



9th ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC NURSING (APCPN) 2026

26th – 27th JULY

Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Scientific Programme

Day 1- 26.07.2026

08 00 – 08. 30 am	Registration	
08 30 – 08.40 am	Inauguration	
08 40 – 08.50 am	Welcome address	Conference Chair
08.50- 09.00am	Address by the guest of honor	Dr Sujatha Seneviratene
09.00- 09.10am	Address by APPNA	Ms Balbina Borneo, President, APPNA
09.10- 09.20am	Address by SLPNA president	SLPN president/
End of inauguration ceremony		
09.30 – 10.00 am	Keynote Address	Paediatric Health Care Trends and Landscape Dr. Susanna Lee Founding President, APPNA
10.00 – 10.30 am	Plenary 1 Moderator:	Digital Technology Innovation and Compassion: The Future of Excellence in Child Health and Paediatric Nursing Practice Ms Balbina Borneo, President, APPNA
10 .30- 11.00am	Tea/coffee break	
11.00- 11.30am	Plenary 2 Moderator: Prof Thamara Amarasekara	The Invisible Work: How Paediatric Oncology Nurses Sustain Children and Families Through Blood Cancer Treatment Ms Manosha Athulathmudalige RN (Pediatric –Oncology) Associate Nurse Unit Manager/ Cinical Nurse Specialist –



		Oncology Unit Grampians Health, Ballarat.Victoria,Australia
11.30am- 12.00noon	Plenary 3 Moderator: Dr. Dinithi Vidanage	Opportunities for Inter Professional Training in Medicine and Nursing: Reflections of a Lifetime Professor Narada Warnasuriya, Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics.
12.00noon – 1.00 pm	Symposium 1 Track 1 : From Bedside to Best Practice: Advancing Paediatric Critical Care Moderator 1: Dr Alison Bowers, Australia Moderator 2: Ms. Tang Sze Kit, Hong Kong	Symposium 2 Track 2 : Beyond Hospital Walls: Family and Community-Centered Paediatric Care Moderator 1: Dr. Susanna Lee, Hong Kong Moderator 2: Dr. Emmy D. Macaraeg, the Philippines
	1. Ethical Challenges Faced by Nurses in Paediatric Critical Care Units Ms Darshani Vidyaratne : RN, Ward Sister/ MICU, Critical care in Pediatric nursing) Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, Sri Lanka. 2. Safer Care for Children In Hospital: Examining the performance of the ESCALATION system early warning score to predict paediatric patients' health outcomes. Dr. Huaqiong Zhou (Jo) Senior Lecturer, Curtin University, Researcher and Clinical Nurse, Perth Children's Hospital, Australia. 3. Recent Update on Infant and Paediatric Advanced Life Support Dr. Poon Wai Kwong, Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1. Support for Children in Home Visit Nursing Prof. Junko Honda, Research Institute of Nursing Care for People and Community, University of Hyogo, WHO Collaborating Centre for Disaster Risk Management for Health, Japan 2. Family-Centred Care in Paediatrics: Principles, Practice, and Impact Dr.Shyama Deepani, Senior Lecturer, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health sciences, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. 3. Home accidents in children, A Sri Lanka Overview Dr. Dinithi Vidanage, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Allied Health sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka.



1.00pm – 2.00 pm Lunch break and poster research viewing		
2.00pm - 3.00 pm	Symposium 3 Track : Nourishing the Future: Innovation and Best Practices in Infant Nutrition Moderator 1: Dr. Guying, China Moderator 2: Dr. Bella P. Magnaye, the Philippines	Symposium 4 Track : From Prevention to Intervention: Comprehensive Approaches to Adolescent Wellbeing Moderator 1: Dr. Rhodora C. Bernal, Philippines Moderator 2: Mr. Jan Nicanor B. Tugadi, RN MPh, the Philippines
	1. Food insecurity and its effects on child health Prof. Manori Gamage , Dean and Professor in Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Sri Jayawardenapura 2. Smart Human Milk Banks: AI-Enabled Management in China” Ms. Caixin Yin, Vice Director of Nursing Dept, Guangzhou Women and Children’s Medical Center, China 3. ASEAN Guidelines and Best Standards in Breastfeeding: Addressing Cultural Barriers. Prof. Helen Abagatnan-Caton, Director of Nursing, Iloilo Doctor’s Hospital, Inc., Faculty of Graduate School, St. Paul University – Iloilo, the Philippines	1. The Future of Child and Adolescent Mental Health: Science, Technology, and Compassionate Care Dr. Sriyani Padmalatha Research fellow, Institute of Behavioral Medicine, The National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan. 2. Substance Use Disorders in Adolescents: A Paediatric Perspective Ms. Luxmi Kamalaruphan : Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Nursing, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. 3. Preventing Tobacco Use in Adolescence: Foundations for Lifelong Health – Dr Prassana Hearth Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Allied Health sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka.
3.00pm – 4.45pm	Poster viewing and Oral presentations (parallel sessions)	Poster viewing and Oral presentations (parallel sessions)
4. 45 pm	Tea and closure for the day 1	



Day 2 – 27.07.2026

08.00-09.00am	Oral presentations	Oral presentations
9.00am – 9.30am	Plenary 1 Moderator: Ms Luxmi Kamalarupan	Prof. Guwani Liyanage, Professor in Paediatrics, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka.
9.30 am – 10.00am	Plenary 2 Moderator: Dr. Victor C. Quimen, Jr., the Philippines	From Theory to Treatment: Applying the Flipped Classroom to Enhance Paediatric Clinical Competency Dr. P Youhasan, Senior Lecturer in Medical education, Dept. of Medical education and Research, faculty of health-care Sciences, Eastern university of Sri Lanka.
10 .00am -10.15am	Tea/coffee break	
10.15am – 11.15am	Symposium 5 Track : Rational and Safe Medication Use in Children: Multidisciplinary Perspectives Moderator 1: Dr. Huaqiong Zhou Jo, Australia Moderator 2: Dr. Fleoy T. Ysmael, the Philippines	Symposium 6 Quality of Life in Complex Paediatric Conditions: Dialysis and Palliative Care Perspectives Moderator 1: Associate Prof. Dr. Waraporn Chaiyawat, Thailand Moderator 2: Dr. Nenita B. Panaligan, the Philippines
	1. Rational prescribing in Children Dr Thiyahini Sunil Navarstinarajah, Senior lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka.	1. Dialysis Nursing: Promoting Patient Safety and Quality Outcomes -Ms Pavithra Guneratne, Renal and Dialysis Special Nurse, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, Sri Lanka



	2. Rational Administration of Oral Dosage Forms in Children: Evidence from Real-World Practice Dr. Abarna Nadeshkumar Senior Lecturer, Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka. 3. Medication Safety in Paediatric Critical Care: A Nursing Perspective Dr. Bimba Wickramarachchi, Senior Lecturer, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna.	2. Integrating Palliative Care into Chronic Illness Management: Practical Guidelines for Pediatric Nurses and Teams Asso. Prof. Dr. Pataranuch Witoonskul, Faculty of Nursing, Mahidol University, Thailand. 3. Little Lives Big Care: Understanding Paediatric Palliative Care Dr. Alison Bowers, Research Fellow, Queensland University of Technology, Cancers and Palliative Care Outcomes Centre, School of Nursing and the Centre of Health Transformation, Australia
11.15am – 12 noon	Awarding ceremony	
	Vote of thanks	Dr. Alison Bowers Board Member on behalf of Chairperson, Australia College of Children and Young People's Nurses, President Elect, APPNA
12.00 noon	Lunch and Closing remarks	