

CURRICULM VITAE – RAJITHA ASANGA ABEYSEKERA

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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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2. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)** - 1st July 2007
- **MD (Medicine) – Postgraduate Institute of Medicine**
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka - 1st September 2013
- **Master of Science (MSc) in Bio-statistics**
University of Peradeniya- 14th June 2010.
- **MRCP (UK)** - Royal College of Physicians - 3rd March 2014
- **MRCP Nephrology** -24th March 2016
- **ISN-ANIO Clinical Nephropathology course** - 23rd May 2016
- **ISN-ANIO Advanced Clinical Nephropathology Certificate** – 31st June 2021
- **International Society of Nephrology (ISN) Scholar**-2nd October 2019
- **GlomCon Glomerular Disease Fellowship** – July 2023

- **Fellow of Sharing Expertise to Support the set-up of Renal Registries (SharE-RR) of the International Society of Nephrology – 2024**
- **Fellow of the International Society of Nephrology (FISN) – January 2025**

3. MEDALS & PRIZES

Postgraduate:Post Graduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) – University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

- **Placed 1st in the country** at MD Medicine – Part II 2013.
- Dr. Nanda Amarasekera **award for the Best Performance** in MD Medicine 2013.
- John F Stoke **Gold Medal for Best Overall Performance** at MD Medicine 2013.
- Dr. P.T. De Silva **Gold Medal for Best Clinical Performance** at MD Medicine 2013

Awards

- Best oral presentation award for the study titled “ Ensemble learning based decision support system for optimizing haemodialysis outcomes in patients with endstage renal disease” at the National Health Research Symposium 2025 organised by the Education, Training & Research Unit of the Ministry of Health & Mass Media on 26th November 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- ISN Fellowship abstract award for 3rd place at the World Congress of Nephrology on February 6-9th 2025 in New Delhi, India for the abstract titled “Prevalence of Chronic Kidney Disease in Sri Lanka”.
- Awarded Dr.C Palasuntheram Prize for oral presentation and first prize in the oral presentations for the study titled “ Longitudinal evaluation of anti-SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibody levels in 3-dose vaccinated haemodialysis patients shows a good 3rd dose antibody response” at the *31st Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2022*.
- Research Publication Awards by Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya for highly rated scientific publications published in 2020.
- Best mini oral award at 2nd Asia Pacific AKI CRRT conference, Taipei 9/2018 for the paper titled “Effectiveness of plasma exchange in acute kidney injury with microangiopathy following hump nosed viper bite”.
- President’s Awards for Scientific Publications in 2014 (22, November 2016).

Grants

- University Research Council Multi-disciplinary research grant 2024, University of Peradeniya (Grant no: MRG - 515)."AI-Driven Renal Care Management - A Case Study at the Teaching Hospital Peradeniya"
- University of Peradeniya Research Grant 2022 (Grant no: URG/2022/48/M) for the conduct of the study titled " Prevalence of Chronic Kidney Disease in Kandy District".
- University of Peradeniya Research Grant 2018 (Grant no: URG/2018/34/M) for the conduct of the study titled " Outcomes of living kidney donation by donors in chronic kidney disease of uncertain aetiology endemic areas – Sri Lanka" - University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- ISN Fellowship grant – for Training in Critical care nephrology at Guy's & St.Thomas' hospital, London, UK – December 2018

4. CURRENTLY HELD OFFICIAL POSITIONS

- Member of the Specialty Board in Nephrology of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka from April 2022 to date
- Director, Centre for Education Research Training in Kidney Disease, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya (CERTKiD), Sri Lanka – 2021 to date
- Member of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN)s SharE-RR WHO Deliverable Working Group which is focussed at CKD related data registry development and CKD activities globally. 2021 to date
- Editor – Sri Lanka Society of Nephrology, Sri Lanka : 2023 – 2024
- Joint secretary – Sri Lanka Society of Nephrology, 2018-2020
- Joint secretary – Sri Lanka society of Hypertension, Sri Lanka : 2019 – to date
- Member – Ethics review committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya – 2019 to 2024.

5. CURRENT WORKING ENGAGEMENTS

I am currently engaged as both a clinician and an academic at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

- I also provide services as a Consultant Nephrologist at University Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka where comprehensive nephrology services including general nephrology, haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, kidney transplant, interventional nephrology, adolescent transition care and renal supportive care are provided.
- Engaged in undergraduate teaching for medical, dental & allied health science faculty students.
- Engaged in post graduate teaching & training for medicine, emergency medicine, nephrology, clinical haematology trainees.
- Examiner at both undergraduate and postgraduate medicine examinations.
- Undergraduate & postgraduate research supervision

6. RECENT RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. Karunathilake KRP, Kumara RA, Karunathilaka A, Wazil AWM, Nanayakkara N, Bandara CKB, **Abeysekera RA**, Noordeen F, Gawarammana IB, Ratnatunga CN. Longitudinal evaluation of anti-SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibody levels in 3-dose homologous (mRNA-1273- mRNA-1273- BNT162b2) vaccinated Kidney transplant population: 18-month follow-up, IJID Regions,2025,100767,ISSN 2772-7076.
2. HG Naduni Erandika, Nishantha Nanayakkara, Sulochana Wijetunge, HTK Abeysundara, AWM Wazil, Duminda Basnayake, **Rajitha Abeysekera**. Bridging the Gap Between Pre-operative Donor Evaluation and Histological Abnormalities Among Live Kidney Donors in Sri Lanka". Indian Journal of Nephrology IJN_181_2025.
3. Erandika, Naduni, **Abeysekera Rajitha**, Wijetunge, Sulochana, Abeysundara Hemalika Wazil, Abdul, Ratnatunga Neelakanthi, NanayakkaranNishantha. Making the Case for New Donor Selection Criteria in CKDu Endemic Areas: A Crucial Step for Sustainable Kidney Transplantation in Sri Lanka. Transplantation, December 12, 2024. | DOI: 10.1097/TP.0000000000005287

4. SA Karunathilake RP, Kumara RA, Karunathilaka A, Wazil AWM, Nanayakkara N, Bandara CK, **Abeysekera RA**, Noordeen F, Gawarammana IB, Ratnatunga CN. 18-month longitudinal SARS COV-2 neutralizing antibody dynamics in haemodialysis patients receiving heterologous 3-dose vaccination (AZD-1222- AZD-1222- BNT162b2) in a lower middle income setting. *BMC Nephrology*. 2024 May 22;25(1):176. doi: 10.1186/s12882-024-03599-7. PMID: 38778281; PMCID: PMC11112903.
5. Maria Pippas, **Rajitha A Abeysekera**, Silvia Arruebo, M Razeeen Davids, Sandrine Damster, Maria C Gonzales-Bedat, Norio Hanafusa, Junichi Hoshino, Anne Hradsky, Georgina L. Irish, Kitty J Jager, Sabine Karam, Vivek Kumar, Stephen P McDonald, Guillermo J Rosa-Diez, Elliot K Tannor, James B Wetmore, Fergus J Caskey. A Toolkit for ISN's registry initiative, SharE-RR. *Kidney International* 2024. *Accepted for publication*.
6. Zhang J, Diwan V, Wang Z, Healy HG, Venuthurupalli SK, **Abeysekera R**, Hoy WE. The Impact of Anaemia on Outcomes, Admissions, and Costs in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease in Two Public Nephrology Practices in Queensland: A CKD.QLD Registry Study. *Int J Nephrol*. 2023 May 3;2023:8720293. doi: 10.1155/2023/8720293. PMID: 37180548; PMCID: PMC10171986.