

The vision of Healthier SG is for a strong primary care system that takes care of people before they fall ill.

Additionally, in recognition of the need for developing a programme to support the acquisition, consolidation and update on key areas for population health, a range of educational opportunities will be developed, including, but not limited to, chronic disease management, social prescribing, and team-based approaches. A curated programme of continuing education and training will focus on the main needs of current professionals, to enhance their existing skills in population health, including care planning and supporting patients in taking control of their own health and to provide new competencies, such as in data and digital literacy for delivering Primary Care in the community at the highest level of quality and value, while leveraging on modern technology.

With a focus on health promotion and disease prevention, clinicians will be able to receive training for enabling patients to optimise their self-management and their abilities to respond to everyday health and health care challenges.

Another key element of the contribution of the Department of Family Medicine will be to continue to support capacity building through academic training of junior physicians through the Family Medicine Scholars Programme. Selected applicants will spend two years embedded in the Department with responsibilities for research and education, learning through formal opportunities and on the job, while maintaining active clinical practice. The expansion of the programme, which has so far successfully trained doctors from the polyclinics, will now include GPs.

While these initiatives that I have outlined are our contributions to help shape and evaluate the implementation of Healthier SG, the role of Family Medicine and the impact that Family doctors have on the nation's health and well-being are best seen in the influence that the individual GP or clinician is able to wield with their patients. When all is said and done, it is the Family doctors working in the neighbourhood who are best-positioned to persuade and motivate their patients towards health-seeking lifestyles, and ultimately help move the nation in the right direction health wise.

If we do this well, we can look forward to a Healthier Singapore, marked by everyone getting the best start to life, everyone optimising their own health and potential, and everyone having a longer health span. We have much to do, and much to look forward to.

Thank you.

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Albert & Mary Lim Award 2022

Citation for Prof Lee Eng Hin

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College of Family Physicians Singapore



Dr Janil Puthucheary, Senior Minister of State, President and Council of the College of Family Physicians; Distinguished Guests; Colleagues; Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good evening. I am delighted to deliver the citation on the conferment of the College of Family Physicians Albert & Mary Lim Award, 2022 to Emeritus Professor Lee Eng Hin.

The Albert and Mary Lim Award, first presented in 1974 as the Albert Lim Award, was re-named The Albert and Mary Lim Award in Sept 1999, in memory of the late Dr Albert Lim and his wife Mrs Mary Lim.

The Albert & Mary Lim Award is the highest honour that the College can bestow on persons who have made contributions to the College and has shown a lifetime commitment to the development of Family Medicine in Singapore.

Professor Lee Eng Hin graduated with a MD from the University of Western Ontario, Canada in 1973, and obtained his Postgraduate degree in Orthopaedics in 1982. Prof Lee is currently Emeritus Professor in Orthopaedic Surgery at Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and Emeritus Consultant of Paediatric Orthopaedics at National University Hospital. He was head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUS and NUH, 1998 - 2001.

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Prof Lee's CV runs into several pages and he has served on numerous committees and boards both locally and internationally. Prof Lee has served on committees for the Ministry of Health, Singapore Medical Council, The Specialist Accreditation Board, and the Biomedical Research Council.

As an academic, Prof Lee has published widely and sat on the editorial boards of many peer-reviewed journals.

Prof Lee has also made contributions in Public and Social Service. He established the Rainbow Centre Schools for early intervention, special education and autism spectrum disorder, (with the support of National Council of Social Services and Ministry of Community Youth and Sports.) He also helped to establish the Pathlight School for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

You will wonder at this point what has an orthopaedic surgeon got to do with family medicine? Well, it is in recognition of Prof Lee's contributions to Medical Education, that the Council of the College of Family Physicians has unanimously nominated Prof Lee for the Albert & Mary Lim Award.

Prof Lee was the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at NUS from 2000-2003, where he contributed significantly to medical education, and he was the Director at the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS), from 1999-2010.

As the Dean of NUS Medicine, Prof Lee Launched the MBBS PhD program in the faculty in 2000, Implemented problem-based learning in medical undergraduate curriculum, and established the Medical Education Unit in 2002, now known as the Centre for Medical Education (CenMED) at YLL School of Medicine.

As Director of the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (1999-2010), Prof Lee worked with the leadership of CFPS to establish the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine in 2000. During his more than a decade at DGMS, Prof Lee also established numerous other programs including, to name a few:

- The MMed programs for (Orthopaedic Surgery) and (Otorhinolaryngology)
- Conjoint MMED exams for Emergency Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynaecology with overseas institutions
- Master of Public Health, and the
- Graduate Diploma in Mental Health

Prof Lee was Co-Chair of the Joint Committee for Specialist Training (JCST) and Joint Committee for Family Medicine Training (JCFMT), where he provided guidance and oversight to improve standards in specialist training in 35 specialties and 4 subspecialties, and in family medicine training as well, he established rigorous assessments including formal exit examinations.

As a clinical professor and teacher, Prof Lee has taught generations of medical students, through classroom lectures, small group sessions and bedside teaching.

I was also one of Prof Lee's medical students and I fondly remember Prof's NUH ward rounds. He was always dressed impeccably, his physical presence would immediately command one's attention, yet he was soft spoken and had an exemplary bedside manner. Prof Lee always treated the patients with respect, and he was kind to medical students.

Ladies and Gentlemen, The College of Family Physicians is pleased to confer the 2022 Albert & Mary Lim Award to Professor Lee Eng Hin for his contributions to the College, to Family Medicine training, and to the medical profession.

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