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Colombo North centre for Liver Diseases



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A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE: STORY OF THE YOUNGEST LIVER TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT

It was truly a major win and a dream come true for Kushan Adithya, who was the youngest child to undergo a successful liver transplant in Sri Lanka, just at the age of 5 months... cont'd in page 6

Message from The Secretary, Ministry of Health & Mass Media



Despite numerous challenges, Sri Lanka's healthcare system has consistently demonstrated resilience and continued progress. Liver transplantation is one such vital service where Sri Lanka has made significant strides towards excellence over the past decade. I am pleased to witness the remarkable advancements in this field and would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the dedicated healthcare professionals involved. Your unwavering commitment and perseverance are truly commendable.

Dr Anil Jasinghe

Message from The Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health



Over the past year, following the inauguration of the new facility, substantial progress has been made at the Colombo North centre for Liver Diseases, Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama. The Ministry of Health has worked in close collaboration with the Centre to ensure the successful development of this essential service. We are pleased to observe the significant achievements resulting from this partnership, which have positively impacted our patients and enhanced our healthcare system. I would like to commend the team at the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases for their dedication and encourage you to continue pursuing excellence in all your endeavours.

Dr Asela Gunawardena

Message from The Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya



I extend my sincere gratitude to all our staff for their outstanding support to the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases. Our productive partnership with the Ministry of Health has been vital to our continued growth and success.

The Centre exemplifies excellence through its three core strengths: the healthcare service, academic achievements in research and publications, and distinguished teaching programs for future specialists.

Professor Madhawa Chandratilake

Message from The Vice Chancellor, University of Kelaniya



The Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, has long been at the forefront of pioneering the management of liver disease in Sri Lanka. Through the collective expertise and dedication of multiple departments: including Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, and Pathology the field of hepatology has reached to new heights.

A testament to this remarkable progress is the establishment of the Colombo North center for Liver Diseases (CNCLD), marking a significant milestone in liver medicine. This initiative stands as a beacon of innovation and collaboration, driving forward research, patient care, and education in the field. As this new center embarks on its journey, I extend my best wishes for its continued success and growth.

Senior Professor Nilanthi De Silva

Message from The Director, Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama



I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the unwavering dedication of our healthcare team, including specialists, medical officers, nursing staff, and all supporting departments, at the Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama. Their tireless efforts are instrumental in providing the highest quality of patient care. I trust these remarkable achievements do serve as a testament to the capabilities of a free healthcare system in our country.

Dr S P A Liyanage Ranaweera



THE STORY OF THE M.H. OMAR LIVER CARE FACILITY

What began as a dream in 2020 has blossomed into a remarkable reality, transforming liver care in Sri Lanka through the extraordinary generosity of one man and his family.

The M.H. Omar Liver Care Facility stands today as a testament to the power of humanitarian vision and the dedication of medical excellence.

The journey began shortly after the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases (CNCLD) performed its first pediatric liver transplant.

Our team approached Architect Mr. Murad Ismail with the need of establishing a dedicated liver transplant centre. Their vision was clear: to create a centre of excellence that would provide seamless care to adults and children with liver disease while serving as a centre for both training and research



Initial plot of land



CNCLD team with Mr Murad Ismail

A LEGACY OF HOPE: HOW ONE MAN'S VISION TRANSFORMED LIVES



Mr M H Omar's first visit to the site

Initially, the project secured approval for approximately Rs. 350 million from the Ministry of Finance for the building's construction. However, as Sri Lanka faced a severe economic crisis, the funding dried up, and the project ground to a halt. Despite significant efforts to raise funds for equipping the building, success remained elusive.

It was during this critical period that fate intervened. Mr. M.H. Omar, who had independently commissioned Architect Mr. Ismail to design a non-fee levying hospital, learned of the CNCLD team's stalled project through a series of connections. When approached about supporting the purchase of equipment for the transplant centre, Mr. Omar and his family – including sons Aslam, Ashroff and Feroze, and grandson Hasib – went far beyond the initial request. They not only funded the equipment but also provided resources to complete the halted construction, with their total contribution reaching an extraordinary Rs. 2.5 billion.



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Urban Development Authority



We wish to thank UDA (Urban Development Authority) team lead by Mr Mahinda Withanachchi for their voluntary contributions. During the initial phase of the project, team UDA offered their services in architectural designing and project management free of charge. Their goodwill was instrumental in taking the construction off the ground.



Vice chancellor & Registrar's visit



Sanken Team



Meeting with the CECB



SANKEN taking over construction



Prof Mohamed Rela's visit



Mr M H Omar at the felicitation

At a modest felicitation ceremony in February 2024, Mr. Omar's humility shone through. Rather than dwelling on his family's extraordinary contribution, he simply said, **"Thank you all of you, thank you very, very much,"** to the multidisciplinary team saving precious lives through complex liver transplant surgeries.

A plaque at the facility carries Mr. Omar's heartfelt message: **"I hope this facility will stand as a reminder to future generations of the good fortune and blessings we were able to share with all our communities and inspire them to continue the legacy of gratitude."**

The M.H. Omar Liver Care Facility represents more than just a building; it embodies hope, healing, and the profound impact that compassionate philanthropy can have on countless lives.



CNCLD team



A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

The impact of this facility extends far beyond its impressive structure.

The CNCLD's track record speaks to its crucial role in Sri Lankan healthcare:

- Over 75 liver transplants for both children and adults
- More than 500 liver cancer surgeries
- More than 350 microwave ablation of liver tumors
- Treatment of around 2,000 outpatients with complex liver disease annually



Signing of the Inter-department agreement

The facility stands as a vital hub for both treatment and education, conducting award-winning research while serving as a key center for undergraduate training. CNCLD was recently recognized as a postgraduate training center as well.



A FAREWELL TO A VISIONARY PHILANTHROPIST



In December 2024, Sri Lanka lost one of its most impactful philanthropists with the passing of Mr. M.H. Omar. His departure, just months after witnessing his vision come to full fruition, marked the end of a remarkable life dedicated to serving others. Until his final days, Mr. Omar remained deeply connected to the facility's mission, taking particular joy in seeing how it transformed the lives of children and families in need.

The timing of his passing holds a particular poignancy - he lived to see his dream of creating a world-class liver care facility become reality, and to witness firsthand the impact it had on countless lives. His last visit to the facility in February 2024 was marked by characteristic humility and gratitude, thinking not of his own contribution but of the dedicated medical team's work.

Through the Omar family's generosity and the dedication of the CNCLD team, Sri Lanka now has a world-class facility ensuring that advanced liver care is accessible to all who need it, regardless of their economic status. As we bid farewell to this remarkable humanitarian, we take comfort in knowing that his legacy lives on in every life saved, every family given hope, and every medical advancement made at the facility that bears his name.

Mr. Omar's final gift to the nation will continue to serve generations to come, a lasting testament to his vision of accessible, world-class healthcare for all Sri Lankans

HISTORIC MILESTONE: YOUNGEST CHILD TO UNDERGO LIVER TRANSPLANT IN SRI LANKA



Kushan recovering from the transplant

We are proud to announce that our dedicated team has successfully performed Sri Lanka's first-ever liver transplant on a five-month-old infant, marking our 24th pediatric liver transplant and setting a new benchmark in our center's capabilities. Baby Kushan Adithya, diagnosed with biliary atresia, presented with yellow eyes, large tummy, and persistent discomfort. Following comprehensive evaluation at our center, our multi-disciplinary team took on the challenge of performing this complex procedure on our youngest patient yet.

The 16-hour surgery was executed with precision on September 6 by our expert surgical team, supported by our liver transplant anesthetists, pediatric hepatologist, and interventional radiologist. We are grateful for the collaborative support from our colleagues at Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, the National Cancer Institute, and the Provincial hospital, Kurunegala who readily joined forces with our team for this landmark procedure.

The transplant involved harvesting a portion of the liver from the infant's mother, Sandamini Nisansala, who was identified as an ideal donor through our comprehensive matching process.



In 2024, after considering the patients' request and the recommendation of the CNCLD, the President's Fund of Sri Lanka increased the grant for pediatric liver transplant patients to 1 million Sri Lankan Rupees. This has provided significant support to patients travelling from all corners of the country. The financial assistance from the President's Fund has been invaluable in covering the miscellaneous costs in the initial three months, associated with liver transplantation.



TRIUMPH THROUGH LIVER TRANSPLANTATION



The Ultimate Act of Giving: A Monk's Sacred Gift of Life to a Child

This is a 11-year-old boy who had a successful liver transplant following acute liver failure. Though his parents wanted to donate a part of the liver to him, they couldn't due to medical reasons. At a moment where they were desperate, a Buddhist monk with a purely determined heart came forward to save the life of this child. The transplant happened within a day and this child survived with an act so pure and sacred by the monk.

Eight Candles, One Miracle

This was another heartwarming day at the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases as we celebrated the 8th birthday of this little hero who underwent a life-saving liver transplant that gave him a second chance at life. His resilience, courage, and infectious smile have inspired everyone around him. Thanks to the dedication of his medical team and the generosity of his donor, this child is now thriving, full of energy, and ready to chase his dreams.



OVERNIGHT PIRITH CHANTING AND ALMS GIVING AT M.H. OMAR LIVER CARE FACILITY

On June 12, 2024, we hosted an overnight pirith chanting ceremony, followed by a traditional alms-giving. This deeply spiritual event was organized to invoke blessings for the those we have lost, the patients, staff, and all those involved in the invaluable work carried out at the facility.

The pirith chanting created an atmosphere of peace and positivity, bringing together staff, patients, and well-wishers in a shared moment of reflection and gratitude. The alms-giving that followed was a meaningful gesture, symbolizing the spirit of giving and compassion that lies at the heart of the facility's mission.

Such events highlight the importance of both physical and spiritual well-being, nurturing a holistic approach to healthcare and fostering a supportive community for all.



BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS M.H. OMAR LIVER CARE FACILITY



Dean with the British high commissioner



Discussing with the CNCLD team

On November 29, 2024, we had the privilege of welcoming the British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, accompanied by a distinguished group of visitors. Their presence was an honour, and the positive feedback received on the work carried out by CNCLD was deeply appreciated.

During the visit, the delegation was given an in-depth overview of the facility's state-of-the-art medical equipment, specialized treatment protocols, and innovative patient care approaches. The British High Commissioner and accompanying delegates expressed particular interest in the center's comprehensive liver disease management programs and its role in advancing healthcare standards in Sri Lanka. This prestigious visit not only recognizes the M.H. Omar Liver Care Facility's contributions to healthcare but also strengthens the collaborative relationship between Sri Lankan and British medical institutions. It represents an important acknowledgment of the center's role in advancing liver disease treatment and research in Sri Lanka.



Presenting the work carried out by CNCLD



Seeing patients at CNCLD

ACHIEVEMENTS 2024

Dr S N B Talwatte Memorial Oration 2024

We congratulate Dr. Chinthaka Appuhamy, Consultant Interventional Radiologist and Senior Lecturer at CNCLD, for delivering the prestigious Dr. S.N.B. Talwatte Memorial Oration 2024 at the Sri Lanka College of Radiologists Annual Academic Sessions. His oration on "Minimally Invasive Solutions: Image Guided Liver Cancer Therapies" showcased innovative approaches in interventional radiology.



Landmark Research on Pediatric Liver Transplantation Earns Senate Honours

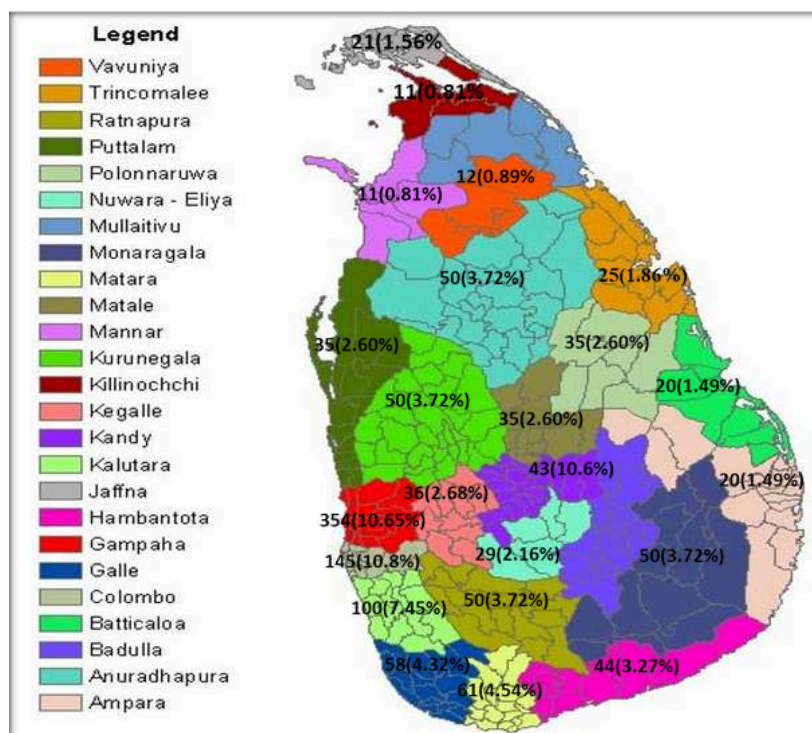
We extend our warmest congratulations to Dr. Meranthi Fernando, Dr. Suchintha Tillakaratne and the team for receiving prestigious Senate Honours. Their influential research documenting the challenges and solutions in establishing Sri Lanka's pediatric liver transplant program marks a significant milestone in advancing healthcare accessibility in lower-middle-income countries.

CNCLD Excellence Recognized at National Level



Our Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) surgical team has achieved outstanding recognition at the Sri Lanka Surgical Congress 2024, securing the prestigious Best Paper Award in HPB Surgery. This accolade reflects our team's commitment to advancing surgical excellence and contributing to the field through innovative research and clinical practice.

ANNUAL STATISTICS 2024



JANUARY - DECEMBER 2024

Hepato-pancreatico-biliary clinic new referrals (Adult)	899
Hepatology and Liver transplant new referrals (adult)	184
Hepatology and Liver transplant new referrals (paediatric)	259
Total number of liver transplants (adult & paediatrics)	12
Number of paediatric liver transplants	09
Number of adult liver transplants	03
Hepatobiliary surgeries	51
Microwave ablation of liver cancers	92

WORKSHOPS 2024

Strategic Planning Workshop at M.H. Omar Liver Care Facility

On September 8, 2024, the CNCLD team participated in a Strategic Planning Workshop held at the M.H. Omar Liver Care Facility. This initiative aimed to reinforce the facility's vision of delivering efficient, patient-centered care of the highest standard while fostering opportunities for training and research. The workshop, expertly conducted by Mr. Anil Bandara (Executive Coach/Director, Smart Quest Pvt Ltd) and his team, was an invaluable step in aligning goals and strengthening the mission of the facility. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved!



CRRT & Plasma exchange workshop

The CNCLD staff had the privilege to attend an enriching workshop on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy and Plasma Exchange which are essential in managing critically ill liver patients. That session was designed to enhance the understanding and skills with regards to important aspects including haemofilters and circuits, modalities of CRRT and prescription, auto coagulation and hands on experience as well. The session was conducted by experts Mr. Ali Benmansour (Switzerland) and Mr. Supun Udara (Diligence).



WORKSHOPS & PUBLICATIONS 2024

Observer Training at Dr. Rela Institute, Chennai

In July 2024, a team of specialists from the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases (CNCLD) participated in observer-based training at the liver transplant unit of the Dr. Rela Institute in Chennai, India. The team included two surgeons, a paediatric anaesthetist, and three nursing officers.

This CPD activity, supported by a grant from the India-Sri Lanka Foundation, provided invaluable professional experience and updates in liver transplant care. The knowledge gained will play a pivotal role in enhancing patient care in Sri Lanka

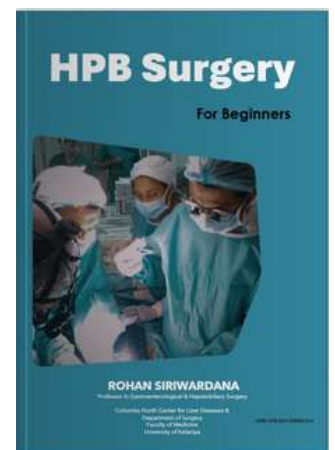


A Timely Gift for Medical Students and Trainees

Professor Rohan Siriwardana, a pioneer in the field of HPB and liver transplant surgery, has generously shared his decades of experience, challenges, and successes through a remarkable new book. This book is designed to guide medical students and trainees by covering the essential areas of HPB surgery that beginners need to focus on. It provides a solid foundation while igniting curiosity and passion for this specialized field of surgery. In Professor Siriwardana's own words: "This book covers the essential areas of HPB surgery that beginners need to focus on."

"Hope it helps you to develop an interest in HPB and liver transplant surgery, nurturing the young surgeon within you."

A true treasure trove of knowledge, this book is more than a guide— 'I hope it's an inspiration for the next generation of surgeons, empowering them to embark on a journey of excellence in HPB and liver transplant surgery.'



PUBLICATIONS 2024

Demystifying Anesthesia: A New Patient Guide in Sinhala

We are delighted to announce the release of 'නිර්වින්දනය ගැන දැනුවත් වෙමු', a groundbreaking new book by Professor Bhagya Gunetilleke. This comprehensive guide focuses on helping patients understand the crucial aspects of anesthesia before their surgical procedures.

Written in Sinhala, this accessible resource fills an important gap in medical literature, providing local language readers with essential information about anesthesia processes, safety measures, and what to expect during their medical procedures. The book serves as an invaluable tool for both

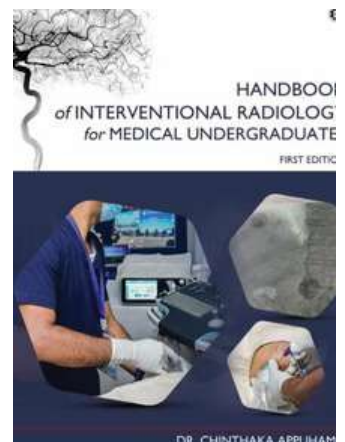
patients and their families, helping to alleviate anxieties and misconceptions about anesthesia while promoting better understanding of this crucial aspect of modern surgery. Its publication represents a significant contribution to patient education in Sri Lanka's healthcare landscape.



Handbook Makes Interventional Radiology Accessible to Medical Students

Dr. Chinthaka Appuhamy has launched a groundbreaking handbook designed to demystify the complex world of Interventional Radiology (IR) for medical undergraduates. This comprehensive guide aims to "unlock the potential of Interventional Radiology and explore its impact on modern medicine." The handbook breaks new ground by providing

clear, concise coverage of essential IR concepts, making previously daunting procedures more approachable for medical students. From basic principles to the latest advancements, it systematically explores key procedures including biopsies, tumor ablations, embolizations, and angiography, with a strong emphasis on image guidance and patient safety. Available now, this essential resource promises to be an invaluable addition to every medical student's library, helping bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application in interventional radiology.



PUBLICATIONS & GUEST LECTURES 2024

Publications in peer reviewed journals

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Book Chapters

1. Book chapter on 'Gastrointestinal emergencies' in 'Concise Textbook of Paediatric Emergencies and Critical Care' - Dr Meranthi Fernando ISBN number – 978-624-203-000-0

Guest Lectures - 2024

International guest lectures

1. International Guest Speaker at the annual conference of the Indian Society of Vascular Interventional Radiology. (ISVIR) - 11th to 14th January 2024, Hotel Fairmont Jaipur – India by Dr. Chinthaka Appuhamy
2. Invited expert for panel discussion on "APASL Acute of Chronic Liver Failure Kyoto Consensus 2024" organised by the Asia-Pacific Association for the study of Liver Disease at APASL Annual Meeting 2024, Kyoto, Japan 01st April 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
3. Managing coagulopathy in resource poor settings (Online lecture) - 5th Edition, Certificate course in Patient Blood Management, Werfen academy, India. 12th July 2024 by Prof. Bhagya Gunetilleke
4. "Artificial intelligence in predicting Major adverse outcomes in MASLD" Annual academic sessions of the Indian Association for the study of the Liver Kochi India 2024 by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake
5. Invited lecture on "Epidemiology perspective of HCC in Asia Pacific region - increasing access to treatment" for the International Liver Cancer Course 2.0 2024 organised by the Institute of Liver and Biliary Science (ILBS), New Delhi, India 27th September 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
6. Invited expert for panel discussion on "Screening for HCC in MASLD" for the International Liver Cancer Course 2.0 2024 organised by the Institute of Liver and Biliary Science (ILBS), New Delhi, India 28th September 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
7. Speaker at the IANSL 2024: Academic Assignments on the title "Predicting major adverse liver outcomes (MALO) in MASLD" by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake
8. Role of expert at the IANSL 2024: Academic Assignments in the Case based discussion on MASLD by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake

National guest lectures

1. Invited guest lecture on "Issues in the management of HBV infection" for the workshop Triple Elimination of MTC in Sri Lanka organised by the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka -27th March 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
2. 'A new hope for children: the local doctors' role in paediatric liver transplant' at the regional academic sessions organized by the Sri Lanka college of Pediatricians (SLCP) in collaboration with Kurunegala Medical Association on 5th April 2024 by Dr Meranthi Fernando
3. Invited guest lecture on "Liver disease in pregnancy" for Gastroenterology Update 2024 organised by the Sri Lanka Society of Gastroenterology and the Jaffna Medical Association- 26th April 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella

GUEST LECTURES 2024

National guest lectures contd

4. Invited guest lecture for online symposium on AI in Medicine titled "How best to use AI tools in research & publication: A Guide for University Academics" organised by the Department of Medical Education, University of Kelaniya, Ragama, Sri Lanka-23rd May 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
5. Resource person at the Specialty Update in Maternal Medicine organized by the Ceylon College of physicians, on the topic of "A Patient with Deranged Liver Functions in Pregnancy", on 6th June 2024 by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake
6. Invited guest lecture on "Management of Acute Liver Failure" for Gastroenterology Update 2024 organised by the Sri Lanka Society of Gastroenterology and Galle Medical Association 12th July 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
7. "What does the arterial pressure waveform tell us?" Workshop on haemodynamic monitoring Inaugural sessions of the Ceylon college of critical care physicians 26th July 2024 by Professor Bhagya Gunetilleke
8. Guest Speaker - Interpretation of Chest X-ray; A Practical Approach - CNTH, Ragama July 2024. by Dr Chinthaka Appuhamy
9. Invited guest lecture on "An Update on MASLD" for the Annual Academic Sessions of the Anuradhapura Clinical Society. 07th August 2024 by Dr. Uditha Dassanayaka
10. Invited guest lecture on "DMARDs and the Liver" and invited expert for panel discussion on "GI clinical case discussion in Rheumatology" jointly organised by the Sri Lanka College of Rheumatologists and Sri Lanka Society of Gastroenterology. 08th August 2024 by Dr. Uditha Dassanayaka
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12. Invited lecture on "MASLD: What you (endocrinologists) should know in the rapidly changing landscape" for SLENDO 2024, International Endocrine Congress, Colombo, Sri Lanka organised by the Sri Lanka College of Endocrinologists-10th August 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
13. Invited expert for panel discussion on "Acute Liver Failure" at Annual Academic Session 2024 of the Ceylon College of Physicians, jointly organised by the Ceylon College of Physicians and Sri Lanka Society of Gastroenterology-21st August 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
14. Invited guest lecture on "Post-transplant care of the transplanted patient: improving long-term survival" for the Masterclass in Liver Disease organised by the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases (CNCLD), Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Ragama and Sri Lanka Society of Gastroenterology-23rd August 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
15. Masterclass in Managing Liver Diseases" organised by CNCLD in collaboration with SLSG at the CNTH, Ragama 23rd August 2024. by Dr Chinthaka Appuhamy
16. Invited guest lecture on "Back to Basics: Interpretation of Liver Biochemical Tests" for the Masterclass in Liver Disease organised by the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases (CNCLD), Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Ragama and Sri Lanka Society of Gastroenterology. 23rd August 2024 by Dr. Uditha Dassanayaka
17. Invited lecture on "MASLD: What you should know in the rapidly changing landscape" for Annual Academic Sessions of the Rathnapura Clinical Society-26th August 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
18. Resource person for the presentation titled "Established Cirrhosis- Role of the Physician" at the 57th Anniversary Annual Academic Sessions of the Ceylon College of Physicians on 19th September 2024 by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake
19. Resource person for the Pre- Conference workshop titled "Management of Complex Patients with Dengue", of the 57th Anniversary Annual Academic Sessions of the Ceylon College of Physicians on 19th September 2024 by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake
20. "Fatty liver disease in children; UpToDate approach to the hidden epidemic", annual academic sessions of the Gall Medical Association on 26th September 2024 by Dr Meranthi Fernando
21. Resource person of the workshop on "MICROWAVE ABLATION OF THYROID NODULES" at Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya held on 28th September 2024. by Dr Chinthaka Appuhamy
22. Speaker of the Symposium Appendiceal tumors, case based discussion at the Sri Lanka Surgical Congress 2024, September 2024, Kandy, Sri Lanka. by Dr Chinthaka Appuhamy
23. Invited guest lecture on "Pushing the Boundaries; Non invasive assessment of liver cirrhosis" for the Annual Academic Sessions of the Sri Lanka Society of Gastroenterology. 26th October 2024 by Dr. Uditha Dassanayaka
24. Invited lecture on "Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Early Diagnosis & Management" for SLIMCON 2024, International Medical Congress, Colombo, Sri Lanka organised by the Sri Lanka College of Internal Medicine-08th November 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
25. Resource person for the Symposium, "Drug-Induced Liver Injury" of SIMCON 2024 held on the 9th November 2024 by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake
26. Invited lecture on "Management of HBV infection in pregnancy" for the Annual Academic Sessions 2024 of the Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine-26th November 2024 by Prof. Madunil Niriella
27. EMSYM 2024 - Emergency Medicine Conference Plenary on "Beyond the Scalpel Saving lives through Embolization" at EMSYM 2024 - Emergency Medicine Conference, held on 20th December 2024 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo by Dr Chinthaka Appuhamy
28. "Anaesthesia for liver surgery" guest speaker at 21st annual academic sessions 2024 organized by The Sri Lankan College of Oncologists by Prof. Bhagya Gunetilleke
29. Guest Speaker at the Gastroenterology Regional Meeting 2024 by SRI LANKA SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY. by Dr Chinthaka Appuhamy
30. Lecture titled "HEPATOBIILIARY INTERVENTIONS" at the Sri Lanka College of Radiologists by Dr. Chinthaka Appuhamy
31. "Simultaneously versus delayed treatment of non-truncal varicose veins" guest lecture done in Sri Lanka society of Vascular surgeons annual academic sessions 2024 by Dr. Aruna Weerasuriya
32. "Thrombophilic screening from surgical perspective" guest lecture done in Sri Lanka society of Vascular surgeons annual academic sessions 2024 by Dr. Aruna Weerasuriya
33. "Pharmacology of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases" Lecture at MCQ Course targeting MD Selection Exams Organized by then Sri Lanka Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics by Dr. Anuradha Dassanayake

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