

Lateef Leads the World



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Prof Fatimah Lateef is the first Emergency Physician-Politician/ Member of Parliament in Singapore. She served as an elected Member of Parliament in Singapore from 2006 till 2020, participating in three General Elections. She is Senior Consultant, Director of Training and Education as well as Director of Patient Safety and Quality at the Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital. She is also Adjunct Professor at Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, Yong Loo Lin Medical School, National University of Singapore and Lee Kong Chian Medical School at NTU. She teaches part-time at the School of Health Sciences, Nanyang Polytechnic and Singapore Institute of

Technology. She is also the Director of Patient Safety and Quality in Emergency Medicine at the Singhealth Duke NUS Academic Medical Centre. Her area of sub-specialisation includes Prehospital Care Medicine, Cardiovascular and Neurovascular Emergencies. She is passionate about Patient Safety, Medical Education, Leadership training, International Humanitarian Medicine, and Simulation/ Technology-driven Education. She has worked in various countries including both the UK and USA and served as an International Consultant to many organizations.

Fatimah is the Director of the SingHealth Duke NUS Institute of Medical Simulation, where she is also an active educator and facilitator. With the first three years of formation, she brought the centre through into the global arena with the achievement of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) accreditation. Her strong servant leadership style as well as transformative model for negotiating change and uplifting and enhancing lives, people, and organisations, ensures the values she holds close to her heart are executed. Passionate about patient safety and quality, she is also principal faculty teaching the Master in Patient Safety Programme, focusing on Educational Approaches and Simulation. A strong advocate of lifelong learning and empowerment, she has presented more than 600 abstracts at international conferences and published over 300 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals. She is on several editorial board and a reviewer for some 30 peer-reviewed journals. She leads various leadership groups, grooming youths, and doctors to excel, which is also befitting her role as a core faculty, nurturing residents in Emergency Medicine. Fatimah is an active volunteer in the area of International Humanitarian Medicine and Acute Disaster Response, where she has led teams to countries such as Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Iraq, Myanmar, Africa, Indonesia, China for a variety of causes and assistance. For her work in the various fields, she has been conferred awards such as Young Investigator's Award (1998), Excellent Scientific Publication Award (2001), Best Teacher Award (2002), Laerdal Visiting Lectureship Award (2003), Courage Award (2004), National Healthcare Humanity Award (2005), The Outstanding Young Person of Singapore (2006), Good Mentor Award,

Singhealth (2005), The Outstanding Young Person of the World Award (2006), Woman for Peace Award, Sokka Gakkai International, (2007), Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, NUS (2008), Singapore Medical Journal Recognition Award for Review with Distinction, (2007-2016), Critical Talent Retention Award, SingHealth and The Academy of Medicine, Gold Reviewer Award(2011), Excellent Educator Award 2015, National Day Long Service Award, 2017, Academic Medicine Award for her work in global emergency medicine (2019), amongst others. More recently, she has received The Golden Apple Award (2021), Inspiring Mentor Award (2021), The Golden Quill Award (2021), Best Education Research Award (2022), Academic Leader of the Year 2023 by The World Academic Council in Emergency Medicine and The Covid 19 National Day Award (2023), Outstanding Faculty RISE Award for EM Residency Teaching (2024), Singapore General Hospital Top 2% Most Cited Scientist in 2024 (by Elsevier-Stanford University) .

Fatimah continues to work full time, with a fulfilling career in Emergency Medicine, balancing clinical work with research and education, as well as her local, international and community responsibilities. For recreation, Fatimah enjoys mountain climbing, cooking, reading and she has completed 15 full marathons. The principle of her life continues to drive her even after over 30 years in her career:

“If you have it, give it and share it. If you want it, strive hard to achieve it. Never ever take anything for granted. I live as though each day is my last and I learn as though I am going to live forever”.

About WACEM

The World Academic Council of Emergency Medicine was launched in 2015 and the Constitution was finalized in 2017. Founded by Academic leaders from USA, UK, Italy, Qatar, UAE, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore & Japan WACEM is a Non-Political 100% Academic

Organization focused on working with individual academicians, academic institutions, and academic organization to forward the Science of Emergency Patient Care. All clinical specialties namely trauma, critical care, cardiology, neurosciences, paediatrics, orthopaedics, acute care surgery and emergency medicine involved in the academic science of Emergency Patient Care are a part of the WACEM Agenda. For More Information: www.wacem.org

About SGH

“Singapore General Hospital (SGH) is an academic health science centre and tertiary referral hospital in Singapore. It is the largest and oldest hospital in Singapore and functions as the country's national hospital. The foundation of its first building was laid in 1821, before its first major expansion in 1926. Subsequent expansions as well as renovations were also made in the following decades. SGH is the flagship hospital of SingHealth, the country's largest group of public healthcare institutions and the principal teaching hospital for the Duke–NUS Medical School, which is affiliated with the National University of Singapore. Its campus includes four national speciality centres, namely the Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC), the National Heart Centre Singapore (NHCS), the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS), and the National Dental Centre Singapore (NDCS). A fifth speciality centre, the Elective Care Centre Singapore (ECC), is currently under construction and it is expected to be completed in 2025.” Per Wikipedia. For More Information: www.sgh.com.sg