

# STUDENT HAND BOOK



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna, I welcome you to one of the leading medical faculties in Sri Lanka. Our faculty over the last 40 years has produced able and compassionate graduates who have excelled in the field of medicine and served in this country and around the world.

The faculty with dedicated and skilled staff expects the students to transform themselves into dedicated doctors during the course by acquiring the necessary skills and attitudes in addition to knowledge. The process of learning at the Faculty of Medicine requires dedication and motivation throughout the five-year course. This process needs close collaboration with other students and staff during the student career.

We sincerely hope that you will honour the traditions of our Faculty, abide by the University rules and the law of the country and return the investment that the country has entrusted on you. This handbook provides basic information about the Faculty, student conduct, medical degree programme and the facilities available for students.

We wish you good luck and success in this academic journey.

**Dr.S.Raviraj**  
*Dean*  
*Faculty of Medicine*  
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# The Crest of the University

The figure of the sacred cow [Nanthi] comes from the flag of the Jaffna kingdom, which prevailed in the 16th and 17th centuries. The traditional lamp refers to the light of wisdom. The motto comes from the famous Tamil literary work, “Thirukural” meaning ‘wisdom is finding the truth’. The flames in the outer circle refer to the 64 disciplines of learning in Tamil culture.

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Finding the truth in everything whoever said is wisdom.

# **Officers of the University**

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# **History of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna**

The history of western medical education in Sri Lanka can be traced back to 1848 when the first medical school was founded that year in the village of Manipay in the Jaffna peninsula by Dr. Samuel Fiske Green, an American missionary doctor.

The doctors trained by Green in this medical school went on to serve not just the people of Jaffna but other parts of the country as well. With the return of Green to the United States this medical school closed in 1879. The north had to wait for a hundred years before the establishment of another medical school in the region.

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Jaffna was established on 7th of August 1978 thus resuming medical training in the region. It was ceremoniously opened by the Hon. Mr. Nissanka Wijeyeratne, Minister of Education and Higher Education on the 8th of October 1978. It was the third government medical faculty to be opened in the country and the first in the North.

The Provincial Hospital in Jaffna was declared as the Teaching Hospital of the Faculty of Medicine at the same time. An interesting link with the past for the Medical Faculty is that this hospital was started in 1850 with the help of Dr. Samuel Green and that doctors who served there during its early years were products of that very first medical school.

In the Faculty's early days, the pre-clinical course was conducted in the buildings of the Ayurvedic Teaching Hospital (presently the Unit of Siddha Medicine of the University of Jaffna) at Kaithady. The foundation for the building of the Faculty of Medicine at Thirunelvely was laid on the 29th of November 1979 by late Prof. S. Vithiananthan, first Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna.

Prof. A. A. Hoover, Professor of Biochemistry was the founder Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. Prof. Hoover with his forty years of University teaching experience was an asset to the Faculty in its formative years. His successors ably built on the foundations laid by him. The present Dean, Dr.S.Raviraj, is one of the very first alumni of the Faculty to take up the post.

Since its founding in 1978 the faculty has produced around 3000 doctors. Many of them serve with distinction both in this country and abroad. Most of the specialists and medical officers currently serving in the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna and many in the Northern Provincial Health Ministry hospitals are alumni of the faculty thus underscoring the value of the faculty to the region.

The fortunes of the faculty have been closely intertwined with those of the region. Following its successful launch and early years, the faculty went through a period of immense hardship with the worsening of the armed conflict in the region. Staffing levels were badly affected as a result. The situation deteriorated to the point where the faculty had to temporarily relocate towards

the end of 1995 and resumed functioning at Thirunelvely in mid-1996. Despite all these difficulties the faculty continued to provide training for its students with the help of those who stayed on at the faculty and the immense support of the extended faculty of specialists particularly from the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.

With the ending of the war there was a significant improvement in staffing levels both at the faculty and the Teaching Hospital. Today's medical students are able to get exposure in many clinical specialties that were not available in Jaffna previously, thus broadening and deepening their clinical knowledge and skills.

The Faculty continues to strive towards innovation and improvement in the quality of education that it provides for its students so that the doctors produced are better able to meet the challenges of the future.

The first batch was admitted on 8th August 1979 and they passed the Final MBBS examination in July 1983.

# **Vision Mission and Outcome of the Course**

## **Vision of the Faculty**

To be a leading center of excellence in teaching learning, research and scholarship in the field of medicine.

## **Mission of the Faculty**

To be a leading center of excellence which produces intellectual, competent, compassionate and dedicated health care professionals to meet the emerging needs of the local, national and international community.

## **Institutional Objectives of the Faculty**

1. To provide an undergraduate training program that will enable the medical graduates of the Faculty to achieve well defined objectives and motivate them to deliver appropriate medical care to the community
2. To participate actively in the delivery of health care to the community.
3. To encourage basic and applied research, particularly the identification and investigation of regional and national health problems as well as indigenous medicine and therapeutics.
4. To provide training programs for supporting staff in the health care system.
5. To provide continuing medical education to medical graduates, and participate actively in the training programs of the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine.

# Chapter 1

## General Information and Fees

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is responsible for the admission of students to the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna. Students are admitted to the medical course based on their Z-score at GCE/AL examination.

About 150 students are admitted each year to the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna.

On admission to the University, students must obtain their student identity cards from the Admission Branch. This card should be carried by the students at all times, and produced when required as per UGC regulations. Any change of address must be immediately brought to the notice of the Dean - Medicine and Admission Branch.

### Fees

The following fees are payable by Sri Lankan students admitted to the medical course in Sri Lankan Rupees:

#### New admission and Registration

Registration fee	250.00
Medical fee	250.00
Laboratory deposit	500.00

Faculty Handbook	250.00
Student Charter	100.00
Student Identity card	250.00
Orientation fee	250.00
Library deposit	500.00
Record Book	Free of Charge
Duplicate record book if lost	1000.00

#### Renewal of Registration

Registration fee	150.00
Medical fee	250.00

#### **Other Fees**

Convocation degree certificate	500.00
Convocation cloak fee	500.00
Convocation supplication fee	500.00
Convocation cloak if lost/damaged	3500.00
Convocation cloak delay payment	500.00 per day
Convocation garland if lost/damaged	1000.00
Statement of results fee	100.00
Duplicate results sheet	500.00
Transcript	500.00 + postage for all
Transcript - online processing	500.00
Hostel fee	200.00 per month
Hostel deposit/admission fee	250.00

## **Chapter 2**

### **Student Discipline and Law and Order**

Each individual member of the university community should fully understand the prestige of the institution and the self-esteem of its members. Therefore, all inhabitants should conduct themselves in a manner compatible with its quest and mission.

Individuals need to be mindful of their personal hygiene, etiquette, dress or attire, speech, etc. No student should offend the feelings of fellow students or members of the university community. Students must be polite in their words and actions, and should allow space for all people to live in harmony. Offensive activities will be subject to the laws under the public nuisance ordinance and disciplinary regulations of the university.

#### **Dress Code for Medical Students**

The Dress and appearance of the students should be appropriate to the Medical Profession.

##### **Within the Faculty Premises**

Dress code is applicable during working hours and whenever academic sessions are under way within the Faculty premises.

Male students are expected to wear appropriately fitting shirts, trousers, socks and shoes. Hair should be neatly cropped, combed and the face well shaven. T shirts, jeans, slippers and

sneakers (sports shoes) are to be avoided.

Female students are expected to wear appropriately fitting simple skirts, blouse, frocks, churithar, or sari and respectable foot wear. Hair should be neatly combed and tied. T Shirts, miniskirts, divided skirts, skinnies are to be avoided.

The above dress code should be adhered to at all times including when students engage in Community / Field Activities or during activities representing the Faculty or the University and during any official engagements including examinations.

Teaching Hospital and Laboratories in the Faculty:

The above dress with white overcoat and name tag should be worn for all clinical appointments and during practical sessions.

### **Student Attendance**

In the case of Preclinical and Paraclinical courses students should have minimum 80% attendance in in practical, tutorial, dissection, group activities, small group discussions, demonstrations and problem based learning (PBL). Students whose attendance is found to be less will be instructed to follow the course with the subsequent batch to make up 80% attendance. If such student fails to make up 80% attendance in the repeated period, that student will be referred to a special committee of three Senior Teachers to look into the problem of the student and to recommend a course of action.

The recommendation will be placed before the Faculty Board and the Senate for final decision. All students who repeat the course will lose eligibility for a class at the respective examination for medical degrees unless the Faculty Board and the Senate accept the reason given by the student.

### **Preclinical and Paraclinical Courses**

The attendance will be summarized and reported at the end of terms 3 and 4. Students who have less than 80% attendance in one or more components will not be allowed to sit for the First Examination for Medical Degrees.

In para-clinical courses [including the PPDS phase II] attendance will be summarized and reported at the end of the Terms 7, 10 and 11. Students who have less than 80% attendance in one or more subject/s will not be allowed to sit for the Second Examination for Medical Degrees.

### **Clinical Course**

Attendance at the pre-professorial clinical appointments will be recorded at the end of the postings. Students with less than 90% attendance in any clerkship and those who have less than 10% absence without approval of the concerned consultant have to repeat the appointment with the same consultant (if the consultant is agreeable) or under another consultant who will accept the student.

Students will be permitted to proceed from Phase II to Phase III if they satisfactorily complete all assigned pre-professorial appointments. Students who fail to meet the above requirement will miss the batch and lose eligibility for a class unless the excuse given by the student is accepted by the Faculty Board and University Senate.

Attendance at the professorial appointments will be summarized and reported at the end of each rotation and students with less than 90% attendance and students who have less than 10% absence without the approval of the concerned consultant will not be allowed to sit for the Final Examination for Medical Degrees and will be requested to follow the Phase III course with the subsequent batch. Such students will miss the batch and lose eligibility for a class unless the excuse submitted by the student is accepted by the Faculty Board and the University Senate.

### **Record Book**

Students must obtain their record books from the Office of the Dean. Record of satisfactory completion of academic and clinical work will be entered in the record book at the end of each term or clinical appointment and certified by authorized person. A student will not be allowed to sit for the examination if the record book is not appropriately certified.

### **Leave**

A student should not be absent without prior permission. Students who require leave should request in writing to the Dean through respective coordinators with copies to relevant Heads of

Departments in advance. For clinical appointments, the leave should be recommended by the respective consultants. If the absence is due to unforeseen circumstances, the leave application should be submitted at the earliest opportunity.

In case of illness of more than three days, a medical certificate issued/ certified by the University Medical Officer should be submitted to the Dean.

If a student falls ill just before or during examination (in-course or end of course), he/she should present himself/herself to the University Medical Officer or a hospital. In such case, the Dean should be informed immediately.

When necessary the University Medical Officer shall arrange for the candidate to appear before a Medical Board. Students should note that the medical certificate will be valid only if issued or certified by the University Medical Officer.

### **Maintenance of Discipline and Law and Order**

Universities are centers of excellence in training and developing future leaders. Therefore, it is imperative that its inhabitants behave in a responsible and dignified manner, conforming to all norms and practices of the civil society. Further, they have to abide by all rules and regulations enacted

by the university. All university students are required to adhere to

the highest behavioral and ethical standards. They are expected to protect the good name of the university and should not indulge in any unethical, immoral and illegal activity that will bring disrepute to the university and at the same time irrevocably damage their future.

Non-compliance with the university rules and regulations and resorting to disruptive measures leading to break down of law and order of the land and institution, will result in activation of disciplinary procedures within the university as specified in the Student By-laws approved by the Council of the University.

According to the law of the land the authorities may hand over the offenders to the law enforcing agency, the police, to be dealt with under the civil/criminal law. The unethical and unlawful activities which the students should refrain from, and the consequences that have to face if found guilty of misconduct, are listed below:

### **Unethical and Unlawful Activities that are Prohibited in Universities**

- Plagiarism and Cheating
- Disorderly conduct, dissent and protests
- Disrespect and non-compliance
- Wrongful utilization of goods, services or information
- Unauthorized collection of funds
- Solicitation
- Possession and consumption of alcohol, drugs and

tobacco within the university premises

- Gambling
- Harassment/Violence
- Hazing/Ragging
- Sexual harassment/sexual misconduct
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Unauthorized Entry
- Co-operation with authorities and Committees of Inquiry
- Right of Appeal

Undergraduate students of all state universities are required to refrain from engaging or committing the following Unethical and Unlawful Activities which will result in disciplinary action by the Institution and punitive action by the police and Courts of Law.

The Police has been empowered by the Prohibition of Ragging and Other Forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998 to take punitive action against the offenders through the Court of Law.

The university administrations have been empowered through the UGC Circular No. 919 of 15th January 2010 which sets strict guidelines to curb the menace of ragging in the Universities/Higher Educational Institutes, to take stern action against those who commit any one of the unethical and unlawful activities listed below.

Further, the UGC has given instructions through UGC Circular No. 902 of 1st December 2008 to all universities to make offenders accountable for any damages to the university property and charge the cost of damages from the responsible individuals or, reduce the cost of damages from the allocations made to student societies and councils.

Therefore, the punishment that would be imposed by the university may range from recovering damages and/or issuing a warning letter to temporary suspension for a period of time from academic work and/or university residential facilities and expulsion from the university in addition to the punishments imposed by a Court of Law.

### **1. Plagiarism and Cheating**

Undergraduates are required to maintain high academic standards and commit themselves to academic honesty in their academic work and examinations. Copying, plagiarism or keeping unauthorized material at examinations, copying or reproducing work of others in students' reports or theses or assignments without disclosing the source of information are not allowed. Disciplinary action would be taken against all violators. All students are advised to ensure that any work submitted is one's own work and that use of work of others should appropriately be acknowledged.

### **2. Disorderly Conduct, Dissent and Protests**

Students' conduct violating the contemporary community

standards of morality and/or in violation of university norms will not be tolerated. Any type of offensive or vulgar or rude or indecent conduct in campus or at university sponsored events, on or off campus will also not be tolerated.

Organizing, sponsoring, implementing or conducting programmes or activities which are disorderly and/or violation of civil laws or university regulations are prohibited and will be subjected to disciplinary action.

### **3. Disrespect and Non-compliance**

Failure to comply with the directives of university officials acting in performance of their duties is prohibited. Disciplinary action can be applied in such situations including, but not limited to, the following acts:

- i. Use of abusive or insulting language
- ii. Engaging in indecent and unbecoming gestures
- iii. Providing fraudulent or false information to university officials
- iv. Showing disrespect or refusing to comply with a reasonable request from a university official
- v. Not responding to a reasonable request within a specific timeline, including absence for assigned appointments
- vi. Intentionally and knowingly interfering with teaching
- vii. Obstructing or hindering the investigation of an incident

#### **4. Wrongful Utilization of Goods, Services or Information**

Students are required to demonstrate sincerity and honesty in their dealings with the university and the public. The following activities are prohibited for students and their guests:

- i. Possessing any property without authorization from another person, group of people or offering any service without authorization
- ii. Embezzling, defrauding or procuring money, goods or services under false pretense
- iii. Possessing, purchasing or receiving property, money or services knowing them to be stolen or embezzled.
- iv. Issuing a cheque for payment of dues or for any other purpose on campus knowing that it will not be honoured when presented for payment
- v. Duplicating keys, computer access codes or other devices without proper authorization
- vi. Forging, altering or causing any false information to be entered on an administrative record or presented such information at administrative or disciplinary proceedings
- vii. Unauthorized use of the computer system, computer access codes and restricted areas of computer services
- viii. Possession or use of false identification
- ix. Possession and/or use of keys or any other devices (such as number codes or sweep cards) for access to offices or laboratories of department or faculty buildings or rooms of resident halls by anyone other than those authorized by the university.

## **5. Unauthorized Collection of funds**

Any solicitation of funds for a university purpose, whether organized by students or by the authority, should be pursued only with proper authorization of the Vice- Chancellor.

Any external communications requesting sponsorships or funds should be done by a letter addressed to the external organization under Vice Chancellor's approval and signature. Without such approval, solicitation for or collection of funds for political purposes or purported charitable or social activities is not allowed either within or outside the premises.

## **6. Solicitation**

No outside person, organization or business may solicit on the university campus without the express permission of the Vice Chancellor. This includes holding meetings, distribution of any type of leaflet, or posting, exchange of goods or services and bartering or selling of services or goods.

7. Possession and consumption of alcohol, drugs and tobacco within the university premises

Sri Lankan society discourages consumption of alcohol, drugs and tobacco as the consumption of all forms of such substances intoxicates the human mind and alters the human behavior and hence, derails their mental and physical capacities. Therefore, the state universities adopt a code of practices that prohibits possession and consumption of alcohol, drugs and tobacco within

the university premises. Hence, students are strongly advised to refrain from bringing alcohol into the campus and to any premises of the university. Students are discouraged from entering the university premises after consuming alcohol and/or drugs.

## **8. Gambling**

Gambling is not permissible within the campus. Any form of betting, acceptance of bets, payment or running of any betting scheme is not permitted. Any student/s caught gambling will be punished under the prevailing law and university regulations.

## **9. Harassment/Violence**

Harassment of an individual or group of individuals or inciting violence inside or outside the university is a punishable offence under the civil law and the civil law regarding harassment and violence is equally applicable both inside and outside the university. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities against members of the university's faculty, administrative staff, student body or guests by direct or indirect methods.

- i. Threatening and /or using physical force on an individual or a group of persons
- ii. Engaging in violence or commotion resulting in bodily injuries and/or psychological trauma of individuals or group of individuals and/or damages to properties
- iii. Causing intimidation, bullying or cruelty on individuals or a

group of individuals

iv. Pestering or causing annoyance on others

v. Causing harassment through telephone, mail or computer emails or other means of communication Any complaints on the above and any other form of harassment or violence will be referred to the police for appropriate legal action and may be referred to a disciplinary committee of inquiry appointed by the Vice Chancellor for necessary disciplinary action.

## **10. Hazing/Ragging**

Universities are havens for the independent pursuit of academic excellence. Ragging or hazing has reduced and diminished the freedom or independence of students and it hinders the achievement of academic excellence.

Ragging is now a criminal offence under the Anti-Ragging Law passed by the Parliament in 1998. Unfortunately, ragging/hazing occurs in many national universities due to the organized oppression by individuals who suffer from abnormal mentalities and inferiority complexes and also by the blind followers of destructive political movements.

Indeed, the ‘raggers’ may be the cat’s paws in the armory of political strategies used by some political activists. Hazing or ragging is interpreted as any act (by an individual or group) whether physical, mental, emotional or psychological, which subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to anything

that may abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass or intimidate whether on or off the campus. These actions are prohibited and include, but are not limited to, the following.

- i. Forcing individuals to perform and/or engage in demeaning or humiliating acts
- ii. Bullying or coercing, or intimidating individuals or group of individuals.
- iii. Creation of excessive physical or mental fatigue
- iv. Causing physical or psychological shocks
- v. Forcing to wear clothing which is conspicuous or bad in taste
- vi. Forcing an individual or individuals to engage in morally degrading or humiliating acts, games or activities
- vii. Forcing individuals or group of individuals to engage in early morning or late evening work sessions which are not in conformity with norms of civil society and/or that may interfere with academic performance
- viii. Body marking/painting or any activity that is not consistent with the policy of the university which would adversely affect the University's mission and damage its image. All reported events of the above nature will be handed over to the police for necessary action under the Anti-Ragging Law passed by the Parliament in 1998, while the university will also take appropriate disciplinary action.

In this connection the University Grants Commission has already issued several guidelines and circulars to facilitate the enforcement of law and order by the universities and urge universities to adapt strict measures to prevent the occurrence of

any hazing or ragging.

## **11. Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct**

The university student population is a mixed, usually in equal proportions of males and females. The freedom to engage in sexual behavior cannot be practically restricted other than on moral and ethical grounds.

Notwithstanding all moral, ethical and religious values instilled into the human being, there are people who force their will on others causing sexual harassment and misconduct.

If any person under the university administration commits an act of sexual harassment or misconduct by trying to impose their sexual desires on another person, be it a person of the opposite sex or of the same sex, and if a complaint is received, action will be taken under the prevailing law to bring justice and punish the offender.

## **12. Theft**

Stealing physical goods as well as stealing intangible assets such as intellectual properties (plagiarism; i.e. academic and research work and innovations of others) are punishable offences under the civil law as well as under the university disciplinary procedures.

Such acts could be detrimental to the person in question and its

effects would last over the entire career and the lifetime of the person. As such, students are warned to practice transparency and honesty in citing or acknowledging sources of intellectual properties they quote.

### **13. Vandalism**

Vandalizing property in the university or provoking others to do so will be dealt with under the law of the land concerning public property and privately held assets, and the university regulations. Damage due to vandalism to class room furniture, hostel furniture, laboratory equipment, computers and accessories, and playground equipment will be charged to the students, if they are found guilty.

In the case of student agitation causing vandalism, the replacement cost and penalties will be charged to the organizers responsible for agitation while in the case of isolated acts those students who are officially authorized to occupy or to use the property, will be held responsible and are liable to pay compensation for the damages.

### **14. Unauthorized Entry**

Universities impose restrictions regarding persons entitled to use its assets. Normally all students are given unrestricted access during working hours to the class rooms, libraries, play grounds, gymnasium areas etc. Students have access to their hostels but no

# CHAPTER 3

## THE MEDICAL DEGREE PROGRAMME

Degrees awarded

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (Jaffna) – awarded to those who successfully complete First, Second and Final Examinations for Medical Degrees

Bachelor of Basic Medical Sciences (BMSc) – awarded to those who opt out after successful completion of First and Second Examinations for Medical Degrees.

### **Overview of Medical Degree Programme**

The medical curriculum is developed based on the Subject Benchmark Statement in Medicine, published by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) in October 2004 and the Prescribed Standards for Undergraduate Medical Education of the Sri Lanka Medical Council.

Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna follows an integrated traditional curriculum. Medium of instruction is English. Duration of the Medical Degree Programme is five years. The Medical Degree Programme is conducted in 3 phases namely Phase I (Pre-clinical), Phase II (Para-clinical) and Phase III (Clinical) and at the end of each phase there is a barrier examination, First, Second and Final Examination for Medical Degrees, respectively (figures 1 & 2).

### **3.1. Phase I (Pre-clinical Course)**

Phase I includes the Introductory Period (8 weeks) and four terms (terms 1-4) of 10-13 weeks duration. The introductory course is designed to facilitate understanding of the university set up and to acclimatize students to the new environment. Students who successfully complete the First Examination for Medical Degrees which is held at the end of Phase I, proceed to Phase II.

#### **3.1.1. Introductory period**

English and IT co-modules and some sections of the Personal Professional Development Stream (PPDS) are conducted during the introductory period.

#### **English co-module**

At the beginning of introductory period a screening examination is conducted for English co-modules.

Those who score the cut-off marks or above will be exempted from the English Co-module. The cut-off marks are not fixed and set every year. The English Co-module is completed during the introductory period.

The First examination of English co-module is conducted at the beginning of term 1. Results of the first examination are released 6-8 weeks after the date of the examination. For those who fail at

the first examination of the English co-module, 2nd examination is conducted 6 weeks after the date of release of the results. The second examination results are released 4 weeks after the date of the examination.

### **IT Co-module**

The IT co-module continues until the end of the first term and the first examination on the IT co-module is conducted at the beginning of term 2. Results of the first examination are released 6-8 weeks after the date of the examination. For those who fail at the first examination of the IT co-module, the 2nd examination is held 6 weeks after the date of release of the results. The second examination results are released 4 weeks after the date of the examination.

### **PPDS**

During Phase I, PPDS is conducted from the introductory period till the end of term 3. Students have to maintain a portfolio from the beginning of Phase I and till the end of phase II. Assessment of PPDS is by portfolio and end of course OSCE which is conducted along with Second Examination of Medical Degrees.

**NB:** Students must pass English and IT co-modules and PPDS before entering into Phase III.

### **3.1.2. Pre-clinical core subjects**

The core subjects of the Preclinical Course are Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology. Main modes of teaching are lectures, tutorials, problem based learning (PBL), practicals and

dissection. All the students have to carry out Biochemistry research project during Phase I. A few lectures in Community medicine are conducted in phase I.

### **3.1.3. First Examination for Medical Degrees**

After the completion of term 4 First Examination for Medical Degrees is conducted.

Eligibility: Students should have minimum 80% attendance in tutorials, PBL, practicals and dissections. For biochemistry students should submit the research project report

Results of the First Examination for Medical Degrees (1st) are released 6-8 weeks after the commencement of the examination. For those who fail in the 1st examination, a 2nd (repeat) examination is conducted 6 weeks after the date of release of the results. The 2nd examination results are released 4 weeks after the date of commencement of the examination.

(For further information on Pre-clinical c

course and assessments refer Curriculum Book Volume I available under courses tab on the faculty website.)

### **3.2 Phase II (Para-clinical Course)**

Students who successfully complete the First Examination for Medical Degrees enter Phase II. The duration of the Para-clinical course is 7 terms (term 5 to 11). Duration of each term is 10 weeks. Between terms 8 and 9, ten weeks are allocated for Community Medicine field activities and research project. During Phase II students are trained in the hospital and

community settings in the mornings and taught para-clinical subjects in the afternoon.

### **3.2.1. Phase II Clinical course**

Most of the clinical training takes place at Teaching Hospital, Jaffna. Students are also trained at Chest Clinic, Pannai and Base Hospital, Thellipalai. The course starts with the introductory program (4 weeks), following which students are posted for Pre-professorial clinical appointments.

These appointments are categorized as major and minor appointments.

Major appointments: There are two (4-8 weeks) appointments (1st and 2nd) in Medicine, Obstetrics&Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Sugery, a 6 weeks appointment in Psychiatry and an 8 weeks clerkship in Community Medicine.

Minor appointments: Two week appointments in subspecialties. (For further information on Pre-professorial clinical appointments refer Curriculum Book Volume II available under the courses tab on the Faculty website)

### **3.2.2. Phase II Para-clinical course**

Para-clinical subjects are Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Community Medicine, Forensic Medicine, Pathology, Microbiology and Parasitology. Modes of teaching include lectures, tutorials, integrated tutorials, demonstrations /

practicals and small group discussions. During the para-clinical course PPDS and lectures in clinical subjects (Paediatrics, Psychology & Psychiatry and Surgery) are conducted. At the end of Phase II, the Second Examination for Medical Degrees is conducted.

### **3.2.3. Assessment in PPDS**

Eligibility: Students should have minimum 80% attendance in PPDS lectures, discussions and group activities to sit for the end of course Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). Students with less than 80% attendance should have to follow the course with subsequent batch to make up the attendance.

PPDS has continuous (portfolio) and end of course (OSCE) assessments. Student should satisfactorily complete the portfolio and pass the end of course OSCE to proceed to phase III. A repeat OSCE is conducted 6 weeks after the release of results of first OSCE for the students who fail in the first OSCE. Results of PPDS are released along with the results of Second Examination of Medical Degrees

### **3.2.4. Second Examination for Medical Degrees**

Second Examination for Medical Degrees is conducted after the completion of term 11.

Eligibility: Students should have minimum 80% attendance in tutorials, integrated tutorials, practical/ demonstrations and small group discussions. For Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics,

student should submit the Study Guide in Clinical Pharmacology. For Community and Family Medicine, students should submit the following; case report, family attachment report and the reports on field activity and research project.

Results of the Second Examination for Medical Degrees (1st) are released 6-8 weeks after the commencement of the examination. For those who fail in the 1st examination, Second Examination for Medical Degrees (2nd) is conducted in 6 weeks after the date of release of the results 1st examination. The 2nd examination results are released 4 weeks after the date of commencement of the examination.

(For further information on Para-clinical course and assessments refer Curriculum Book Volume I available under courses tab on the Faculty website.)

A common pre-professorial OSCE will be conducted at the end of Phase II before commencing Phase III (Final year course). It consists of 20 OSCE stations covering major clinical disciplines.

### 3.3. Phase III (Final year course)

To enter Phase III, students should have successfully completed the Second Examination for Medical Degrees, satisfactorily completed all Pre-professorial appointments and passed the PPDS and English & IT Co-modules

.

Final year training is entirely carried out in clinical settings comprises eight week appointments in Medicine, Obstetrics

&GynaecologyPaediatrics and Surgery and a 6 weeks appointment in Psychiatry and a 2 weeks appointment in Family Medicine. Students are trained in the university units at Teaching Hospital-Jaffna, Base Hospital-Thellipalai and the Family Health Center, Kondavil. During phase III, Clinical Lecture Demonstrations are conducted during the afternoon sessions on Fridays.

Final Examination for Medical Degrees

Eligibility: Students should have satisfactorily completed all professorial appointments.

Final Examination for Medical Degrees is conducted twice a year. Each final year subject has 3 components namely Multiple Choice questions (MCQ), Structured Essay Questions (SEQ) and Clinical component. The MCQ [True/ false (20) and single best answer questions (30)] is common for all state medical faculties and SEQ and clinical examination are conducted independently by respective faculties.

Students who successfully complete the Final Examination for Medical Degrees are awarded the MBBS (Jaffna) degree.

(For further information on the Phase III course and assessment refer Curriculum Book Volume II available under the course tab on the Faculty website.)

### 3.4 Attempts

The students are expected to appear for the scheduled

examinations without fail. The examination is scheduled immediately after the completion of the course and shall be deemed to be the first attempt. Students will be allowed to sit 4 scheduled attempts at the First Examination for Medical Degrees and 6 scheduled attempts at the Second and Final Examination for Medical Degrees. If a student misses a scheduled examination, the student will be considered as having failed that examination unless the absence at the examination is excused by the Faculty Board and the Senate. If any student is unable to appear at the examination due to ill health, the student should get examined by the University Medical Officer or a Government Medical Officer. The medical certificate duly certified by the University Medical Officer and submitted to the Faculty Board within two weeks of such illness. Medical certificates or any appeal of excuses will not be accepted after the release of the results of the relevant examination.

A grace chance in addition to above mentioned attempts may be granted on the appeal of the student provided it is approved by the Faculty Board and the Senate. In such circumstances, decisions on grace chances will be considered on a case by case basis.

### **3.5 Award of pass/ fail, class and distinction**

#### 3.5.1. Award of Pass

English and IT co-modules

Those who score 50 marks or more are awarded pass in the examinations in English and IT co-modules.

## PPDS

Those who satisfactorily complete the portfolio and score 50 or more marks at OSCE are awarded pass in PPDS.

### First Examination for Medical Degrees

For each pre-clinical subject (Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology) students should score at least 45% in theory (MCQ and Essay) to qualify for a pass in the respective subject and score total of 50 marks or more to pass the subject.

### Second Examination for Medical degrees

For Forensic Medicine, Microbiology, Parasitology and Pathology students should score at least 45% in theory (MCQ and Essay) to qualify for a pass in the respective subject and score total of 50 marks or more to pass the subject.

For Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics students should score at least 45% in theory (MCQ and SEQ) and OSCE to qualify for a pass and score total of 50 marks or more to pass the subject.

For Community and Family Medicine students should score at least 45% in theory (Essay) and 40% in other components to qualify for pass and score total of 50 marks or more to pass the subject.

### Final Examination for Medical Degrees

For each clinical subject (Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry and Surgery) students should score at

least 45% in theory (MCQ and Essay) and 50% in clinical components to qualify for a pass in the respective subject and score a total of 50 marks or more to pass the subject.

### 3.5.2. Award of Fail and Referred in an examination

A student is deemed to have failed a subject in the following circumstances;

- If the student fails to appear at any scheduled examination or part of the examination unless an excuse is accepted by the Faculty Board and approved by the Senate
- If the student obtains less than 25% in any one subject, the student will fail the entire examination irrespective of the marks obtained in other subjects.
- If the student obtains a total of less than 50% in any subject, the student will fail the subject.
- If the student fails to obtain the qualifying mark for the respective subject, the student will fail that subject irrespective of the total marks scored.

If a student passes one or more subjects and fails to pass in other subjects, the student will be deemed to have been referred in the unsuccessful subjects.

### 3.5.2. Award of pass and class at First, Second and Final Examination for Medical Degrees

Pass will be awarded to students when they score 50 marks or more in all subjects.

A class will be awarded to students only if they complete the course in the first attempt and score pass marks in all subjects of the relevant examination.

The award of Class is based on the average marks scored by the student at the examination.

<b>Average Marks</b>	<b>Grade</b>
50-59	Pass
60-64	Second Class Lower
65-69	Second Class Upper
70 or above	First Class

### **Award of Distinction**

Distinctions in a subject will be awarded to students who obtain 70 marks or more in any subject, only if they pass all subjects of the particular examination at the first attempt.

(For further information on assessment refer Curriculum Book Volume 1 available under courses tab on the Faculty website.)

### **3.6 Internship**

After successful completion of the Final Examination for Medical Degrees, students should undergo one-year internship in two major clinical disciplines (6 months each) to be eligible to

practice medicine in Sri Lanka. Internship postings are made by the Ministry of Health based on the common merit list.

The common merit list is prepared by the University Grant Commission based on the performance at the MCQ paper and clinical components at the final examination.

### **3.7 Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)**

To practice medicine in Sri Lanka, Medical Graduates need to be registered with the SLMC.

The SLMC provides a provisional registration on the basis of MBBS from a Recognized Medical School soon after graduation to undergo internship training. Full registration is granted after satisfactory completion of the internship. For full registration with SLMC, medical graduates should produce the MBBS degree certificate and Certificate of Completion of Internship certified by respective consultants and endorsed by the Director of the relevant hospital.

The Registrar of the SLMC will administer the Medical Practitioner's Oath before issuing the license and each graduate must sign the Oath declaring that the contents are fully understood and will be adhered to thereafter. At present, Deans of the Faculties of Medicine are also empowered to administer the Oath.

# Chapter 4

## Academic Departments and Units

### Department of Anatomy

The Department is located in the ground floor of the south-western wing of the Faculty Building and the front portion of the south-eastern wing. It comprises a dissection hall, anatomy museum and histology laboratory.

The teaching activities are mainly conducted at the lecture halls and practical are conducted at the dissection hall and histology laboratory. The academic staffs of the department are involved in teaching the anatomy for medical students.

Staffs are also involved in teaching basic anatomy for B.Sc. Nursing, B.Sc. MLS, B.Pharm, Siddha Medicine and Public Health Inspectors. In addition, medical genetics is also taught for final year B.Sc. MLS students

The research interest of the department includes gross anatomy of heart, thyroid and parathyroid glands, microscopic anatomy of intestine and breast, medical genetics, research ethics and medical education.

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### **Visiting Staff**

Academic staff attached to the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna and Consultants from the Teaching Hospital - Jaffna deliver applied Anatomy lectures.

Medical officers from the Teaching Hospital - Jaffna assist in the Gross Anatomy dissection.

### **Department of Biochemistry**

The department is situated in the ground floor of North-western wing of the Faculty building. It comprises of a student laboratory and a research laboratory. The teaching activities include lecturers, practicals, tutorials and research. The staff also involve in Allied Health Science Programmes and Siddha Medicine. The department also conduct postgraduate degrees including MPhil and PhD. Research interest of the department are nutrition, non-

communicable diseases and biotechnology.

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### **Department of Physiology**

The department is located in the first floor of the south-western wing of the Faculty Building. The department offers undergraduate teaching for Medical and Allied Health Science students. Teaching / learning activities include lecture-discussions, tutorials and practical classes.

The lecture-discussions are conducted in the common lecture halls of the Faculty where free discussion between students and staffs is encouraged.

Tutorials include a variety of activities ranging from open questions from students or staff to model questions answered in the class. Practical classes are conducted in the student laboratory within the department with the idea to explain basic concepts in physiology and to develop skills in basic physiological examinations: few demonstrations and mostly on-hand-experience for students.

The department provides a detailed physiology curriculum book and a practical manual designed to match the student needs. It has another research laboratory for staffs and a sound proof room for audiogram examination.

It provides service to public by performing lung function tests, nerve conduction studies, haematological investigations and perimetry.

Nerve conduction studies are conducted by a visiting neurologist from the Teaching Hospital.

The students are encouraged to participate at the Sri Lankan and the International Physiology Quiz programs. The Department conducts a selection examination to identify best students for the program.

The research interest of the Department includes establishing ethnic specific physiological norms for population of North-cardiovascular and respiratory parameters.

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### **Department of Community and Family Medicine**

The Department of Community and Family Medicine (DCFM) is located on the first floor of the North – Western wing of the faculty building. Faculty-based learning activities are mostly conducted in the Seminar Room at the Department, while field-based learning activities are carried out in the Nallur MOH Area (or the University Project Area).

The Family Health Centre, a model primary care unit, functions

at Divisional Hospital - Kondavil in the University Project Area under the administration of DCFM where medical students receive family medicine training. DCFM is a training center for the MD programme in Community Medicine offered by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.

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Department of Forensic Medicine

The department is located in the ground floor of the south-eastern

wing of the Faculty building including Forensic Museum and tutorial room. The Department is actively involved in teaching undergraduate students of the MBBS course.

Undergraduate studies in Forensic Medicine begin in third year (5th term of the medical curriculum and continue to the 11th term) for Bachelor of medicine and Bachelor of surgery students.

The undergraduate course includes Introduction, Medical Ethics, Death and postmortem, Injuries, Asphyxia, Abuses and Poisoning. Teaching learning activities include lectures, tutorials, and demonstrations and clinical appointment.

Students are exposed to the JMO office and Autopsy laboratory in Teaching Hospital during the 4 weeks clinical appointment.

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### **Department of Pathology**

The Department of Pathology is located in the second floor of the south-eastern wing of the Faculty building. The department has a pathology museum, a student's laboratory and a histopathology processing laboratory.

The Department is actively involved in teaching undergraduate students of the MBBS course and the students of the Allied Health Science (AHS) course.

Undergraduate studies in Pathology begin in third year (5th term

of the medical curriculum and continue to the 11th term) for Bachelor of medicine and Bachelor of surgery students and complete in the 4th year.

It starts in 1st year for AHS Students.

The undergraduate course includes General and Systemic Pathology, Haematology and Chemical Pathology.

Teaching learning activities include lectures, tutorials, small group discussions, histopathology and clinical pathology practical classes, and clinical pathology appointment. Students are exposed to the hospital laboratory for 2 weeks.

The research interest of the department includes disorders of renal system, bone and soft tissue pathology, thyroid disorders and lipid disorders

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### **Department of Microbiology**

The Department is located in the second floor of the southwestern wing of the Faculty building. Teaching activities consist of conducting lectures, tutorials and practical for phase II medical students and contributing in integrated tutorials for Phase II students, PBL sessions, and integrated ward classes for the final year students. Academic staff also conduct lectures and serve as examiners for the nursing and MLS students of Unit of Allied Health Sciences and PHI students.

Our contribution also extend to other state medical faculties in the country in teaching and as examiners. We also contribute to infection and infection control related sessions conducted in

Teaching Hospital Jaffna and in the community.

Research studies in different area are conducted by the academic staff of the Department. We also supervise several undergraduate and postgraduate research projects.

The research interest of the department includes rickettsiosis, viral diseases, tuberculosis, AMR and infections during pregnancy and in neonates.

Further, the department also provides diagnostic services whenever required.

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### **Department of Parasitology**

The Department is located in the second floor of the main building of the Faculty. The Department involves in teaching medical parasitology for undergraduates, conducting research and offering the service function

The teaching activities are mainly conducted in the mode of delivering lectures, practical, demonstration and tutorials for medical undergraduates.

In addition, the department is also involved in teaching medical parasitology for the undergraduate student form the Allied Health Sciences (MLS, Nursing and Pharmacy).

The research activities of the department are mainly focused in the parasitic diseases in the region such as leishmaniasis, amoebiasis and cutaneous larva migrans.

The department is offering the serving function for the

## Department of Pharmacology

Department of Pharmacology is located in the first floor of the south-eastern wing of the faculty building. The department involves in teaching clinical pharmacology and therapeutics for third and fourth year medical undergraduates.

Teaching activities are multidisciplinary, involving clinical departments and extended faculty. It also has extended the teaching activities to Allied Health Science courses particularly nursing and pharmacy undergraduates

The Department also contributes to Drugs and Therapeutics Committees at regional and national level.

The research interests of the department are drug utilization, medication safety, prescribing, rational use of medicines, pharmacovigilance and paediatric and geriatric pharmacology.

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Consultant Anaesthetist

Department of

The DMedicine department is located at the OPD block of Teaching Hospital, Jaffna. The teaching activities are mainly conducted in the Medical wards of University Medical Unit (ward 1 & 7), outpatient clinics and other related facilities of the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna

. The department and its facilities are accredited for undergraduate as well as post graduate training of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) University of Colombo the only Post Graduate Institution of the country

The research interest of the department includes studies on non-communicable diseases including cardio vascular diseases and neurological disorders, infectious diseases & tropical medicine, elderly medicine and toxicology.

Academic Staff

Dr. Ms. G. Selvaratnam

MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)

Senior Lecturer I

Dr.T.Kumanan

MBBS(Jaffna), MD(Colombo), FRCP(Edin), FACP

Senior Lecturer I

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MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo), MRCP(UK), MRCP(London)

MSc-Medical Toxicology (Colombo), MRCPS (Glasgow),

MRCP (Ireland)  
Senior Lecturer II

Dr. Ms. J. Pradeepan  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo),  
Senior Lecturer II

Dr. Ajini Arasalingam  
MBBS (Col), MD (Med) (Colombo), MRCP (UK), FRCP (Edin),  
FRCP (Lon)  
Consultant Neurologist  
Senior Lecturer II

Dr. V. Sujanitha  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Senior Lecturer II

#### Visiting Academic Staff

Prof. N. Sreeharan  
MBBS (Colombo), MD (Colombo) FRCP (UK), PhD (UK)  
Honorary Visiting Professor

Dr. (Ms) J. Ganeshamoorthy,  
MBBS (Cey), FRCP (UK),  
Visiting Senior Lecturer

## Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

The department is located in the Teaching Hospital OPD block. The Teaching activities are mainly conducted in the Professorial ward, clinics and other related facilities at the Teaching Hospital – Jaffna.

The department and its facilities are accredited for undergraduate as well as post graduate training of postgraduate institute of medicine (PGIM). The staff are also involved in nursing, midwifery and post basic nursing training of the Nursing School of Jaffna.

The department provides lead services in colposcopy and has an andrology laboratory with facilities for investigations and treatment of subfertility.

The research interest

of the department includes medical disorders in pregnancy, cancer screening, male factor subfertility, obstetric hemorrhage and gender based violence & ethics in reproductive health.

### Academic Staff

Dr. (Ms.) G. Bavani

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Senior Lecturer I

Dr. K. Muhunthan (Head of Department)

MBBS (Jaffna), MS (Colombo), FRCOG (UK)

Senior Lecturer I

Dr.KandiahGuruparan  
MBBS (Jaffna) MD (Colombo)  
Senior Lecturer II

Visiting Staff

Dr. A. Sritharan  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo), FRCOG (UK)  
Consultant obstetrician and Gynecologist

Dr. K. Sureshkumar  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Consultant obstetrician and Gynecologist

## Department of Paediatrics

The department is located in the Teaching Hospital in the OPD block. The Teaching activities are mainly conducted in the Professorial ward, clinics and other related facilities at the Teaching Hospital. Outreach clinics are conducted at Jaffna Jaipur Centre for disability rehabilitation for cerebral palsy and at Mathavamfor children with autism. The department and its facilities are accredited for undergraduate as well as post graduate training of postgraduate institute of medicine (PGIM). The department is affiliated with the James Cook University, Australia.

The staff is also involved in nursing, midwifery and post basic nursing training of the Nursing School of Jaffna.

The research interest of the department includes childhood nutrition, childhood obesity, respiratory diseases and child protection.

## Academic Staff

Dr. Ms. M. G. Sathiadas

MBBS (Aberdeen), DCH(Colombo), MD(Colombo), MRCPCH (UK), PG Cert. Medical Education (Dundee).

Senior Lecturer I

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MBBS (Jaffna), DCH (Colombo), MD (Colombo)

Senior Lecturer II

## Visiting Staff

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Consultant Paediatrician

Dr. R. Maruthainar

MBBS (Peradeniya), MD (Colombo)

Consultant Paediatrician

Dr. N. Srisaravanabavanathan

MBBS (Jaffna) MD (Colombo)

Consultant Paediatrician

Dr. D. C. L. de Silva

MBBS (Ruhuna), MD (Colombo)

Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist

## Department of Psychiatry

The department is located in the Base Hospital Tellippalai. The Teaching activities are mainly conducted in the University and Health Department wards and clinics at Base Hospital, Tellippallai, and Teaching Hospital – Jaffna, and various community services.

The department and its facilities undertake undergraduate as well as post graduate teaching and training of Jaffna University and postgraduate institute of medicine (PGIM). The department is also involved in teaching and training of other health staff and community workers. Clinically the unit provides tertiary multidisciplinary treatment for psychiatric illnesses in the northern province; as well as preventive, public mental health and psychosocial services and policy through out the north and island. Active research and publications are carried out on psychological trauma, suicide, community mental health and other psychiatric fields. The department staff were involved in the 11th revision of the World Health Organization (WHO) International Classification of Disorders (ICD) for stress related disorders.

### Academic Staff

Prof. D. J. Somasundaram

B.A (USA), MBBS (India), MD (psych) (Sri Lanka), FRCPsych (UK), FRANZCP (Aus), FSLCP (Sri Lanka)

Visiting Senior Professor

## Visiting Staff

Dr. S. Sivayokan  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Consultant Psychiatrist

Dr. S. Sivathas  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Consultant Psychiatrist

Prof Shehan Williams  
MBBS, MPhil, MD, FSLCoP, FRCPSyc  
Consultant Psychiatrist &  
Professor in Psychiatry

Dr. T. Gadambanathan  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Consultant Psychiatrist

## Department of Surgery

The department is located in OPD block of the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna. Male and female wards each have a bed strength of 40 and provide inward patient management and bedside teaching to students. Services are also provided at surgical clinics and endoscopy unit. The academic staff contribute to teaching and demonstrations to undergraduate medical students of Jaffna University, to medical students from foreign universities with intent of elective appointment and to post graduate surgical trainees from PGIM, to nursing students from AHS and also to BSMS students.

The department provides an American College of Surgeons accredited certificate course in Trauma Evaluation And Management (TEAM) to undergraduate students. This department conducts workshops on minimally invasive surgery annually in collaboration with experts from UK and USA. Research activities are carried out by the department especially in the field of surgical diseases of breast, endocrine, upper, lower GI, hepatobiliary and GU systems.

### Academic Staff

Dr. S. Raviraj  
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MBBS (Jaffna), MS (Colombo), MRCS (Eng), FCSSL,  
Diploma in Laparoscopic Surgery (France), FMAS ( India)  
Senior Lecturer II

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Senior Lecturer II

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Senior Lecturer II

Dr. B. Balagobi  
MBBS (Colombo), MD (Colombo), MRCS (Eng),  
Lecturer

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MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo), MRCS (Eng)  
Lecturer

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MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo), MRCS (Eng)  
Lecturer

Visiting Staff

Dr. D. C. Ambalavanar  
MBBS (Madras), FRCS(Ed)  
Visiting Lecturer

Dr. M. Sivakumar  
MBBS(Peradeniya)  
MS (Colombo), FRCS(Eng)  
Consultant Surgeon

Dr. V. Sutharshan  
MBBS(Colombo), MS, (Colombo), MRCS(Eng), PG  
Cert(Cardiff), Diploma in Laparoscopic Surgery(France),  
FMAS(India)  
Consultant Surgeon

Dr. V. Suthakaran  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo), MRCS (Eng)  
Consultant Surgeon

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MBBS(Jaffna), MS(Colombo), MRCS(Eng)  
Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon

Dr. S. Premakrishna  
MBBS(Jaffna), MD(Colombo)  
Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr. (Ms). S. Ketheeswary  
MBBS(Jaffna), MD(Colombo)  
Consultant Radiologist

Dr. M. Malaravan

MBBS(Jaffna), MD(Colombo)  
Consultant Eye Surgeon

Dr. B. Thirumaran  
MBBS(Jaffna), MD(Colombo), MRCS(Eng)  
Consultant ENT Surgeon

## Medical Education Unit and Audio Visual Unit

The medical education unit of the faculty of Medicine is located in the faculty premises and was established in 2005. The main function of the unit is providing the educational support to the faculty.

Some of the activities include research in medical education and related areas, Curriculum development in health professions, review and evaluation of the MBBS course and providing educational support for staff and students in teaching/ learning, assessment methods and in educational research. The medical education unit is also responsible to undertake student evaluation, peer evaluation and stakeholder evaluation. It also arranges workshops and short courses.

The Medical education cell supervises the medical education unit. The audio-visual section provides facilities to develop audio-visual teaching material and health education material using modern digital editing systems.

The internal quality assurance section is also currently under the medical education unit which monitors the programme review and institutional review.

### Academic Staff

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Senior Lecturer I

Dr.S.Sanchayan,

MBBS (Jaffna), Lecturer PG cert. Medical Education

(Colombo), Lecturer

## Personal Professional Development Stream

The aim of the course in PPDS is to develop personnel skills and personality of the students with a view to improve their learning abilities during the studentship and afterwards for continuous professional development and improve the quality of the service provided. PPDS coordinator will be in charge for the course. The Course will be conducted by staffs of the Faculty and visiting staff. The teaching learning activities include Lectures, discussions and group activities.

Students are evaluated continuously by Portfolio based assessment during the Phase I and II. There will be an end of course assessment (OSCE) at the end of Pahe II.

### Academic Staff

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Senior Lecturer in Obs& Gyn

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Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics & Gynaecology

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Senior Lecturer in Paediatrics

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Diploma in Laparoscopic Surgery (France), FMAS ( India)  
Senior Lecturer in Surgery

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MBBS (Jaffna), MSc Community Medicine (Colombo),  
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(Colombo)  
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Senior Lecturer in Surgery

## Visiting Academics

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MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Consultant Psychiatrist

Dr. S.Sivathas  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Consultant Psychiatrist

Dr. S.Premakrishna  
MBBS (Jaffna), MD (Colombo)  
Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr. S.Sivansuthan  
MBBS(Jaffna), MD(Colombo), FRCP(UK)  
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Dr. Murali Vallipurathan  
MBBS (Jaffna), PGD Population Studies (Colombo), MSc  
Community Medicine (Colombo), MD Community Medicine  
(Colombo), FCCP (Sri Lanka), FRSPH (UK)  
Community Physician

Rev. Fr.S.Damian

BTh.Rome, M.A in Psychological counseling (Ottawa)

## Nuclear Medicine Unit

The Nuclear Medicine Unit of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna was officially established in November 1991 with the approval from the University Grants Commission. Subsequently, the radioimmunoassay (RIA) laboratory service functions (radio diagnostic services) will start in year of 2019 at Base Hospital Tellippalai under Nuclear Medicine Unit through the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Technical Cooperation (TC) project. With the next cycle of IAEA TC project, radio nuclide imaging facilities will be established at Base Hospital Tellippalai under the Nuclear Medicine Unit.

### Academic Staff

Dr.T.Yoganathan

BSc (Jaffna), MSc (Peradeniya), PhD (Ruhuna)

## Medical Library

Medical library is one of the branch libraries of the University main library, which is situated in the University main premises about half a kilo meter away from Faculty of Medicine. Medical Library, which serves both Medical sciences and Allied Health Sciences, is located in the first floor of the main building of the Faculty of Medicine.

The medical library mainly supports the information needs of the medical and paramedical undergraduate programs in their learning, teaching and research activities. Library contains mainly books, periodicals and reference sources. Library has a good collection of latest textbooks with multiple copies. In addition, it has a small collection of video cassettes, CD-ROMs

and slides. The book collection of the library exceeds 16,000 and current subscription of (20) twenty titles of online periodicals. Further, Library subscribes HINARI database which provides online access to many health related periodicals. The access to Oxford medical journals and Oxford medical hand books is funded by the UGC through the Consortium of Sri Lankan Academic Libraries.

Opening hours of the medical library is from Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 6.00 pm and Saturdays 8.30 am to 2.00 pm. It is closed on Sundays and other public holidays. Opening hours of the library is subject to change based on the needs of the library members. Any registered student of this faculty is eligible to become a library member. Students can obtain their membership from the library on production of their student identity card. Registered members can borrow the materials by using the bar-coded membership card.

The library currently maintains an electronic database which is the catalogue of library collection. It is a web based online access catalogue. The computer system administers the lending service of the library materials. In addition to the traditional library services, medical library provides Document delivery service, which provides articles that are not available in our library.

More details can be obtained from the Library user guide, which will be provided at the time of membership registration. Library members who need help can approach the library staff members to make use of the maximum services available in the library.

Senior Assistant Librarian  
Mrs.K.Murugathas

B.Sc.(Agric.) (Peradeniya), MLIS (Colombo)

## Chapter 5

### Student Welfare

At the University of Jaffna there are several support systems to look after students' welfare; Students Welfare Branch and Well-Being Centre, both are located in the main campus of University of Jaffna. There are also designated students counsellors and students can approach them anytime when they need advice / assistance.

In addition, Faculty of Medicine has a student support group to assist / guide the needy students.

The Medical Students Union (MSU), local and overseas Alumni of Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna and other associations also provide support to the students.

University of Jaffna also has students' hostels, canteens, University Health Centre and Information Technology Centre and students can utilize these facilities.

### Counseling services

The University provides a student counselling service to students of all Faculties. Many members of staff of the faculties are trained in counselling. Students can approach the student counselors or any staff when they face problems which could be related to academic performance or financial or personal issues.

A Senior Student Counsellor coordinates the work of all the Student Counsellors of the respective Faculties. Besides providing counselling. Student Counsellors are responsible for maintaining overall discipline within the premises.

What do Counsellors do?

Student counselors help you to handle difficult or painful situations and direct you to appropriate people or system whenever necessary. Counselors will listen to you patiently, give information, deal with your issues from your point of view, help you to handle the issue and offer you support as long as you require.

There are designated student counsellors at the Faculty of Medicine, appointed by the Vice Chancellor to provide support to the needy students.

Following staff are currently appointed as student counsellors:

Dr.N.Suganthan	Department of Medicine
Dr.S.Rajendra	Department of Surgery
Dr.K.Kandeepan	Department of Biochemistry

Well-Being Centre: A Centre for nurturing the wellbeing of Staff and Students:

This Centre functions at the main campus of University of Jaffna. Students and staff can drop in at the Centre for a break, rest, relaxation, refresh, counselling, recuperation, discussion, advice, information, internet and computer use, life skill courses, creative art and leisure activities, or refreshments.

The Centre has staff trained in counselling and providing psychosocial support. In addition, outreach services are provided at each faculty / campus. A mentorship and befriending programme by trained senior students will soon be available through this Centre.

## Student Accommodation

The University provides accommodation in the medical hostels which is located near the Teaching hospital Jaffna. All students following the course of Medicine can apply for accommodation in medical hostels: Kanagasuntharam Hostel for Male Students and Sivagnanasundram Hostel for Females.

### Conditions for admission to Medical Hostels

1. Order of Priority: Final year students doing professorial appointments, students from outside the Northern Province, students from outside the Jaffna District and students from Jaffna District. Students from Jaffna District will be accommodated on the basis of distance of the residence from the Teaching Hospital.
2. Period of accommodation: Students will be given accommodation for a maximum of one year at a time. With the commencement of each professorial appointment, new applications will be called and students will be admitted on the basis of fresh applications.
3. Admission Committee: When problems arise regarding admitting students to hostels because of lack of rooms, a committee chaired by the Dean, comprising both wardens, student counselors of the Faculty of Medicine and two representatives from the MSU will decide on the eligibility of students based on the order of priority mentioned above. Dean will be the Chairperson.

### 4. Rules to be followed:

Students should be respectfully dressed on leaving the room for

any purpose.

Male students should not enter the female hostel and the female students should not enter the male hostel except for events in the lecture hall.

Any combined activities should be held in the open spaces with the permission of the wardens and the Dean through respective sub-wardens.

Entry of outsiders into hostel rooms is strictly prohibited. They may come and meet the students in the common rooms of the respective hostels.

Alcohol or other intoxicants are strictly prohibited in the hostels. Any student found under the influence or possession of these materials will be subjected to disciplinary action.

Peace and harmony should prevail in the hostel to provide a conducive learning environment.

Recreational activities should be organized in such a way as to avoid disturbance to others with the permission of the sub-wardens.

Water should be judiciously used. Wasting of water should be avoided for the benefit of all students in the hostel.

Drinking water provided in the dining room should be used only for drinking purposes.

All wastes, including sanitary pads and left over food, should be disposed in containers kept for the specific purpose. They should not be thrown indiscriminately all over the hostel.

## Recreation

Facilities are provided by the University for recreation sports,

indoor games and other opportunities for students to exhibit their talents.

Medico's week is an annual programme organized by students, where batches compete in sports, games and cultural activities.

#### Medical Faculty Canteen

The Medical Faculty canteen is situated in the premises of the Faculty of Medicine. The canteen provides its services to the students and staff from morning till evening.

#### University Health Services

A University Health Centre is located in the University main campus premises. All registered students at the university and the staff of the university are eligible to utilize the services offered by the Health Centre. All students are expected to register their details and get a health card to get free medical services. The Health Centre will remain open from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on all weekdays except public holidays.

#### Centre for Gender Equity and Equality (CGEE)

The Centre for Gender Equity and Equality promotes the establishment of a gender sensitive university culture, to allow students and university staff (academic /administrative/ support) to pursue their work without oppression and discrimination.

The Cell encourages gender equity and equality in all staff and student activities and aims for equitable participation and appropriate representation of both genders in all its decision making processes. The university adopts a policy of zero tolerance to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV).

## Medical Student Union (MSU)

The Medical Students' Union works for the welfare of the students. All registered students of the Faculty of Medicine are members of the Medical Students Union. The affairs of the Union are managed by the office bearers duly elected in accordance with the Ordinance under the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 and subsequent amendments.

The Union looks after the various interests of the students while organizing cultural, religious and social events to promote harmony within the student body. A senior teacher of the Faculty is appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as the Senior Treasurer of the Medical Students' Union. The MSU has been pivotal in identifying and enhancing the talents of students by providing platforms for performing through various events ranging from sports to cultural activities. The Medicos Nite, Medicos Week and festivals such as Thai Pongal, Vaani Vila, Oli Vila, Vesak and Ifthar have been fruitful in harnessing latent talent and enriching the social life of the students.

The MSU also plays a vital role in the development of the medical faculty and the university at large. The student union has been influential in strengthening the student staff relationship.

The Medical students' union contributes to the welfare of the community through its annual Sathiyendra memorial blood donation, compassion donation to children's home, and through the "ARUMBUGAL" fund for needy children of the paediatric wards for medical treatment.

The students' union provides scholarships for students to embark on their successful educational careers and it extends its services

through the photocopy units, Information Technology Centre, gym and (earlier) canteen.

More information on MSU are available on <http://www.med.jfn.ac.lk/index.php/msu/>

Student Support Group, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna

Considering the problems and needs of the medical students, the MSU has formed a supportive group which includes students and teachers from the faculty and extended faculty to assist students in handling academic, financial, psychological and extracurricular issues.

Members of the student support group includes

- Student representatives from each batch
- All University appointed student counselors in the faculty
- Senior treasurer of MSU
- Academics of the Faculty of Medicine – nominated by the students
- Consultants from the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna – nominated by the students

The primary function of the student support group is to identify students who need assistance. Such students are first identified by the student members of the group and a need assessment is carried out with the support of the staff members of the group, with the consent of the particular student. The student is then directed to appropriate persons who may be able to help the student to overcome the problem. If the problem cannot be dealt within

group or the student needs long-term care and support, the staff member will find a suitable measure to support the student on a long-term basis.

The staff member would discuss the issue with the student and would assist to find a solution. With the consent of the particular student, if needed, he/she may discuss the problem with a fellow staff advisor from the support group or may find a suitable resource person to help the student to face the issue.

The student support group will liaise and work with the Well Being Centre at the main campus of the University of Jaffna.

#### Information Technology Centre (ITC)

The Information Technology Centre has developed as a student-staff joint venture for the entire Faculty which is located in the student block at the Faculty of Medicine. The day-to-day management of the Centre is looked after by the MSU and supervised by the IT monitoring Committee comprising staff and students. The Centre also provides photocopying services and collection of educational CDs.

#### The Alumni, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna

The Alumni, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna was inaugurated on 19th March 1989. The membership constitutes all graduates of the Faculty, all full time and part time teachers (both present and past) and well-wishers of the Faculty. It is registered as the Non Profit/Charitable organization in Sri Lanka under the companies act No.07 of 2007 since May 2004.

The Alumni seeks to promote unity and co-operation among the members of the Alumni; foster a close and cordial relationship among the members and between the staff and students of the

Faculty of Medicine; and further the interest and welfare of the Faculty of Medicine.

The main function of the Alumni in relation to student welfare is coordinating student scholarship and other funding projects from various organizations like Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni, Australian Medical Aid Foundation, Medical Institute of Tamils, International Medical Health Organization, Australian, European and North American organizations.

More information on the activities of alumni are available on the alumni website; <http://www.med.jfn.ac.lk/index.php/alumni/>  
Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni [JMFOA]

Graduates of the Jaffna Medical Faculty who have migrated overseas have formed the JMFOA. It provides help for needy students. The JMFOA also supports academic activities and general development of the Faculty.

## 6. ENDOWMENTS SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES & BURSARIES

### On Admission

#### Sinnathamby Rajendram Scholarship

This scholarship is offered by the Maharajah Trust in memory of the late Sinnathamby Rajendram, to the best student admitted to

the Faculty of Medicine each year. The student will hold the scholarship for three years. Founded in 1980, 1981 & 1982. Original endowment is Rs.36,000/-.

#### Malayan Ceylonese Bursary

To be awarded to a needy medical student entering the Faculty until the completion of the medical course. Founded in 1983 by Malayan Ceylonese Association (Ceylon). Jaffna. Original endowment Rs.40,000/- (1983-30,000/- and 1988 - 10,000/-).

#### U.K. Sri Lankan Medical and Dental Doctors

##### Association Bursary

Awarded to two medical students who have entered the Medical Faculty at his/her first attempt and depending on the parent or guardian's income for his/her studies and not receiving another assistance for his/her education. But if the student has been selected for "Mahapola Scholarship/Bursary" and that the parent's income is less than Rs. 2,000/= per month that student also would be eligible for this bursary. The Faculty is to nominate the eligible student and the SLMDA will send the money to the selected students monthly.

##### Anandakumaraiah Bursary

To be awarded monthly to a deserving needy medical student entering the Faculty until the completion of the medical course. 90% of the amount should be utilized for this bursary. Founded in 2002 by Mr. N. Anandakumariah, 32, Oakland Road, London, United Kingdom. The original endowment is Rs.150,000/=.

#### Mr. Aruliah and Mrs. Thialmuthu Sinniah Memorial

##### Award for Medical Students

To be awarded to five medical students of each year who receive neither Mahapolanor Bursary. The student should have passed examination in the first attempt if they are to benefit from this award continuously. Founded in 1990 by Dr.P.Ratnasabapathy, Selva Vasa, Kaithady. Original endowment Rs.200,000/-

#### Dr.G.M.Selvakone Memorial Bursary

To be awarded for three needy Tamil students preferably from war affected poor families. Each student will receive a sum of Rs.3,000/= per month on admission till they complete the medical course. This was awarded by Dr.G.M.Selvakone Memorial Research Organisation, 34, River Grove Drive, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada in memory of

Dr.G.M.Selvakone. The amount will be sent by this organization yearly and the Finance Branch will make the payment on the recommendation of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Medicine.

#### On the Performance at the First Examination for Medical Degrees

##### Subramaniam Mahadeva Scholarship

This scholarship is given annually by the Maharajah Trust in memory of the late Mr.Subramaniam Mahadeva to the student who shows the highest competency at the First examination. It was founded in 1980, 1981 & 1982. Original endowment Rs.36,000/-.

##### Wilson Nicholas Gnanasooriyar Memorial Bursary

To be given to a most deserving student who need financial assistance on his/her completing the First examination.

(Preference may be given to a student who has lost his/her father, Death certificate should be submitted.) Established by Mrs.P.Gnanasooriyar in 1994 in memory of her son late Wilson Nicholas Gnanasooriyar, who was a medical student. Original Endowment in 1994 Rs.50,000/- in 1995 Rs.25,000/-.

Sivthamilchelvi Dr. Thangammah Appakuddy Bursary

The Bursary is awarded annually to two poor students who have successfully completed the First examination. This is donated by Sivthamilchelvi Dr. Thangammah Appakuddy. Original Endowment Rs. 50,000/-. Founded in 1999.

Prof. R. Kanagasuntheram Gold Medal for Anatomy

A Gold Medal is awarded annually to a candidate who obtains the highest marks amongst those who obtain distinction in Anatomy. This award was made by Prof. R. Kanagasuntheram, former Dean and Professor of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, Jaffna. Original Endowment Rs.10,000/-.

Murugesar Thambiah Gold Medal for Biochemistry.

A Gold Medal is awarded annually to a candidate who obtains the highest marks amongst those who obtain distinction in Biochemistry.

This award was made by Mrs. M. Nadarajah in memory of her father Mr. Murugesar Thambiah in 1989. Original Endowment Rs.15,000/-.

Charles Kanagasunderam Memorial Gold Medal for the Physiology

This Gold Medal is awarded annually to a candidate who obtains the highest marks amongst those who obtain a distinction in

Physiology. This Gold Medal was donated by Prof. A.J. Wilson of Canada. Original endowment Rs. 80,124.00

#### Sriskandarajah Memorial Award

The Sriskandarajah memorial award for a student in the Faculty of Medicine shall be to one who had been judged as the best in extra-curricular activities among those who obtain second class at the First Examination, once every three years. This award is made in memory of late Mr. S. Sriskandarajah who was the President, University Students Union, University of Jaffna. It was founded in 1986. Original Endowment Rs. 10,000/-.

#### 8.3 On the Performance at the Second Examination for Medical Degrees

##### Nagiah Memorial Award

It is awarded annually to financially most deserving medical student at the beginning of the Para-clinical course. This award was donated in 1993 by Mrs. S. Nagiah, No. 3A, Ground Floor, Bambalapitiya Flats, Colombo. Original Endowment Rs. 25,000/-.

##### Prof. A. Kannappan Vasuki Endowment

This Endowment is awarded for a deserving medical student at the beginning of the Para-clinical course. This endowment was donated by Prof. J.G. Kannappan from South Indian 2004. The Original Endowment Rs. 100,000/=.

##### Kandiah Rajaratnam Scholarship

It is awarded annually to a student who gets highest marks in Parasitology among those who get distinction and obtain at least a second class in the Second Examination. If the scholarship is not awarded in any particular year the interest should be accumulated with the capital. The scholarship donated by late

Mr. Kandiah Rajaratnam.

Original Endowment Rs. 50,000/-.

Charles Kanagasunderam Memorial Bursary

It is awarded to two most deserving candidates depending on the performance at the Second examination. This bursary was donated by Prof. A. J. Wilson of Canada in 1983.

Chemical Industries (Colombo) Ltd. (CIC) Bursary

It is awarded to two most deserving candidates amongst those securing the first ten places in the Second examination. The Faculty will nominate the deserving candidates and the CIC will send the award annually. It is awarded by the Chemical Industries (Colombo) Ltd. (Charitable and Educational Trust Fund).

Chemical Industries (Colombo) Ltd. (CIC)  
Award in Pharmacology

It is awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Pharmacology and obtains a distinction in that subject. It is awarded annually by the Chemical Industries (Colombo) Ltd. (Charitable and Educational Trust Fund).

Prof. Senaka Bibile Commemoration Award for Pharmacology

The state pharmaceuticals corporation of Sri Lanka has awarded these scholarships to medical students who have performed well in the subject of Pharmacology in each of seven medical faculties to commemorate the late professor Senaka Bibile

Dr. C. Palasuntheram Prize for Microbiology

To be awarded to the student getting the highest marks in Microbiology at the Second examination. This award was donated by Dr. C. Palasuntheram, Consultant Microbiologist, Flat 21-2E, Crescat Residencies, No. 75, Galle Road, Colombo in 2004. The Original Endowment was Rs. 150,000/=.

### Dr. Vaithianathan Nadarajah Memorial Prize for Community Medicine

Awarded annually to the best candidate in Community Medicine and obtains a distinction in that subject. This prize was donated by Mrs. S. Nadarajah of Jaffna in memory of her late husband Dr. Vaithianathan Nadarajah in 1980. Original Endowment Rs.20,000/-

### S. Sivagurunathan Memorial Award

To be awarded to a student who obtains at least a Second Class in the Second examination and who had submitted the best research project report in Community Medicine. Established by Mrs. P. Sivagurunathan in memory of her husband late Mr. S. Sivagurunathan, AGA, Nallur, Jaffna in 1994. Original Endowment Rs.50,000/-.

### Prof. N. Saravanapavanathan Memorial Award

To be awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Forensic Medicine and obtain more than 60 marks. If the award is not given in any particular year, the interest should be accumulated with the capital. It was established by Prof. (Mrs.) T. Saravanapavanathan in 1994. Original Endowment Rs.25,000/-.

### Chelliah Ponnammah Memorial Prize for Pathology

It is awarded to the candidate who shows the highest competency in Pathology and obtains a distinction in the subject. This prize was donated by Late Prof. C. C. Balasubramaniam, Professor of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna to perpetuate the memory of his late parents in 1985. Original Endowment Rs.10,000/-

### Myliddy Swaminathan Sri Baskaran Memorial Award

It is awarded annually to the candidate who performs best in the Second examination. 75% of the interest accrued from the capital shall be used to give this award in the form of cash. This award was donated by Dr.S. Suseendirajah Kokuvil Road, Thirunelvely North, Jaffna in 1999. The Original Endowment Rs.100,000/=.

### Valvai Valliyammal Sinnarathinam Memorial Prize

The Memorial Prize to be awarded to the best two students at the Second examination. This Memorial Prize was donated by Mr. Sinnarathinam, Kaddu Valavu, Valvettiturai in 2004. The Original Endowment is Rs.146,825.00.

### Illankai Tamil Sangam USA Bursary

This Bursary is to be awarded monthly to two needy medical students after reviewing the financial position of the students. Until the backlog is cleared, the students who are awaiting the Professorial appointments are eligible for this bursary. Once the backlog is cleared, the 4th year medical students who are not receiving Mahapola / Bursary will be eligible for this bursary. This was donated by The Association of Tamils of Sri Lanka in the USA in 2002. Original amount is Rs.1,004,367.50.

### Dr. Muruganathan award for Best Research in Mental Health

This award is given annually to the best research which got highest marks in the field of Mental Health among undergraduate

researches conducted by the Community and Family Medicine Department. Candidate should have pass in the Second Examination for Medical Degrees. The award is a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 25,000.

On the Performance at the Final Examination for Medical Degrees

Dr.S.Ramanathan Gold Medal for Medicine

It is awarded annually to the candidate who has shown the highest competency in Medicine and obtained a distinction in Medicine at the Final examination. This gold medal was donated by Mrs.T.Ratnasabapathy of Colombo in memory of her late father Dr.S.Ramanathan, MRCP(London) in 1982.

Dr. S. Ramachandran Gold Medal for Clinical Medicine

It is awarded annually to the candidate who obtains the highest marks in the clinical component in the Final MBBS examination among those who passed examination irrespective of getting a class or distinction. The gold medal was donated by Dr.S.Ramachandran MD, FRCP, Consultant Physician, General Hospital Colombo.

Medical Institute of Tamils UK Gold Medal

It is awarded to the best student who scores the highest marks in the clinical component of Paediatrics at the Final Examination for Medical Degrees among the students who obtain class honours (first, second upper or second lower).

Standing Committee of Tamil speaking people in the UK gold Medal

It is awarded to the best student who scores the highest marks in the clinical component of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the Final Examination for Medical Degrees among the students who obtain class honours (first, second upper or second lower).

**Dr. Gunanandam Gold Medal**

It is awarded to the best student who scores the highest marks in the clinical component of Surgery at the Final Examination for Medical Degrees among the students who obtain class honours (first, second upper or second lower).

**St. George Gold Medal in Obstetrics & Gynaecology**

It is awarded annually to the candidate who has shown the highest competency in Obstetrics & Gynaecology and obtained a distinction in Obstetrics at the Final MBBS examination. This gold medal was donated by Dr. John St. George, FRCS, FRCOG of New South Wales, Australia in 1982. Original Endowment is Rs.10,000/-.

**Dr. Gunaratnam Muttuthamby Gold Medal for Obstetrics & Gynaecology**

It is awarded to a student who shows the highest competence in Obstetrics & Gynaecology during the three years period. Founded in 1992 by Dr. A.G. Muttuthamby of 67 A, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7. Original Endowment Rs.30,000/-.

**Dr. V.T. Pasupati Gold Medal in Paediatrics**

It is awarded annually to the candidate who has shown the highest competency in Paediatrics and obtained a distinction in Paediatrics at the Final MBBS examination. This gold medal was donated by the children of the late Dr. V.T. Pasupati to perpetuate

his memory in 1982. Original Endowment Rs.10,000/-.

Dr.S.Subramaniam (PS) Memorial Gold Medal for Surgery

It is awarded annually to the candidate who has shown the highest competency in Surgery and obtained a distinction in Surgery at the Final MBBS examination. It was founded in 1982 by Dr.&Mrs.M.Ramachandran. Original Endowment Rs.10,000/-

Dr.Vaithianathar Nadarajah Memorial Prize

It is awarded annually to the candidate who performs best at the Final MBBS examination. This prize was donated by Mrs.S.Nadarajah of Jaffna in memory of her late husband Dr.Vaithianathar Nadarajah in 1980.

Dr.Samuel Green Memorial Prize

Awarded once in three years to the candidate who has obtained a first class and has shown the highest competency at the Final MBBS examination during these years. This prize was donated by the Jaffna Medical Association in memory of late Dr.Samuel Green, Pioneer in Medical Education in Sri Lanka. Original Endowment Rs.5,000/-

Nanthi Gold Medal

It is awarded to a student for overall best performance at all examinations in the Medical Course. It was founded in 1995 to felicitate Prof.C.Sivagnanasundram ('Nanthi') by well-wishers. Original Endowment is Rs.50,000/-.

Dr. William Paul Award

This is awarded annually to the candidate with the best academic

record in the medical course and who has also shown significant contribution towards student extracurricular activities. This award was made by Mr. A. T. S. Paul, FRCS, and Mr. P. M. Jeyaranjan Bar-at-Law of Colombo in memory of their grandfather Dr. William Paul. Original Endowment Rs. 19,600/-.

#### University Prize (Thambiah Muthaliyar Chatram Trust)

To be awarded to the best students of all the Faculties in the University based on the examinations. The amount awarded with respect to each prize shall be Rs. 1, 000/- in 1989. The details for Medical Faculty are as follows: Average marks be 60% or above on the following examination: First, Second and Final Examinations for Medical Degrees. Original Endowment was Rs. 700,000/-.

#### Dr. R. S. Thanabalasundaram Gold Medal for Medicine

To be awarded to the candidate who has shown the highest competency in Medicine during a three year period. It is donated by Dr. (Mrs.) S. Srikanthan, U.S.A in memory of her late father Dr. R. S. Thanabalasundaram, who was an eminent Physician and also the Professor of Medicine at the Ragama Medical School. Original Endowment is Rs. 300,000/=

#### Dr. Muruganathan Gold Medal for best student in Psychiatry

This gold medal is awarded annually to a candidate who obtains the highest marks in Psychiatry at the Final Examination for Medical Degrees and obtains Second Class or above. This gold medal was donated by the family members of Late Dr. N. Muruganathan, an eminent Psychiatrist in the UK. This award will be a gold medal consisting of half sovereign (4g) of

gold with certificate.

#### Other Awards

##### Dr.C.Sinnathurai Medical Award

It was donated by Senator Tan Sri Datuk and Dr.C.Sinnathurai of Malaysia. Awarded to the medical student, who had completed their first year and failed to obtain or are ineligible for scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other award. Original Endowment Rs.50,000/-.

##### Mrs. S.Nadarajah Award

To be utilised to help a needy, poor but clever medical student from Columbuturai area throughout his/her undergraduate career. The payment can be made twice a year. Original endowment Rs.25,000/- Founded in 1990 by Mrs.S.Nadarajah of No.61, Pankankulam Road, Jaffna.

##### Dr.A.Amirthanayagam Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to the best student entering the Medical Faculty, from St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. If no student enters the Medical Faculty, it should be awarded to the best student entering the University of Jaffna from St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. The scholar will hold the prize during his/her undergraduate career. Founded in 1992 by Mr & Mrs. Aruna Amirthalingam through Ilankai Tamil Sangam, USA. Original endowment \$1000.

##### Dr. Nagaruban Arumugam Memorial Scholarship

To provide this scholarship during the elective period for students who will opt to do in the field of Paediatrics. The students will be

selected on the performance at the First and Second Examination of the Medical Degrees and also financial need. Donated by Dr. Pon Keetheswaran from Australia in memory of late Dr. Nagaruban Arumugam. Original endowment is Rs. 12,000,000/=

Other Miscellaneous Bursaries

Financial Assistance to needy students from Medical Institute of Tamils U.K (MIOT) directly to students. Financial Assistance from Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni to needy students directly. Financial Assistance from Mrs. M. Sivasithamparam, Australia. Financial Assistance from Mr. V. Selvanayagam, Hindu Society, U.K. G. Ponnambalam trust. Financial Assistance from Parents & Well-wishers Association of the Faculty of Medicine.

Research Award for Students for Students

Dr. Gunaratnam Cooke Research Award

It is given annually to projects by students. Donated by Dr. R. R. Cooke, FRCS, Colombo in 1985. Original Endowment Rs. 22,000/-.

Covinthapillai Candiah Research Award

The research award is given to the best three researches undertaken by students in the Phase I and to the best three researches undertaken in the Phase II, provided the research is of sufficient merit. Each award shall be given to each of the best three research undertaken by a group or an individual Phase I and Phase II levels. Along with this monetary

award, “A Covinthapillai Candiah Research Award Certificate” shall also be given. Founded in 1992 by Mr. C. Kandiah of 123, A.V. Road, Ariyalai, Jaffna. Original Endowment Rs. 50,000/-

#### Velayuthar Sothinagaratnam Memorial Award

This award is given annually to the best research in Community Medicine in the field of Microbiology. Donated by Mr. S. Sothimahaswaran from UK. The endowment is Rs. 200,000/-

#### Prof. Appakutty Sinnathamby Award

This award is given annually to the best proposal in reproductive health related topics in Community Medicine. Donated by Mr. R. Kaneshalingamson-in-law of late Prof. A. Sinnathamby. The original amount is Rs. 500,000/-

#### Dr. Rajani Thiranagama Memorial Award

This memorial award is given to a student who gets highest points in extracurricular activities throughout his/her medical career in the faculty. This will be awarded at the convocation. Donated by Dr. Uthayakumaran Somasuntharm. The original amount is Rs. 300,000.00/-

#### Prof. A. Thurairajah Gold Medal for All-Round Performance

General Eligibility: A graduate with First Class or Second upper Division is eligible to apply for the Gold Medal. The gold medal shall be awarded to the applicant (or jointly) who earns highest aggregate points.



































