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Academician ~ Researcher ~ Sexologist

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

An accomplished medical professional pursuing doctoral research and teaching experience at the post-graduate level; registered medical practitioner, with dual post-graduation in sexual health medicine and accredited sexuality therapist, with publications in peer reviewed scientific journals and mass media.

ACADEMIA

- **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery*** [1997-2003]
The TN Dr M.G.R. Medical University, India,
- **Masters in Medicine***- Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV [2005-06]
The University of Sydney, Australia,
- **Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences***- Sexual Health [2006-07]
The University of Sydney, Australia
- **Doctorate in Philosophy (PhD)** candidate [2008 -]
The University of Sydney, Australia
Research Title: "Sexual health of Indian migrant living in Australia"
http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/sexual_health/research/online.shtml

* duly registered with the Tamil Nadu State Medical Council (Registration Number: 74096)

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Endorsed Education Activity Provider**, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Australia. Website: <http://www.racgp.org.au>
- **Accredited Sexuality Therapist, Educator and Researcher** – Australian Society for Sexuality, Educators, Researchers and Therapists. Website: <http://assertnational.org.au/>

PEER REVIEWS AND SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

- **Ramanathan, V.**, Shuttleworth, R., Sitharthan, G., Weerakoon, P. Acculturation and masturbatory attitudes: An exploratory study on the sexual health of Indian immigrant men living in Australia. Culture, Health and Sexuality (accepted for publication) [2011].
- **Ramanathan, V.**, Weerakoon P. Cultural aspects of sexual pleasure and problems. Psychotherapy with diverse clients. Chapter on India – Textbook [International edition](in press) [2010].
- **Ramanathan, V.** (2009). "Sexual health and GP professional development." Australian Family Physician 38(4): 185-185 [2009].
- **Ramanathan, V.**, M. Kang, S. Jeganathan, E. Jackson, K. Lagios, and V. Furner 2008. Accessibility and acceptability of public sexual health clinics for adult clients in New South Wales, Australia. Sexual Health 5 (3):305-306 [2008].

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Faculty of Health Sciences, the University of Sydney, Australia, [2007 –]

The Faculty of Health Sciences is the largest health sciences faculty in Australia consisting of nine disciplines, five research groups and two research centres. We provide professional preparation programs for a comprehensive range of health science professionals, as well as broader degrees in health science. Website: http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/

Honorary Associate Lecturer

- Teach multi-disciplinary students at post-graduate level on sexual health including sexual dysfunction, sexuality and disability.
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Central Sydney GP Network, Australia [2006 –]

The CSGPN is the largest network in Sydney, Australia that provides continuing medical education and related support services for General Practitioners, funded by the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. Website: <http://www.csgpn.org.au>

Programme Coordinator

- Deliver programmes to GPs on Preventive Health, Chronic Disease Management, Sexual Health and Quality Use of Medicines
 - Liaison with key government and NGOs for community-focussed health promotion and primary care research
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SSS Centre for Sexual Health Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, India [2010 –]

SSS offers online discreet sexual health advice and information dissemination targeted at the South Asian population. Website: <http://www.sexualhealthindia.com>

Web-based Sexual Health Consultant

- Assist help-seekers through web-based and telephonic consultations
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Resident Medical Officer, Casualty Medical Officer, ICU (in-charge), at leading Multi-specialty hospitals in Trichy and Chennai, Tamil Nadu including one year of private rural practice as general practitioner in Nachalur, Trichy dt, Tamil Nadu [2002 – 2005],

VOLUNTARY WORK

- Free (sexual) health counseling through a popular virtual clinic medium in India 'Ask Your Doctor Online' via <http://www.askyourdronline.com> [2010-]
 - Free web-based advice on sexual health via www.allexperts.com [2006-2010]
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- International & Asia Pacific Societies for Sexual Medicine
 - Indian Medical Association
 - International Academy of Sex Research
 - American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists
 - Council for Sex Education and Parenthood International (India)
 - Family Planning Association of India
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SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- Enhancing STI Testing Among Gay Men (co-researcher) - National Centre for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research in association with Sydney Sexual Health Clinic & Central Sydney GP Network (Australia) [2010]
 - Sexual Health of South Asian Migrant Men Living in Australia (Principal investigator). Funded by the Asia Pacific Society of Sexual Medicine [2010]
 - Best Practice Management of Male Sexual Dysfunction in Australia: What do Men really want from their General Practitioner? (Co-researcher) Funded by the Eli Lilly [2009]
 - Factors Needing Consensus for a Universal and Objective Definition for Premature Ejaculation (Principal investigator) [2007]
 - Accessibility and Acceptability of Public Sexual Health Clinics for Adult Clients in NSW, Australia (Principal investigator) [2006]
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INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 26th National Conference on Sexology, Chennai, India (invited speaker) [2010]
 - ASSERT National Conference, Sydney, Australia (invited speaker) [2010]
 - Gender and Masculinities in South-Asia workshop, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (invited speaker) [2010]
 - Asia-Oceania Federation for Sexology, Bali, Indonesia: Cultural understanding in the management of sexual problems in cancer patients – [2010]. Proxy oral presenter – Dr Margaret Redelman
 - 2nd World Congress of Sexual Health, Gothenburg, Sweden: Sexual Health of South Asian Migrant Men Living in Australia – [oral moderated poster]. [2009]
 - 1st World Congress of Sexual Health, Sydney, Australia: Defining premature ejaculation - [panel discussion] & Factors needing consensus for a universal and objective definition of premature ejaculation - [podium]. [2007]
 - Australian Sexual Health Conference, Melbourne, Australia: Accessibility and Acceptability of Public Sexual Health Clinics for Adult Clients in NSW, Australia – [podium] [2006]
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MEDIA PROFILE

- Sexual health awareness program in SBS (Tamil), a leading multilingual radio telecast service in Australia. <http://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/tamil/>
 - A 25-page article on sexual health in Mathrubhumi Arogyamasika, a leading South Indian/Malayalam. <http://www.mathrubhumi.com/extras/periodicals/index.php?id=252>
 - Full-page article on the Indian Link, a leading Australia-India media <http://www.indianlink.com.au/epaper-archive/sydney-dec1st-2010/20.htm>
 - Media release about the study on sexual health of Indian migrant men living in Australia by the University of Sydney. <http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/84.html?newscategoryId=1&newsstoryid=6029>
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CLINICAL PLACEMENTS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Sexual health clinical placement – Sydney Men's health [2010-11]
 - Health coaching training [2011]
 - Australian Aboriginal Cultural Competency Training (TAFE, Australia) [2010]
 - Cognitive Behavior Therapy training (Black Dog Institute) [2010]
 - Cognitive Behavior Therapy in Relationships [2010]
 - Project Management (Letter of Attainment) –The University of Sydney [2009]
 - Sexual Attitude Reassessment Seminar – the University of Sydney [2007]
 - Clinical placement – HIV/AIDS at YRG Care, Chennai, India [2005]
 - STD clinical training – Institute of Venereology, Chennai, India [2004]
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References and supporting documentation can be furnished upon request