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General practitioner and Drug Safety Physician with experience in public health research, healthcare technology and focus on acute medicine.

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Education

Post Graduate Diploma in Acute Medicine (PGDip)

University of South Wales, UK

September 2021

Doctor of Medicine (MD) (equivalent to MBBS in India)

University of Visayas, Gullas College of Medicine, Philippines

May 2020

Bachelor of Academic Laws (BAL)

Mahatma Gandhi University, Government Law College, India

December 2013

Experience

Private Practice

Ernakulam, Kerala

February 2022 - Present

Medical Reviewer/Drug Safety Physician

Cognizant Technology Solutions (India)

February 2021 - Present

Independent Public Health Researcher

Mandaue City, Cebu, Philippines

April 2020 - October 2020

Worked as a researcher for developing public health and innovative programs for Tuberculosis patient care together with the Mandaue City Health Office, TBDOTS.

Senior Clerk

May 2019 - May 2020

Worked full time as a medical intern in the following hospitals in Cebu city, Philippines - Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center, Chong Hua Hospital, Cebu Maternity Hospital, Vicente Gullas Memorial Hospital

Accomplishments

Winner - Johnson & Johnson JLABS Quickfire Challenge

May 2020 - August 2020

Won a prestigious award for my research paper that proposed a comprehensive public health program together with the TB DOTS center at Mandaue City Health Office, which caters to the care and clinical monitoring of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis Patients in the city during COVID-19.

Accomplishments

COVID ASSIST – SMS Bot

August 2020

Created a fully featured SMS Bot for COVID-19 Public Health Messaging using Raspberry Pi and custom Python Gammu coded SMS gateway – as a proof of concept for effective low cost Public health information dissemination.

Paper: <https://tinyurl.com/covidassist>

Tuberculosis Care - Official Mobile App for TB DOTS Mandaue

January 2020

Created and published an android mobile app launched as the official app for Mandaue City Health TB DOTS center. It was created in Bisaya language to improve awareness and reach of TB-DOTS facilities in Cebu. Built using Ionic and Cordova.

Paper: <https://tinyurl.com/tbdotsapp>

Awards

Merck Foundation Scholarship Awardee

Was awarded a fully funded scholarship for a clinical post graduate program from the University of South Wales, UK sponsored by the Merck Foundation.

Community Medicine Service Award 2020

University of Visayas - Gullas College of Medicine

Award for outstanding contributions in community medicine.

Certification

ICH GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE E6 (R2)

Global Health Training Centre - Certificate (2020)

ICH GCP Investigator Site Personnel Training as recognized by TransCelerate BioPharma.

WHO-UMC PHARMACOVIGILANCE

Uppsala Monitoring Centre (UMC) Sweden - Certificates (2020)

Completed the following modules successfully with UMC certification – Introduction to pharmacovigilance, signal detection and causality assessment, statistical reasoning and algorithms in pharmacovigilance.

Research

In vivo toxicity of *Chrysopogon aciculatus* (Retz.) Trin. Extract in ICR mice. (May 2018)

HERDIN (Philippines) #: 108903-1902271618567

Clinical profile of dengue fever cases in Vicente Gullas Memorial Hospital Cebu, Philippines (2016).

HERDIN (Philippines) #: 108903-19031813465627

Level of knowledge about cardiac rehabilitation among patients with cardiovascular disease in Cebu city (2015)

University of Visayas Library - Thesis