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A public health physician with over 36 years of experience in the public and private healthcare sectors with diverse responsibilities across public policy, health informatics, healthcare marketing and health professionals education, he is now a practice track Associate Professor and Vice Dean (Practice) in the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health in the National University of Singapore. His Practice Office supports policy formulation and programme implementation for various agencies like the Ministry of Health and the Health Promotion Board. After serving as Programme Director of the National Preventive Medicine Residency from 2015 to 2022, he continues to support the programme as Associate Programme Director.

His academic interests are in integrated care, healthcare management and health professionals education. He has taught on a wide range of other topics including health policy and systems, research and evaluation, strategic planning, systems thinking, healthcare marketing and medical tourism/travel, and information security. He has been on the teaching faculty of the Centre for Medical Ethics & Professionalism since 2004.

He is a Fellow in the College of Public Health & Occupational Physicians and the College of Clinician Educators of the Academy of Medicine (Singapore). He serves on the Board of Directors of SATA CommHealth; the Board of Directors, Medical Advisory Committee and Institutional Review Board of St Luke's Hospital; and the International Advisory Committee of the Central Coast Research Institute in Australia. He was on the Board of Directors of the International Foundation for Integrated Care from 2014 to 2022. In 2008, he stepped down as Commanding Officer of 6th Direct Support Medical Battalion in the Singapore Armed Forces.

He was Chief Knowledge Officer and senior public health physician in the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) where he supervised knowledge management, analytics and information resources, research and evaluation, education in Public Health and Integrated Care, and the development of research and innovative technology in community care. He was also Associate Programme Director for Preventive Medicine, Chief Data Protection Officer, and the Chief supervising the Central regional integration team.

Before AIC, he was Adviser (Business Development) at Singapore HealthPartners on a project to create a hospitality-healthcare complex combining an acute tertiary hospital, a specialist medical centre and a luxury hotel. Prior to this, he was at Regency Specialist Hospital, a start-up hospital in Johor, Malaysia, and Director for Hospital Marketing, Raffles Medical Group. From 2005 to early 2009, he was Director (Healthcare Services) in the Singapore Tourism Board, where he headed international branding and marketing for SingaporeMedicine, a government-industry partnership to develop and promote Singapore as an international medical hub. He expanded the global reach of Singapore's international healthcare services for both consumer and corporate medical travel, and positioned Singapore as the model healthcare destination, winning the TravelWeekly Best Medical/Wellness Destination Awards 2007 and 2008.

From 1999 to 2005 in the National Healthcare Group, he worked first in hospital health information management and then in 2001 developed NetCare (the first comprehensive personalised patient portal in Singapore), an online pharmacy and the Integrated Care Information System, the national stepdown care electronic referral system. In 2002, he joined the core team to consolidate NHG's multiple IT departments, serving as IT Director for corporate planning, quality management, finance, human resource, and security. He conceptualised NHG's ONE Vision for IT and its proposal of the Electronic Medical Record eXchange (EMRx) for public sector patient information, the precursor of today's National Electronic Health Record system. As a clinical epidemiologist at Tan Tock Seng Hospital during the SARS outbreak in 2003, he led the development of SARSWeb, a patient contact information exchange platform for the Ministry of Health, public and private healthcare providers.

Prior to this, he had a broad range of experience in the Ministry of Health, including stints in medical manpower planning, medical audit and accreditation, medical technology assessment, hospital operations in the then Woodbridge Hospital, national health information, and as Press Secretary to the Health Minister.

He graduated with an MBBS in 1987 and a Master of Medicine (Public Health) in 1992, and obtained a Master of Business Administration (Information Systems) in 1994 and a Master of Christian Studies (Spiritual Theology) in 2019. He recently completed the Certificate in Integrated Care (International Foundation for Integrated Care) in 2021, Certificates in Health Economics & Policy and in Public Policy Analysis (London School of Economics & Political Science) in 2023, and a Master of Arts in Creative Writing (Hull, to be awarded mid-2024).