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About Me

I was born in Jaffna and educated at Our Lady's Primary School in Nuwara Eliya, S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa, S. Thomas' College, Bandarawela and Central College Velanai, Jaffna. Entered the University of Peradeniya in 1990. Joined the Department as a temporary assistant lecturer in 1994 and became the lecturer probationary in 1995. Went for higher studies in 1999 to Georgia State University, Atlanta. Came back to the Department, with a Ph.D in 2004 and continued as senior lecturer till 2014. After resigning, served as a Postdoctoral Researcher at Qatar University for three years and rejoined the Department as senior lecturer in 2017.

Higher Education Qualifications

🎓 **PhD**

Georgia State University, Atlanta
USA
(2004)

🎓 **MSc**

Georgia State University, Atlanta
USA
(2002)

🎓 **BSc**

University of Peradeniya
Sri Lanka
(1994)

Awards, Scholarships, Memberships & Fellowships



Excellence in Teaching (Undergraduate Courses) for the academic years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.



Presidential Awards for Scientific Excellence (Sri Lanka) – Years 2007 and 2008



Outstanding Advanced Graduate Student Award in Physics 2002/2003: For superior research accomplishments and service to the department, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA











Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award in Physics 2001/2002:
For performance in meeting instructional responsibilities,
Department of Physics and Astronomy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA







Member of Sigma pi Sigma, The National Physics Honor Society

Positions Held

-  Head of the Department of Physics- (15-01-2021 - 15-01-2024)
-  Graduate Coordinator, M.Sc. in Medical Physics, Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS)- (06-06-2019 - 06-06-2022)
-  Coordinator, Faculty Quality Assurance Cell (FQAC), Faculty of Science- (01-09-2019 - 28-02-2021)
-  Postdoctoral Researcher, Dept. of Chemistry and Earth Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar.- (April 2013 – May 2016)
-  Chairperson, Board of Study in Physics, Postgraduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya,- (January 2010 – February 2013)
-  Graduate Coordinator, M. Sc. in Medical Physics, Postgraduate Institute of Science, (PGIS)- (October 2005 – February 2013)
-  Member of the Board of Management of the Postgraduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya- (January 2010 – February 2013)
-  Visiting Scientist, National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka- (October 2004 – December 2008)



My Teachings

-  PHY1103: General Physics I
-  PHY2822: Medical Physics
-  PHY3822: Biophysics
-  PHY3832: Health Physics

Research Interests (Research Fields/ Projects)

- Dosimetry in medical diagnostic procedures: Establishment of Diagnostic Reference Levels (DRLS)
- Synthesis of lead-free radiation shielding materials
- Computational studies on molecular vibrations using *Gaussian*.
- Solar energy conversion in plants and bacteria (Photosystem I).
- Laser flash photolysis.
- Ultrafast chemical reactions detected spectrochemically by pump-probe techniques: Time-resolved UV-Vis and Step-scan FTIR.

Ongoing Research and Projects

-  **Dosimetry in diagnostic medical imaging procedures: Establishment of Diagnostic Reference Levels (DRLs)**
-  **Radiation Protection: Synthesis of lead free materials to be used in medical procedures**

Key Publications



Journal of Radiological Protection - (2024)

Towards the establishment of national diagnostic reference levels for abdomen, KUB, and lumbar spine x-ray examinations in Sri Lanka: a multi-centric study



Peer Reviewed, Full Paper 11th Young Scientists Forum (YSF) Symposium – 2023 - (2023)

[Variations in patient doses from lumbar spine x-ray examinations in two public hospitals in Sri Lanka](#)



Journal of Radiological Protection - (2023)

“Towards the establishment of national diagnostic reference levels for chest X-ray examinations in Sri Lanka: A multi-centric study”



Journal of Applied Clinical Medical Physics - (2022)

Evaluation of patient doses for routine digital radiography procedures toward establishing an institutional diagnostic reference levels: A case study in Sri Lanka



Journal Article in the Journal of the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka - (2021)

Low dose radioiodine therapy: A review of dosimetry and evaluation of potential shielding materials for neck collars

Conferences



7th European Radiation Protection Week - ERPW2023

HELD AT : University College Dublin, Ireland - (October 9th - 13th 2023)

TOPIC : *Comparison of institutional diagnostic reference levels for cervical spine x-ray examinations in adult patients in Sri Lanka: An inter-hospital study*



Middle East Federation of Organization of Medical Physics (MEFOMP) Medical Physics Conference 2023

HELD AT : Hormuz Grand Muscat, Muscat, Oman - (May 19 - 21 2023)

TOPIC : *Comparison of Institutional Diagnostic Reference Levels for Cervical Spine X-Ray Examinations in Adult Patients in Sri Lanka*



28th Annual Technological Advances in Science, Medicine, and Engineering (TASME-2024) conference,

HELD AT : University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. - (July 6th & 7th 2024.)

TOPIC : *The Impact of Body Mass Index on Patient Dose Indicators and Exposure Parameters in Projection Radiography Examinations in Sri Lanka*



28th Annual Technological Advances in Science, Medicine, and Engineering (TASME -2024)

HELD AT : University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada - (July 6-7, 2024)

TOPIC : *Formulation of Facility Reference Levels for Routine Diagnostic Head Computed Tomography Examinations at Tertiary Care Hospital in Central Province of Sri Lanka.*



Ruhuna University Faculty of Allied Health Sciences International Research Symposium, (iRuFARS-2024),

HELD AT : University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka - (July 5th 2024)

TOPIC : *Evaluation of Typical Patient Dose for Routine Adult Chest Computed Tomography Examinations at Teaching Hospital Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.*

My Publications

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