convent, Nuwara Eliya                           |                             | May 2003 to December 2003 |
| Temporary Lecturer                                | Department of Surgery<br>Faculty of Medicine University of Peradeniya                        | 18-01-2010 to<br>31-12-2010 |                           |
| House Officer                                     | Medical and Surgical professorial units<br>National Hospital of Sri Lanka                    | 07-02-2011 to<br>06-02-2012 |                           |
| Resident house officer                            | Medical professorial unit<br>National Hospital of Sri Lanka                                  | 07-02-2012 to<br>08-08-2012 |                           |
| Medical Officer<br>Anaesthesiology/ICU            | Neurosurgery unit<br>National hospital of Sri Lanka  | 09-08-2012 to<br>31-01-2013 |                           |
| Lecturer in Medicine                              | Department of Medicine,<br>Faculty of Medicine,<br>University of Peradeniya                  | 01-02-2013<br>To date       |                           |
| Registrar in Medicine                             | Teaching Hospital Peradeniya   | 01-07-2013 –<br>14-11-2016  |                           |
| Senior Registrar in Rheumatology & Rehabilitation | Department of Rheumatology and Rehabilitation (Special unit), National Hospital of Sri Lanka | 15-11-2016 –<br>29/03/2019  |                           |
| Clinical Fellow Higher in Rheumatology            | Department of Rheumatology,<br>Addenbrooke's Hospital,<br>Cambridge University               | 14/06/2019 to 13/06/2021)   |                           |

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| Senior Lecturer in Rheumatology                        | Hospital Foundation Trust, Cambridge, UK<br><br>Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka | 22/09/2019 to now |
| Honorary Consultant in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation | University Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya   | 01/06/2021 to now |

## 5. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Acted as a **member of the medical board** conducted by the University Health Centre of the University of Peradeniya on several occasions
- **Academic counsellor** for medical students of batches 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2015/2016 of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
- **Academic Mentor** for a designated groups of medical students since 2013
- **Senior Student Counsellor- 2023 and 2024**
- **Primary registrar of contact** for Cambridge University medical students coming for the appointment in Rheumatology at Addenbrooke's hospital for the year 2020/2021
- **Council Member of the Ceylon College of Physicians- 2022 to 2024**
- **Council member of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka- 2023 to 2025**
- **Secretary of the Ceylon College of Physicians- 2023**
- **Secretary of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka- 2024**
- **Member of the CCP subcommittee on Medical Leadership- 2023 to now**
- **Member of the CCP subcommittee on convening the MRCP PACES examination in Sri Lanka- 2024 to now**
- **Secretary:** English Language Teaching Committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya: 2021 to now
- **Member-** Student Affairs Committee and represent the working group for horizontal tracking of poor performing students: 2021 to now
- **Member-** Rag prevention committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya: 2021 to now

## 6. EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THE FIELD OF RESEARCH, RESEARCH ETHICS, PUBLICATIONS AND EDITORIAL WORK

- **Author of several full papers in peer-reviewed journals and research abstracts** presented at national and international conferences. (listed later under section: 7)
  - Google Scholar profile link:  
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=L1eyKhYAAAAJ&hl=en>
  - Research Gate profile link:  
[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cl-Dandeniya?ev=hdr\\_xprf&tp=eyJjb250ZXh0Ijp7ImZpcnN0UGFnZSI6InB1YmxpY2F0aW9uIiwicGFnZSI6InB1YmxpY2F0aW9uIiwicG9zaXRpb24iOjnbG9iYWxIZWFkZXIifX0](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Cl-Dandeniya?ev=hdr_xprf&tp=eyJjb250ZXh0Ijp7ImZpcnN0UGFnZSI6InB1YmxpY2F0aW9uIiwicGFnZSI6InB1YmxpY2F0aW9uIiwicG9zaXRpb24iOjnbG9iYWxIZWFkZXIifX0)
  - ORCID ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8857-1366>
  - H-index: 4
- **Supervisor** of several research projects for undergraduate and postgraduate students:
  - MPhil- 1
  - BSc in Nursing- 3
  - MBBS undergraduate research projects- 3
- **Examiner** at MPhil thesis defense- 2
- **Secretary of Ethics Review Committee**, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya: 2021 to 2024 (3 years)
- **Member of Ethics Review Committee**, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya: 2025 to now
- **Representative of the Ethics Review Committee** of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, to the **FRECSL** (Federation of Research Ethics Committees of Sri Lanka) 2021 to 2024
- **Member of the FRECSL subcommittee** for the development of a programme for external review of Research Ethics Committees of Sri Lanka. - 2023 to now
- **Member of the Sri Lanka Clinical Trial Registry (SLCTR)**- 2024 to now
- **Member** of the abstract evaluation committee of the Ceylon College of Physicians (CCP)- 2022 and 2023
- **Member** of the abstract evaluation committee of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Sri Lanka (CSRRSL)- 2024
- **Recipient of the following research grants:**
  - CSRRSL Research Grant (grant number- 1-2023)- 2023
  - University Research Grant (grant number- URG/2022/52/M)- 2022
  - Multidisciplinary Research Grant (grant number- 445)- 2024

- **Experience with peer review of articles and abstracts for the following journals and associations/events:**
  - **Journals**
    - Frontiers in Rheumatology
    - Frontiers in Pharmacology
    - Frontiers in Immunology
    - BMJ Case Reports
    - International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases
    - JCCP (Journal of the Ceylon College of Physicians)
    - Sri Lanka Journal of Medicine (official publication of the Kandy Society of Medicine).
    - South Asian Journal of Internal Medicine
    - Sri Lanka Journal of Science
  - **Associations/events**
    - iPURSE (International Research Symposium of the University of Peradeniya)
    - Annual Scientific Sessions of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation, Sri Lanka
    - Annual Academic Sessions of the Ceylon College of Physicians
    - Annual Scientific Sessions of the Kandy Society of Medicine and Ratnapura Clinical Society
- **Experience as book editor** and have authored **book chapters** (see below)
- **Part of the international working group** for the development of a regional guideline for the management of psoriatic arthritis for the Asia-Pacific region: on-going project
- **Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Ceylon College of Physicians (JCCP)-** 2025 to now
- **Headed the editorial committee for the monthly CCP Newsletter: 2023**

## **7. RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

### **Full Papers**

1. Rodrigo C, Fernando T, Samarakoon L, **Dandeniya C**, Wattegama M, Wanniarachchi N, Jayananda G, Rajapakse S. Acute coronary events during alcohol withdrawal. *Addiction*. 2013 Jan;108(1):222-3.
2. Fernando T, Rodrigo C, Samarakoon L, Navinan MR, **Dandeniya C**, Constantine G, Rajapakse S. Electrocardiographic and echocardiographic manifestations of cardiac

involvement in leptospirosis. Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg. 2013 doi: 10.1093/trstmh/trt038

3. Ratnatunga PCA, **Dandeniya C**, Kandappa N, Balasuriya N, Manorangi EG. Lymphoedema of the limbs: an experience from a tertiary clinic in the central province of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Journal of Surgery. 2017; 35(2):1–6. doi: <http://doi.org/10.4038/sljs.v35i2.8381>
4. **Dandeniya CL**, Withana M, Rubasinghe J, Senarathne V. Prevalence of Coronary Artery Disease in a Cohort of Sri Lankan Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis. International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases. 2019; vol 22(suppl 3):66.
5. **Dandeniya CL**, Negoescu AF. Elderly onset RA: a diagnostic and therapeutic challenge. Practitioner. 2020; vol 264(1833):11-14.
6. **Dandeniya CL**, Gawarammana IB, Weerakoon G. Coronary Artery Spasms Mimicking Acute ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction in Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever. *Case Reports in Infectious Diseases*. 2020; vol. 2020, Article ID 6310569, 3 pages, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2020/6310569>
7. **Dandeniya CL**, Fifield M, Lebus C, Shenker N. Eosinophilic Fasciitis: experience with a patient and review of potential mimics. *Acute Medicine*, 20 (4), 282-285
8. **Dandeniya C.L.** and Rubasinghe J., 2021. Delay in presentation of patients with rheumatoid arthritis for specialty care. *Journal of the Ceylon College of Physicians*, 52(2), pp.101–104. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/jccp.v52i2.7934>
9. **Dandeniya CL**, Premathilake TK. Thrombotic and immunological phenomena following COVID-19 vaccination: experience from a case series. *RMD Open* 2023; 9:e002841. doi: 10.1136/rmdopen-2022-002841
10. Tamiko R. Katsumoto, Liya Stolyar, **Chathurika L. Dandeniya**, Hong Nei Wong, Cristina M. Lanata, Titilola Falasinnu, Thomas Bush. Impact of climate change on rheumatic diseases: A scoping review, *The Journal of Climate Change and Health* 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joclim.2024.100338>.
11. Y.-Y. Leung, P. Bird, M. Haroon, et al., “The APLAR Recommendations for the Management of Psoriatic Arthritis,” *International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases* 28, no. 8 (2025): e70372, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1756-185x.70372>.

## Abstracts

12. **Dandeniya CL**, Ralapanawa DMPUK, Jayalath WATA, Kularatne SAM. Atypical manifestations of dengue infection due to co-infection with either hepatitis A or leptospirosis: two case reports. Sri Lankan Journal of Infectious Diseases. 2015;5(1):36-40.
13. Rosairo S., **Dandeniya CL**, Kumari AMN, Ratnatunga PCA. Ultrasonographic characteristics of Lymph Nodes in Primary Lower Limb Lymphoedema; 2011; 10th Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Radiologists.

14. Rosairo S, **Dandeniya CL**, Kumari AMN, Ratnatunga PCA. Ultrasonographic characteristics of lymphnodes in lower limb lymphoedema: A preliminary descriptive study. Book of abstracts, 33rd annual academic sessions of Kandy society of Medicine 2011
15. Rosairo S, **Dandeniya CL**, Wettasinghe MC (2010) Evaluation of the role of ultrasonography in the diagnosis of autoimmune thyroiditis. Proceedings of 10th Congress of Asian Oceanic Society of Paediatric radiology & 9th Annual academic sessions of Sri Lanka college of Radiologists A10: **Won the present for the best oral presentation**
16. **Dandeniya C.L.**, Kumari A.M.N., Ratnatunga C. An audit of lymphoedema patterns among patients presenting at the surgical unit of the teaching hospital, Peradeniya, from 1977 to 2010. Proceedings of the Peradeniya University Research Sessions, Sri Lanka, 2010.vol 15;98-100
17. Rosairo S, **Dandeniya CL**, Wettasinghe MC, Ratnatunga C, Galketiya KB. Evaluation of the role of ultrasonography in the diagnosis and follow-up of autoimmune thyroiditis. Proceedings of the Peradeniya University Research Sessions, Sri Lanka, 2010.vol 15;116-118
18. **Dandeniya CL**, Ratnatunga PCA. Recurrence in benign goiter - can we identify a cause? : a preliminary descriptive study. Book of abstracts, 33rd annual academic sessions of Kandy society of Medicine. 2011
19. **Dandeniya CL**, Pathirage M, Kularathne SAM. Malignant catatonia presenting as pyrexia of unknown origin. Poster presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> international medical congress of the PeMSAA, held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017
20. **Dandeniya CL**, Rubasinghe J. Delay in the presentation of patients with rheumatoid arthritis for specialty unit care: a single centre experience. Book of abstracts, Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka. 2018
21. Rajagopala L, **Dandeniya CL**, Jagoda J, Janagan S, Gunatilaka ML. When joints vanish: idiopathic multicentric osteolysis. Proceedings of the Adult and Paediatric Case-based Conference 2021
22. **Dandeniya CL**, Kadamban P, Pattapola S, Lillicrap M. A rare case of paraspinal focal myositis presenting with systemic manifestations. Book of abstracts, Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka. 2020
23. **Dandeniya CL**, Fifield M, Lebus C, Shenker N, Hall F. A rare mimic of systemic sclerosis. Book of abstracts, Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka. 2020
24. Rajgopala L, **Dandeniya C**, Janagan S. When Joints Vanish. Rheumatology Advances in Practice. 2021; 5(suppl 1):i11-12. DOI: 10.1093/rap/rkab067.017: **Won the award for the best oral abstract presentation at the British Society of Rheumatology adult and paediatric case-based conference**
25. **CL Dandeniya**, V Kularathna, Jiffry MN, Kaththota KRPR. Delayed diagnosis of septic arthritis of the sacroiliac joint during pregnancy due to presentation with ipsilateral hip

pain. Proceedings of the Annual Scientific Sessions of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka, December 2021.

26. **Dandeniya CL**, Premathilake TK. Factors affecting the delay in presentation of inflammatory arthritis to specialty care. Proceedings of the Annual Scientific Sessions of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka, October 2022.
27. **Dandeniya C**, Munidasa D, Deshapriya K, *et al.* AB0610 Characterization of Disease Severity and Organ System Involvement in Patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus in Sri Lanka- Establishing a Country-Wide Lupus Cohort. *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* 2023;82:1506-1507.
28. **Dandeniya CL**, De Silva L A N U, Sun S, Premathilake T. Audit and re-audit of knowledge, attitudes and practices of medical officers in monitoring for toxicity of disease modifying anti rheumatoid drugs (DMARDs) in the clinic set up in a tertiary care hospital in Sri Lanka. JCCP 2023; 55(1): 35. DOI: 10.4038/jccp.v55i5.8015
29. S.D.Rupasinghe, **C. L. Dandeniya**. Hypocomplementemic urticarial vasculitis as an initial presentation of SLE. 2023-CR-326-IRACON (Presented at the Indian Rheumatology Association Annual Congress)
30. S.D.Rupasinghe, **C.L.Dandeniya**. Covid-19 Infection in a Young Boy on Immunosuppression for the First Presentation of Cerebral Lupus: A Management Challenge. 2023-CR-323- IRACON (Presented at the Indian Rheumatology Association Annual Congress)
31. **C. Dandeniya**, D. Munidasa, K. Deshapriya, N. Aravinthan, M. De Silva, G. Kasthurirathne, U. Dissanayake, P. Wanigasekara, A. Udagedara, N. Darshana, B. Parker, I. Bruce, A. Ediriweera. Characterization of infection burden among an island-wide cohort of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) in Sri Lanka. (2024), Poster Abstracts. Int J Rheum Dis, 27: 66-434. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1756-185X.14982>
32. **C.L. Dandeniya**, T.A.S.M. Gunawardhana. Non Specific Orbital Inflammatory disease: Clinical Insights and Therapeutic Challenges. *Asian Journal of Internal Medicine*; 2024, 3 (1): S62
33. **C. L. Dandeniya**, T. A. S. M. Gunawardhana. Evaluating Disease Modifying Anti- Rheumatic Drugs (DMARDs) Monitoring Practices in Resource Limited Settings; A Retrospective Cross-Sectional Study. Book of Abstracts of the Annual Scientific Sessions of the College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation. 2024: **Won the award for the Best Poster Presentation.**

#### **Books and Book Chapters:**

Editor of the following books:

1. Assessments in Medicine- 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, Publication by the Department of Medicine, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. 2023. **ISBN- 978-624-97939-8-9**
2. A GP's Guide on Hypertension- How High is Too High- Publication by the Hypertension Research Centre of the University of Peradeniya. 2025. **In press**

Contributed book chapters to the following books

1. Challenges for Clinical Leaders in Hospital Practice, Publication by the Medical Leadership Forum of the Ceylon College of Physicians. 2023. **ISBN- 978-624-55280-1-1**
2. Climate Change and Disability: A Collaborative Approach to a Sustainable Future. Elsevier publications. In press. Paperback **ISBN: 978-0-443-3156-88**; eBook **ISBN: 9780443315695**
3. A GP's Guide on Hypertension- How High is Too High- Publication by the Hypertension Research Centre of the University of Peradeniya. 2025. **In press**

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## **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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