

DukeNUS

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ALUMNI

# ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024



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# WELCOME MESSAGE



## DUKE-NUS MEDICAL ALUMNI AT OUR APPRECIATION DINNER FOR PROFESSOR IVY NG

We would like to welcome the Class of 2024 to our alumni family. Having joined the Duke-NUS family during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Class of 2024 has a bold story of resilience and courage in facing the unknown to tell. As medicine continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, driven by advancements in science and technology, may they lead by example and embody our school's core values of courage, compassion, integrity, and collaboration as they embark on their journeys as medical professionals.

This year, the Duke-NUS Medical Alumni (DNMA) had the honour of awarding our third DNMA Honorary Membership to Professor Ivy Ng. Professor Ng has shown unwavering support for the DNMA, and this award recognizes her pivotal role in establishing and nurturing the academic medicine partnership between Duke-NUS and SingHealth. Her belief in people is the core value and the very DNA of our academic medical centre. May the DNMA continue to nurture, practice, and perpetuate this DNA, demonstrating the same compassion, empathy, and kindness in our own work and leadership.

The DNMA remains committed to partnering with our alumni, school, and students in advocating for our best interests, strengthening our community, and promoting the advancement of medicine. We welcome your ideas and feedback as we strive to realize our vision and mission, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To my dearest alumni,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I share our annual report, a meaningful reflection of our journey over the past year as an alumni community. This year, we celebrated several milestones, including our 10th anniversary as an alumni association and the organization of an appreciation dinner for Professor Ivy Ng in collaboration with our alma mater. I am deeply grateful to my committee members who, despite their demanding clinical and personal schedules, continue to volunteer their time to make these events possible.

In August last year, I had the honour of welcoming the Class of 2027 at their White Coat ceremony. While writing my speech, I took the opportunity to walk down memory lane, reliving some of my most memorable moments from medical school and residency training. Reciting the Hippocratic Oath once again, alongside esteemed colleagues, reignited a profound sense of purpose and commitment to our medical profession. We know that the road ahead will be filled with challenges, but my hope is that the DNMA serves as a canvas for your professional growth and development, offering opportunities to collaborate with fellow alumni to create meaningful change for our country.

It is also essential that we, as alumni, remain committed to giving back to our alma mater as we advance into more senior roles in our careers. I am encouraged by the achievements and accomplishments of our alumni, many of whom are making headlines and assuming leadership roles as educators, mentors, and exemplary role models within our school and academic medical centre.

As we enter the next decade of our alumni association, we aim to expand beyond the networking opportunities provided by our signature event, the Duke-NUS Dialogues. We seek to explore new avenues for alumni career development and increase our contributions to student aid and activities within the school. Please also share your personal achievements with us so that we can celebrate them together.

Our alumni members remain the heartbeat of DNMA, and it is only through our collective engagement, feedback, and unwavering commitment to our vision that we can drive meaningful change within our medical community. I look forward to your continued support and to seeing you at our upcoming events and activities.

Yours Sincerely,

Anu Pandey (Class of 2015)

DNMA President (2021-2025)



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# OBJECTIVES

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To represent and promote the interests of Duke-NUS Medical Alumni



To promote the interests of Duke-NUS Medical School



To facilitate interaction and networking amongst the alumni members



To promote the advancement of medical education and medical research



To strengthen ties between medical alumni and Duke-NUS Medical School



To foster goodwill among the local and regional community through community service activities

# DNMA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICE HOLDERS

**ANU PANDEY (2015)**  
PRESIDENT



ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT,  
PEDIATRICS, KKH

**EDWIN YANG (2016)**  
VICE PRESIDENT



ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT,  
GENERAL SURGERY  
COLORECTAL SERVICE, NUHS

**LEK SZE MIN (2016)**  
SECRETARY



GENERAL PRACTITIONER,  
WHITE COAT

**TAN YU BIN (2018)**  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY



ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT,  
GASTROENTEROLOGY, SGH

**RUAN XU CONG (2017)**  
TREASURER



ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT,  
CARDIOLOGY, NHCS

**LOW ZHEN LUAN (2021)**  
ASSISTANT TREASURER



MEDICAL OFFICER  
/RESIDENT, SGH

**MAVERICK UY (2013)**  
HONORARY AUDITOR



ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT,  
CARDIOLOGY, CGH

**CHIA GHIM SONG (2011)**  
HONORARY AUDITOR



CONSULTANT,  
NEURORADIOLOGY, SGH

# DNMA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

He Yingke Maryanne Romero	2013
Eric Cher	2014
Marc Wong Sashen Aponso Olivia Tan	2015
Kenneth Chin	2016
Brian Chan Wu Hong King Nicholas Shannon	2017
Goh Kian Leong Gwen Hwarng Tan Yu Bin	2018
Michael Yan Shi Samantha Tan Tan Si Qi	2019
Dave Ng June Yu Evelyn Gabriel Utama	2020
Mark Goh Low Zhen Luan	2021
Nurul Ain Danny Pan Ziyang	2022
Michelle Ko Kok Chun Yen	2023

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# CLASS AMBASSADORS 2024

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The Alumni Relations team collaborates with the Office of Education to identify new class ambassadors. This serves as a link for the new class to engage with the alumni and be part of this new lifelong community of Duke-NUS medical graduates. We warmly welcome and thank Dr Tang Hao Ming and Dr Gaytri Gupta from the Class of 2024 for being our newest class ambassadors.



Tang Hao Ming



Gaytri Gupta



# DNMA 10TH ANNIVERSARY

At the Duke-NUS inaugural fundraising and graduation Gala Dinner on 30th May 2013, Singapore's then President, Dr Tony Tan, witnessed the official launch of the Duke-NUS Medical Alumni (DNMA) association. It was during this time that the DNMA conferred our very first Honorary Membership to our founding Chairman, Mr. Tony Chew.

It was no easy feat for our seniors from the Classes of 2011 and 2012, who at that time were all in their early stages of their postgraduate careers, to lay the foundation for the DNMA. Fueled by passion and commitment, they defined our mission and crafted our constitution, and over the years it has been very heartening to witness our alumni community growing in strength and numbers, with a robust alumni tradition of giving back to our alma mater and society. We should indeed feel very proud of ourselves.

To celebrate this milestone, we invited Dr Tony Tan to our 10th Duke-NUS Dialogue, where the DNMA presented him with our 10th Anniversary booklet, containing a special "Tribute to Dr Tony Tan" by Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, as well as a special token of appreciation. Putting together this booklet was a lovely trip down memory lane for both our leaders and alumni, and we are confident of the continued successes of Duke-NUS and the DNMA.



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# HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Class of 2013 Reunion, 1 Sep 2023



10th Duke-NUS Dialogue with Prof Ivy Ng , 6 Oct 2023



Movie Night 2024, 15 Mar 2024





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# HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Appreciation Dinner for Prof Ivy Ng, 22 Mar 2024



11th Duke-NUS Dialogue with Prof Kenneth Mak, 12 Apr 2024



# HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Graduation and Hooding Ceremony (Class of 2024), 1 Jun 2024



White Coat Ceremony (Class of 2028), 2 Aug 2024



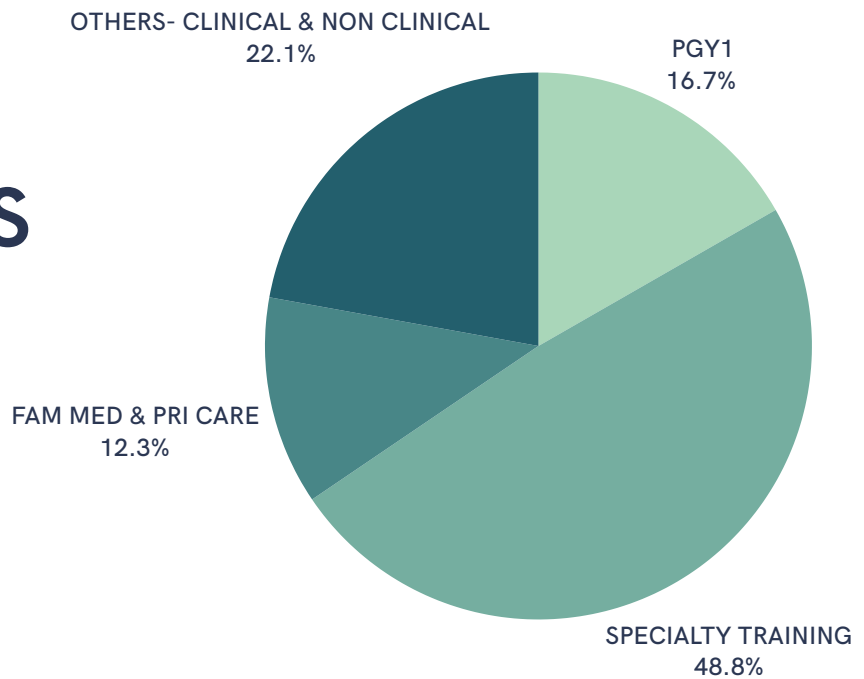


# ALUMNI PIPELINE

754 ALUMNI

AS OF MAY 2024

## CURRENT ENDEAVORS



# ALUMNI IN THE LIMELIGHT

Duke-NUS Assistant Professor Rena Dharmawan, Class of 2011 (left) and Speedoc Co-Founder and CEO Dr Shравan Verma, Class of 2014 (right) became the first alumni from Duke-NUS to be honoured at the biennial NUS Alumni Awards.

Read more about their awards at the following link:

Dr Rena and Dr Shравan NUS Outstanding Young Alumni Awards  
<https://www.duke-nus.edu.sg/allnews/nus-alumni-awards-2023>



# ALUMNI IN THE LIMELIGHT

Hear from our alumni how Duke-NUS has inspired their medical journey:

*"Duke-NUS laid the foundation not just for my medical knowledge, but for the vision and resilience needed to create Speedoc. The unwavering support of my professors and mentors fueled my passion for making a change in healthcare. Their belief in my ability to push boundaries and explore new horizons empowered me to turn an idea into a reality that is now transforming patient care. I am deeply grateful for the inspiration and encouragement from the Duke-NUS community, which continues to be a cornerstone of my journey."*

- Dr Shravan Verma

*"Thank you Duke-NUS, for your unwavering support in advancing my passion in incorporating technology in healthcare to create a positive impact for our patients and empowering the next generation of clinician innovators through the Duke NUS HHealth Innovator Programme (D-HIP)."*

- Dr Rena Dharmawan

# ALUMNI IN THE LIMELIGHT

Dr Chia Ghim Song (Class of 2011) was awarded the **National Healthcare Innovation and Productivity Medal 2024**, which recognises local healthcare and community care institutions/individuals that have demonstrated thought leadership through implementation of innovative productivity projects.



*"From 2021 to 2023, I led a highly motivated and passionate multidisciplinary QI team to shorten the time taken to initiate endovascular thrombectomy (EVT) in acute ischemic stroke. EVT is an emergency treatment to remove blood clots to re-establish blood flow to the brain. Every minute counts and the earlier patients receive EVT treatment, the better the functional outcomes which results in reduced disability, societal burdens and healthcare costs. This project was very meaningful because we managed to **reduce the time significantly by 40%** from 130 to 82 minutes, resulting in **improved outcomes for our stroke patients**.*

*I decided to initiate this project because I believe that we could do better. Duke-NUS with her Clinician Plus vision has equipped me with the skillset as well as the mindset to always challenge the status quo and paradigms to improve patient care and the healthcare system. The Duke-NUS culture of collaboration and good teammanship which shaped my years as a graduate medical student, played a pivotal role in helping me lead the QI team through the successful implementations."*

- Dr Chia Ghim Song



# ALUMNI IN THE LIMELIGHT

**Dr Ku Chee Wai**, a Duke-NUS MD Alumnus from the Class of 2013, is one of the first of several MD graduates to return to undertake a PhD at Duke-NUS. Dr Ku joined the PhD in Clinical Translational Sciences programme and is part of the 10 PhD students who graduated this year.



# ALUMNI IN THE LIMELIGHT

Project DOVE, short for Duke-NUS Overseas Volunteering Expedition, is a student-led overseas medical mission that has been reaching out to neighbouring countries since 2010. For their inaugural expedition to Nepal, the team of 15 students and 4 faculty, comprising of 3 alumni, visited 3 rural villages to set up health camps and conducted house visits. This allowed them to better understand the community's healthcare and medical needs.

The team also gained a better understanding of the varied healthcare systems in Nepal.

Through the initiative, the team reached out to 660 people via the health camps and 10 households (of 20 people) via needs assessment.

We would like to thank **Dr Nicholas Brian Shannon** (Class of 2017), **Dr Michael Yan Shi** (Class of 2019), **Dr Lim Gim Hui** (Class of 2020) and the Duke-NUS students for their efforts!



# ALUMNI IN THE LIMELIGHT

The second iteration of Project Dove Sri Lanka ran concurrently with Dove Nepal, focusing on mutual exchange of knowledge and creating a positive impact on the underserved communities in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.

Comprising of 12 medical students and 2 faculty members, including alumni, **Dr Ignasius Aditya Japper** (Class of 2012), the team participated in community health and school health screening, reaching 300 local islanders.

Additionally, the team explored various medical practices in Sri Lanka through visits to several medical institutions and partook in community initiatives, gaining a deeper insight into Sri Lanka's healthcare approaches.

Through the partnership with University of Jaffa, the medical students got to cocreate culturally relevant health education materials for the local community.



# ALUMNI RELATIONS NEWS

We would like to welcome **Prof London Lucien Ooi** - Associate Dean (Admissions and Alumni Relations) and Senior Consultant (HPB & Transplant Surgery), to the Alumni Relations team!

We also welcome a few more members into the alumni relations team. Do lookout for Lynn, Tammie, Zach, Kirstin and Lingjie if you require any assistance with alumni matters.





# FINANCE

The Duke-NUS Medical Alumni (DNMA) was officially registered with the Singapore Registry of Societies on 15 April 2013. Its place of business is at Alumni Relations, Duke-NUS Medical School Singapore, 8 College Road, Singapore 169857.

Since DNMA started in April 2013, no entrance fees or subscriptions have been collected, and all expenses were covered by the School's Alumni Relations office.

For the financial period from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, there are no income, expenses, assets, or liabilities.

The Management Committee is responsible for preparing DNMA's financial statements in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards, maintaining internal controls to safeguard assets, and ensuring proper authorization and recording of transactions for accurate financial reporting and accountability.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SPECIAL THANKS TO YOUR GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT OF DNMA!

Mr Goh Yew Lin  
Chairman, Duke-NUS Governing Board

Prof Thomas Coffman  
Dean

Assoc Prof Shiva Sarraf-Yazdi  
Vice-Dean, Office of Education

Prof Ivy Ng Swee Lian  
Honorary Member of DNMA

Mr Tony Chew  
Honorary Member of DNMA  
Founding Chairman, Duke-NUS Governing Board

Duke-NUS Emiritus Professor K Ranga Rama Krishnan  
Former Dean of Duke-NUS (2008-2015)  
Honorary Member of DNMA

Mr Kai Nargolwala  
Former Chairman, Duke-NUS Governing Board

Prof London Lucien Ooi  
Associate Dean, Admissions and Alumni Relations

as well as other DUKE-NUS staff and friends for your support!

# QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.

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