

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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CURRENT POSITION

Head of Department
Consultant General, Upper Gastrointestinal & Bariatric Surgeon
Department of Surgery, Penang Hospital, Malaysia.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2022 Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS)
- 2020 CCT for Fellowship in Upper GI Surgery, Ministry of Health, Malaysia.
- 2019 Fellowship in Clinical Obesity & Bariatric Surgery, BMIMC CMUH, Taiwan.
- 2019 Fellowship in Esophageal & Gastric Cancer Surgery, Shanghai, China.
- 2017 Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh – FRCSEd.
- 2016 Diploma in Laparoscopic Surgery, Strasbourg University, France.
- 2015 Masters of General Surgery, University Malaya, Malaysia – MSurg (UM).
- 2010 Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – MRCS (Ire).
- 2008 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates Certification, USA.
- 2007 MBBS, International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia.

WORKING EXPERIENCE

i) CLINICAL

- 2020-Present Consultant General, Upper GI & Bariatric Surgeon, Penang Hospital, Malaysia.
- 2020-2022 Visiting Consultant Surgeon, Loh Guan Lye Specialist Center, Penang, Malaysia.
- 2017-2019 Fellowship in Upper GI & Bariatric Surgery, Ministry of Health Malaysia.
- 2015-2017 General Surgeon, Penang Hospital.
- 2011-2015 Candidate for Master of General Surgery, Penang Hospital & University Malaya.
- 2009-2011 Medical officer in Surgical Department, Penang Hospital.
- 2007-2009 House officer in Penang Hospital.

ii) ACADEMIC

- 2021-Present Committee of Malaysian Upper Gastrointestinal Surgical Society (MUGIS).
- 2021-Present Asia Coordinator for The Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons Society (TUGS).
- 2021-Present Malaysia Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship Training Committee.
- 2021-Present Supervisor for Trainees of Masters of General Surgery.
- 2011-Present Visiting lecturer for RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC).
- 2012-Present Faculty member for RCSI Intercollegiate Basic Surgical Skills Course.
- 2012-Present Visiting lecturer for Penang International Dental College (PIDC).

iii) ADMINISTRATION

- 2022-Present Head, Department of Surgery, Penang Hospital, Malaysia.
- 2020-2022 Liaison officer for COVID-19 Management, Department of surgery.
- 2020-Present Chief, Nutritional Support Team (NST), Penang Hospital.
- 2017 Liaison officer for clinical research in department of surgery.
- 2015-2017 Supervisor of medical officers in department of surgery.
- 2010-2011 Supervisor of house officers in department of surgery.

CLINICAL INTERESTS

- Upper gastrointestinal tract surgery & Bariatric surgery
- Endoscopy & Minimally invasive surgery
- Clinical nutrition

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2021 Certificate of Outstanding Service by the Penang State Health Department.
- 2019 Winner of Bariatric Fellow Laparoscopic Suturing Competition, BMIMC, Taiwan.
- 2019 JGCA Travel grant by The Japanese Gastric Cancer Association.
- 2018 KINGCA Travel grant & best poster award by The Korean Gastric Cancer Association.
- 2013 Certificate of Outstanding Service by the Penang State Health Department.
- 2007 Dr. John Joseph Bosco Memorial Gold Medal by International Medical University.

RESEARCH & PRESENTATION (2017 – 2022)

- July 2022 Publication in World Journal of Surgery
- 1) Evolving Trends in the Management of Acute Appendicitis During COVID-19 Waves: The ACIE Appy II Study. World J Surg (2022) 46:2021–2035
- July 2022 Publication in Cancer Epidemiology
- 1) Esophageal squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma in Malaysia – Pooled data from upper gastrointestinal centers in a multiethnic Asian population. Cancer epidemiology. 80 (2022); 102211.
- March 2022 Presentation in Johor Surgical Conference
- 1) Perforated peptic ulcer in the COVID 19 era: A retrospective review in Penang General Hospital, Malaysia
 - 2) 1-year review of minimally invasive esophagectomy (MIE) in Northern Malaysia: The way forward
 - 3) Minimally invasive esophagectomy in esophageal cancer: How we do it
 - 4) Double whammy of synchronous abdominal wall schwannoma and intraabdominal xanthogranulomatous inflammation
- Oct 2021 Presentation in KINGCA Week 2021
- 1) Gastric GIST with liver metastasis: Functional preserving surgery after imatinib therapy
 - 2) Management of symptomatic gastric lipoma
 - 3) Gastric adenocarcinoma in Northern Malaysia: An 18-month review

- Sept 2021 Presentation in the 17th ISDE Virtual World Congress
- 1) Cervical esophageal perforation: Multimoday approach to a rare & morbid condition
 - 2) Laparoscopic repair of giant paraesophageal hernias: A single center experience and literature review
 - 3) A scarless approach for Killian-Jamieson diverticulum: Transoral endoscopic assisted esophagodiverticulostomy (TEAE)
- Aug 2021 Presentation in 47th Annual Scientific Congress of College of Surgeons
- 1) Over-the-scope clipping for gastrointestinal fistulas & leaks – Single center experience
 - 2) Triple whammy in a patient with dysphagia: Esophagea cancer, tracheoesophageal fistula & intramural esophageal dissection
 - 3) Intramural esophageal dissection – A rare cause of dysphagia treated with endoscopic surgery
 - 4) Early experience of minimally invasive esophagectomy in northern Malaysia
- June 2021 Publication in Journal of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 1) Conversion of One-Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (OAGB) to Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass (RYGB) is Effective in Dealing with Late Complications of OAGB: Experience from a Tertiary Bariatric Center and Literature Review. *J Metab Bariatr Surg* 2021;10:32-41.
- Nov 2020 Publication in Medical Journal of Malaysia
- 1) How do surgeons weather the storm of COVID-19 pandemic. *Med J Malaysia*. 2020. Vol 75 No 6.
- June 2020 Publication in The Lancet
- 1) The HALT-IT Collaborators. Effects of a high dose 24-h infusion of tranexamic acid on death and thromboembolic events in patients with acute gastrointestinal bleeding (HALT-IT): an international randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. *Lancet* 2020. 395: 1927-36.

- May 2020 Publication in Diseases of The Esophagus
- 1) The Oesophagogastric Anastomosis Audit Group. The influence of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic on the esophagogastric cancer service: an international survey of esophagogastric surgeons. *Diseases of the Esophagus*. 2020. 00, 1-12.
- May 2020 Publication in Asian Journal of Surgery
- 1) Laparoscopic Heller myotomy and anterior Dor fundoplication for achalasia cardia in Malaysia: Clinical outcomes and satisfaction from four tertiary centers. *Asian J Surg*. 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asjsur.2020.04.007>.
- Dec 2019 Presentation in the 4th International Excellent Federation (IEF) Forum, Taiwan.
- 1) Revision of OAGB to RYGB: 12 Years' Experience from Center of Excellence.
- Feb 2019 Presentation in the 91st JGCA Congress, Shizuoka Japan.
- 1) Continuous Preperitoneal Ropivacaine Infusion after Gastric Surgery: Early Experience in Upper GI Center.
 - 2) Gastric Cancer in Malaysia. A 5-Year Review. (Awarded JGCA travel grant)
- Sept 2018 Presentation in the 16th ISDE World Congress, Vienna.
- 1) Esophageal Cancer in Malaysia: The Need for Early Detection!
 - 2) Comparison of Esophageal Cancer in Northern and Central Malaysia.
 - 3) Benign Esophageal Stricture: A Recap of Our Experience.
 - 4) Ileocolonic interposition graft: A safe and feasible option in esophagogastrectomy.
 - 5) Spontaneous Esophagopleurocutaneous Fistula in Kikuchi Disease – Multifaceted Presentation of A Hidden Mediastinal Tuberculous Lymphadenitis.
 - 6) Laparoscopic Excision of Esophageal Fistula Tract (LEEFT) – Video presentation.

- April 2018 Presentation in the KINGCA Week 2018, Seoul Korea.
- 1) Laparoscopic Gastric GIST Excision. Penang Hospital Experience. (Awarded Best Poster Presentation)
 - 2) Short Term D2 Gastrectomy Outcomes in Penang Hospital. (Awarded Best Poster Presentation)
 - 3) Bowel in Chest: An Unusual Cause of Respiratory Distress.
 - 4) Laparoscopic Gastric GIST Excision. Penang Hospital Experience – Video presentation.
- Sept 2017 Poster presentation in 6th MUGIS & 2nd ASEAN Upper GI Surgery Conference
- 1) Epidemiology of Esophageal Cancer in Northern Malaysia: Penang Hospital Experience.
 - 2) The unfortunate fate of a tobacco ball – Causing esophageal perforation!
 - 3) Primary malignant melanoma of esophagus. A case report.
- May 2017 Presentation in College of Surgeon Annual Scientific Meeting 2017, Malaysia.
- 1) Is Radical gastrectomy safe in the elderly? Penang Hospital Experience - Poster presentation (Selected as top 10 poster).
 - 2) Triple Whammy! A Case Report of Gastric Adenocarcinoma with Coexistent Gastric GIST and Gastric Tuberculosis. - Poster presentation.
- April 2017 Presentation in 12th International Gastric Cancer Congress (IGCC), Beijing China.
- 1) Coexistence of Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST) With Other Malignancies: A Single Center Experience. - Poster presentation.
 - 2) Challenges in Managing Esophagogastric Junctional Adenocarcinoma in Pregnancy. - Poster presentation.

INVITED FACULTY / SPEAKER (2017 – 2022)

Oct 2022	Speaker & Scientific Chairman for Penang Surgical Symposium 2022 “Esophageal Cancers: The Paradigm Shift in Treatment Strategy” & “The Use of Perioperative Multimodal Analgesia in ERAS”
Oct 2022	Speaker & faculty for MUGIS Congress 2022 “Esophageal Perforations” & Trainer for basic laparoscopic workshop
July 2022	Speaker & faculty for SELSMA Congress 2022 “Minimally invasive esophagectomy: The way forward”
June 2022	Speaker for Nutritional Updates “Prehabilitation: The key to improve surgical outcomes”
June 2022	Trainer for the Open Distal Gastrectomy workshop, Hospital Queen Elizabeth
May 2022	Panelist for the International Summit of Esophageal Surgery (ISES 2022)
May 2022	Trainer for the TAPP Hands-on workshop, Hospital Pulau Pinang
May 2022	Chairperson for the 13 th Zhongshan International Forum for Esophageal Cancer
April 2022	Speaker for Upper GI Masterclass “Timely Management of Upper GI Cancers”
April 2022	Panelist for 11 th TUGS Asia Symposium “Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month: Improving Outcomes”
March 2022	Speaker for Asia Voice Esophageal Cancer Congress, China “Multidisciplinary Comprehensive Treatment of Esophageal Cancer”
Jan 2022	Panelist for the 10 th TUGS Asia Symposium

“Advanced Diagnostic & Therapeutic Upper GI Endoscopy”

- Dec 2021 Speaker for the 5th IEF Forum, Taiwan
“What Story does Endoscopy Tell Before & After Bariatric Surgery”
- Dec 2021 Speaker for the MUGIS 2021 Virtual Symposium
“Upper GI Fellowship Abroad – Journey to the East”
- Nov 2021 Panelist for the 5th TUGS Journal Club – Safety of bariatric surgery
- Nov 2021 Speaker for Philippines Society of General Surgeons 19th Surgical Updates
“Shifting Paradigm in Esophageal Cancer Treatment: Towards Better Outcomes”
- Nov 2021 Speaker for 23rd Asian Congress of Surgery, Hong Kong
“Latest Updates on The Management of Esophageal Perforations”
- Nov 2021 Speaker for Post Graduate Revision Course, National University Malaysia
“Diagnosing Achalasia: Dilemma for the Young General Surgeons”
- Sept 2021 Speaker for Fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery UGI 2021, India
“Evolving Paradigm in Esophageal Cancer Treatment”
- Sept 2021 Speaker for National Dietitian Updates on Medical Nutritional Therapy 2021
“Management of Upper GI Diseases & Importance of Clinical Nutrition”
- Aug 2021 Panelist for the 47th ASC-CSAMM, Malaysia
“Meet-The-Expert Upper GI Session”
- July 2021 Panelist for 4th TUGS Asia Symposium
“Achalasia cardia: Diagnosis & management redefined”
- June 2021 Speaker for Northern Upper GI Surgical Update
“Minimally invasive esophagectomy: Current practice in Malaysia”

June 2021	Speaker for Malaysia Oncology Update “Surgical management of Upper GI cancers”
May 2021	Panelist for 2 nd TUGS Asia Symposium “Gastric cancer surgery: Past, present & the future”
April 2021	Panelist for 1 st TUGS Asia Symposium “Surgical approach for esophageal cancer: The current practice”
April 2021	Speaker for LGLSC CME. “Recent advances in Upper GI & Bariatric Surgery”
March 2021	Moderator for Upper GI Surgery Virtual Grand Rounds 2021.
Oct 2020	Speaker for the Zhongshan International Oncology Meeting “Esophageal Cancer in Malaysia: Where the East Meets the West.”
Sep 2020	Speaker for the Penang Updates for Medical Assistants 2020. “Upper GI & Bariatric services in Northern Malaysia.”
Aug 2020	Moderator for the PENSMA Clinical Nutrition Webinar Series. “Care and maintenance during enteral feeding.”
June 2020	Moderator for the Malaysia Upper GI Webinar Series. “Changing Practice in Upper GI Surgery following COVID-19 Pandemic.”
Feb 2020	Speaker & Chairperson for the Penang Surgical Symposium 2020, Penang. 1) ERAS in Upper GI Surgery: Experience from The Far East. 2) Cardioesophageal Junction Tumours: Are We on The Right Track?
Dec 2019	Speaker for The 4 th IEF Forum, Taiwan. “Revision of OAGB to RYGB: 12 Years Experience from Center of Excellence”
Aug 2018	Speaker for Hospital CME:

“Red flags in The Turbulent Sea” – Early detection of Upper GI tract cancers.

- Aug 2018 Chairperson for Penang Surgical Symposium 2018, Penang.
- Oct 2017 Speaker for Northern Nutritional Update 2017, Penang.
“Nutritional risk screening and assessment”
- March 2017 Speaker for Penang State Cancer Awareness Seminar:
“Early detection and screening of upper gastrointestinal tract cancer”

ORGANIZATION

- Oct 2022 Scientific chairman of Penang Surgical Symposium 2022.
- Oct 2022 Scientific chairman of MUGIS Congress 2022.
- June 2022 Organizing chairman of Northern Nutritional Workshop 2022.
- Nov 2021 Organizing chairman of MUGIS 2021 Virtual Symposium.
- June 2021 Organizing chairman of Northern Upper GI Surgical Update.
- 2021 - 2022 Organizing chairman of TUGS Asia Symposium.
- Feb 2020 Scientific committee of Penang Surgical Symposium 2020.
- Dec 2019 Organizing committee of 4th IEF Forum, Taiwan.
- Aug 2018 Scientific committee of Penang Surgical Symposium 2018.
- Oct 2017 Organizing chairman of Northern Nutritional Update 2017.
- Aug 2017 Organizing chairman of Upper GI Surgical Oncology Update 2017.
- Nov 2016 Secretary of Bariatric Multidisciplinary Team Workshop 2016.
- July 2016 Secretary of Penang Surgical Symposium 2016.
- May 2016 Organizing chairman of Penang Hospital Digestive Day.
- Nov 2015 Organizing committee of Parenteral Nutrition Workshop, Penang.

ACCREDITED COURSES

2017	Non-Technical Skills for Surgeons (NOTSS) course.
2017	Certified Medical Impairment Assessor (CMIA) course.
2017	Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) course.
Since 2016	ESPEN LLL Course in Clinical Nutrition & Metabolism.
2015	Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patients (CCrISP) Course.
2012	Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Course.

MEMBERSHIP

- Since 2022 Fellow of The American College of Surgeons (FACS)
- Since 2022 Member of The International Society of Diseases of The Esophagus (ISDE).
- Since 2022 Member of The European Society of Diseases of The Esophagus (ESDE).
- Since 2022 Member of Malaysian Medical Association (MMA).
- Since 2021 Member of The Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons Society (TUGS).
- Since 2018 Member of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity & Metabolic Disorders (IFSO).
- Since 2017 Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FRCSEd).
- Since 2017 Member of the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AM).
- Since 2017 Member of the Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology & Hepatology (MSGH).
- Since 2016 Member of the International Gastric Cancer Association (IGCA).
- Since 2015 Member of the Malaysian Upper Gastrointestinal Surgical Society (MUGIS).
- Since 2010 Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI).
- Since 2009 Member of Society of Surgeons, Penang.

VERBAL SKILLS

English, Malay, Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, Hakka.

WRITTEN LANGUAGE

English, Malay, Mandarin.

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Dean, RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC).

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Former Head of Upper GI Surgery Service, Ministry of Health, Malaysia.

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