ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Building upon more than 60 years of experience in research, training and practice in epidemiology and public health, the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (SSHSPH), National University of Singapore, was established in October 2011 as Singapore’s first and only full-fledged national public health tertiary education institution. The School is also a member of the National University Health System (NUHS).

The School aims to continually foster healthier communities in Singapore and the region, and impact public health programmes and policies through its robust educational programmes and translational cross-disciplinary research work on cohort studies and life course epidemiology, infectious disease research, health technology assessments, health promotion, workplace safety and health, health systems evaluation and health services research. An interdisciplinary approach — augmented by rigorous training, applicable research and regional partnerships — places SSHSPH at the forefront of public health knowledge discovery and practice in Asia.

The School actively collaborates with many partners including the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, Harvard School of Public Health and University of Michigan School of Public Health. Its flagship programme, the Master of Public Health degree, attracts students from a wide range of disciplines from within Singapore and throughout the region.

MISSION

Turning Discovery into Healthier Communities

VISION2020

The School will be recognised for integrating knowledge across disciplines to develop solutions that will improve the health of populations in Singapore and beyond.

VALUES

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Dean’s Note

The last eight to nine years have been the most exhilarating and rewarding time in my professional and personal life. It started with taking over from David Koh as the head of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, followed by the birth of the School – the fulfilment of a vision that Emeritus Professor Lee Hin Peng held for over 20 years and had instilled in several of us.

It was a vision to develop academic research that informs Public Health policies; to produce healthcare and public health leaders with strong academic grounding in principles of Public Health; and to shape the thinking of the public and healthcare professionals to go beyond healthcare, and focus on health protection and promotion.

I had a lot of fun and fulfilment trying to realise this vision. To me, it was not simply a task or a job that had to be done – I felt like I was paid to do my hobby! It is truly a privilege to come to work each day to interact with staff who are not only good at what they do, but more importantly, believe in what they do. Over the years, we have nurtured a culture of caring for each other, a kind of familial bond. I have been a staff since 1985, in the then-Department of Social Medicine and Public Health, and when my late wife was diagnosed with cancer, I experienced personally the compassion of my colleagues. I am very glad that this ‘family spirit’ has continued to grow in spite of the fact that we now have three times more staff than in 1997.

It is also very gratifying to see so much of our research being translated into public health programmes and policies. A clear example is how we utilised data from the School’s Population Health Metrics and Analytics to forecast the future burden of Type 2 Diabetes on Singapore. Our projection of one million diabetics by 2050 played a pivotal role in motivating the Ministry of Health’s unprecedented declaration of ‘war on diabetes’ in April 2016 that emphasised the urgency to boost the capacity of Singapore’s health systems as well as move prevention efforts further upstream to prevent the onset of diabetes.

Another instance of providing academic input to inform public health policies is our Total Workplace Safety and Health (Total WSH) initiative that was launched collectively by the Ministries of Manpower and Health in 2014. Prior to that, traditional occupational safety and health protection programmes concentrated efforts primarily on work safety. The School’s research has been integral in conceptualising Total WSH as a holistic health and safety management system to address both workplace health protection and workplace health promotion.
I am sure you have heard of the phrase “Change is the only constant”. This is especially true of the nature of public health. We must aim to continuously upgrade ourselves by finding innovative ways to tackle increasingly challenging public health issues, provide top-class education as Singapore’s first and only School of Public Health, and employ our translational research work to serve the nation and region.

As the Founding Dean, I am more than delighted that I will be handing over the reins to Yik Ying. He not only has the capabilities but also the temperament and character to lead the School into its next phase of growth. I have known Yik Ying since even before he left for his PhD in Oxford and he has consistently demonstrated over the years that he is able to handle both internal and external stakeholders. For myself, there are three things that I found particularly useful when dealing with the School’s multiple external stakeholders:

1. It is important to be very clear of the School’s mission and vision, and for the School to understand the objectives of its stakeholders. In circumstances where the end goals of external parties do not align with the School’s objectives, being clear of our mission and vision keeps us grounded and ensures we do not vacillate and oscillate.

2. While many people look up to the Dean as the Head of the School, I know from personal experience that he is not always at the ‘top’, especially when dealing with external stakeholders. As the ultimate ‘boss’ of SSHSPH, the Dean must be able to shield the rest of the School and ensure that we do not deviate from our values, mission and vision. However, he is only one person and he cannot do it alone. It is important for the School to understand his position and for us to do our best to lend him our support.

3. Finally, to be able to realise the first two points, a lot of time is needed for thinking and reflection. Do not underestimate the importance of setting aside time for this. I make it a rule to have at least 2 hours of my waking hours each day spent in thinking and reflection. If attending meetings is eating into this, I have to find creative ways to cure myself from “meeting-itis”.

I am very confident that Yik Ying will make a great Dean and bring the School to new heights as a leading institution in Public Health in Asia, building on the vision the School was founded on, and above all, continuing its mission to turn discovery into healthier communities.
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On 14 November 2016, the School’s Public Health Thought Leadership Dialogue, **Driving Singapore’s War on Diabetes**, discussed a strategic multi-pronged framework to tackle the disease, encompassing the domains of primary prevention, early detection and disease management.

The dialogue served as a platform to expand on the framework and discussed its proposed action plans and implications.

Feedback and suggestions from the audience were also incorporated in the discourse and helped develop the framework.

The panel discussion was chaired by Dean, Professor Chia Kee Seng, and included panellists Associate Professor Kenneth Mak, Deputy Director Medical Services at the Ministry of Health; Dr Sue-Anne Toh, Clinical Director of NUHS Regional Health System Planning and Development Office; and Professor Paul Zimmet, Professor of Diabetes at Monash University.

A personalised memento was presented to Prof Zimmet by Dr Salome Rebello: a graphic recording of Prof Zimmet’s achievements in diabetes research, and his connection with the School through Dr Rebello.
2nd Singapore International Public Health Conference

Close to 600 international and local researchers, academics, healthcare professionals, policy-makers and industry leaders from 25 countries attended the Conference on 29 and 30 September 2016. With the theme ‘Contemporary Challenges, Sustainable Solutions’, public health experts gathered to seek sustainable solutions to the many public health challenges facing a growing, developing and more integrated Asia. Topics discussed over the 2-day conference revolved around key threads of emerging issues in infectious diseases, the impact of ageing, obesity, and the increasing burden of chronic diseases on population health.

Dean, Professor Chia Kee Seng, outlined the School’s projection efforts in driving the Ministry of Health’s recent declaration of a ‘war on diabetes’, with greater emphasis on prevention and increasing the capacity of Singapore’s health promotion and healthcare systems.

Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, delivered the Opening Address as Guest of Honour, emphasising the importance of a multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral approach in facing diverse public health challenges.

The Conference also featured plenary speeches from Dr Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief of The Lancet; Professor Richard Coker, Head of the Communicable Diseases Policy Research Group, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; Professor Sarah Harper, Director and Professor of Gerontology at the University of Oxford; and Professor Jacob (Jaap) Seidell, Head of the Institute for Health Sciences, VU University Amsterdam.

The 2nd Singapore International Public Health Conference is jointly organised every 4 years by the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health and the College of Public Health and Occupational Physicians, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.
SPOTLIGHT

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
SAW SWEE HOCK SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SPOTLIGHT

NUS-MIT Healthcare Analytics Symposium and Datathon 2017

On 30 June–2 July 2017, more than 200 local and international clinicians, data scientists, software engineers and innovators gathered at NUS to explore how data analytics could be used more effectively in the age of electronic health records.

Co-organised by SSHSPH and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and in collaboration with Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) Singapore, the NUS-MIT Healthcare Analytics Symposium and Datathon 2017 was held for the first time in Singapore.

Dr Mengling ‘Mornin’ Feng, Organising Chairperson and Assistant Professor at SSHSPH, commenced the symposium on 30 June by highlighting that this event was the first of its kind to use the largest amount of real clinical data for the datathon. The datathon held over the next two days saw 12 multidisciplinary teams analysing de-identified datasets from the Medical Information Mart for Intensive Care (MIMIC) Database from Physionet, the Philips eICU Collaborative Research Database and the NUHS Department of Surgery EMR database. Armed with this data, the teams competed to develop analytics programmes that could derive relevant insights, and were subsequently judged on the results derived from the data and the innovativeness of their analytics.

‘The Flood’, a team led by Professor David Pilcher, Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Centre for Outcome and Resource Evaluation, emerged as the winner of the datathon. Their project combined results from real-time visualisation and statistical models to gauge the effectiveness of fluid bolus as a treatment for low blood pressure in intensive care.

DATATHON

A datathon is a play on ‘data’ and ‘hackathon’. The term describes the use of the hackathon model – with its sprint-like nature – in data analytics.

SSHSPH Commencement 2017

40 Master of Public Health, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy graduates marked a significant milestone in their public health journey at the SSHSPH Commencement Ceremony on 7 July 2017.

Guest-of-Honour, Ms Tin Pei Ling, Group Director, Corporate Strategy, Jing King Tech Group and Member of Parliament, shared three messages with the graduates:

1. to keep learning and building despite global uncertainties;
2. to be real and tough when facing obstacles; and
3. to give back by donating to worthy causes and those in need, mentoring juniors and becoming a shining beacon that inspires the next generation.

Class Valedictorian from the MPH programme, Mr Alvin Teo, congratulated his peers and offered words of gratitude to academic mentors on behalf of the graduating class:

“Throughout the Master of Public Health programme, we have been constantly reminded that public health is never about the individual. Rather, it is about the population or the masses at large.

Likewise, for all of us here, I would like to think that we have chosen to embark on our individual journeys to pursue further knowledge and excellence in our respective fields, not to gain individual fame and fortune but to use the skills we acquire to help improve the lives of others.

Often, we do work behind the scenes and out of the limelight. As we now close a chapter in our lives and open a new one, we should continue to keep this spirit alive.”
Faculty, graduating students and alumni came together on 6 July 2017 to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating class and the awarding of the inaugural NUS Emeritus Professorship in Public Health to Professor Lee Hin Peng.

Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost, honoured Prof Lee’s passion for public health and its advancement, highlighting Prof Lee’s 40 years at NUS as an excellent academic, practitioner and administrator, as well as his stellar accolades for teaching and research excellence in service to Singapore and the wider international community.

“What’s most noteworthy is that Hin Peng is like a gentle giant of public health. In spite of his accomplishments, Hin Peng remains genuinely humble, unassuming and modest, often eschewing the limelight. Hin Peng officially retired from NUS on 30 June 2017 but his legacy lives on. We see his influences in many parts of the School and the work it does; he is part of warm memories among his many colleagues and friends.”
– Professor Tan Eng Chye

In his citation for Prof Koh, Professor Chia Kee Seng, Dean, said:

"We have many visionary leaders within our healthcare setting in Singapore; many of them have great vision for their institutions and centres. But David stood out as having a national rather than a sectoral perspective ... I know for a fact that it is not all these titles and accomplishments that gives him the greatest satisfaction. What gives him most satisfaction is to impact the next generation: in Singapore, the region and beyond.”
– Professor Chia Kee Seng, Dean, in his citation for Prof Koh
GIVING

22–25
‘Celebrating Public Health’ Fundraising Dinner

On 19 May 2017, the School held its first ever fundraising dinner in support of its Help-A-Student Fund. ‘Celebrating Public Health’ raised over $147,000 from gifts and pledges, and the School would like to extend its most heartfelt gratitude to all donors. Their generous contributions empower SSHSPH students, allow the School to build the future of public health in Singapore and the region, and drive forward its mission to become Asia’s global leader in public health education and training.

The evening was spent celebrating Singapore’s public health achievements, reuniting with colleagues and peers, and appreciating the contributions of Singapore’s public health pioneers and the potential of our next generation of public health professionals and leaders.

The dinner gathered over 300 guests, including public health pioneers, donors, industry partners, alumni, students, staff and former colleagues of the School.

HELP-A-STUDENT FUND

The Fund enables talented and deserving, but financially challenged, undergraduates and postgraduates to pursue their public health education and training at the School, by supporting them with bursaries and scholarships.

Professor Saw Swee Hock’s Transformational Gift

Professor Saw Swee Hock is an eminent NUS alumnus, professor and philanthropist in the area of higher education, whose landmark $30 million gift has enabled the establishment of the NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, Singapore’s first public health school, on 1 October 2011.

Prof Saw has been recognised for his significant philanthropic contributions to various charitable causes both locally and globally. His generous gifts have benefited many universities, including the London School of Economics (LSE), Xiamen University, University of Hong Kong (HKU), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU) and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS).

As a distinguished academic, Prof Saw is currently Professorial Fellow at ISEAS and holds honorary positions at HKU, Xiamen University, LSE and NUS among others. He was formerly on the NUS Board of Trustees and has published some 49 books, 31 book chapters and more than 110 articles in learned journals.
EDUCATION
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JEANNETTE LEE

The Master of Public Health (MPH) programme seeks to provide a rigorous and interdisciplinary approach to learning, with emphasis on finding evidence-based and innovative solutions to Asia’s current and future public health challenges. Graduates of the MPH programme are equipped to address both traditional and emerging public health issues, and many of them assume leadership and administrative positions in diverse public health disciplines and work in a wide variety of local and international settings.

GRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ROB VAN DAM

The School’s Master of Science (MSc) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes are research-intensive programmes that emphasise both mastery of research skills and acquisition of domain knowledge. Students will complete coursework and conduct independent research under the supervision of a faculty member, leading up to the submission of a thesis demonstrating their scholarship and original contributions to the knowledge in their research fields.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR:
ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR FONG NGAN PHOON

The Graduate Diploma in Applied Epidemiology (GDAE) was designed in response to a perceived national need for training in basic epidemiological principles, theory and practice. The GDAE is intended to provide candidates with both the theoretical concepts of disease control as well as the opportunity to readily apply these concepts to situations encountered in the health and healthcare settings.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JASON YAP

The Preventive Medicine Residency Programme is offered by the National University Health System (NUHS), combining the previous public health and occupational medicine training programmes in Singapore. The programme creates a foundation of excellence in Preventive Medicine for careers in diverse local and international organisations.

Graduates from the programme continue to contribute to the weekly residency teachings. A fine example is Dr Raymond Lim, who joined SSHSPH as a Lecturer after graduating from the residency programme in July 2015.

The residency’s Occupational Medicine Special Interest Group (OM SIG) is led by Associate Professor Norbert Wagner and is for residents keen on Occupational Medicine. The OM SIG meets once to twice a month for in-depth discussions on OM specialist areas.
MPH STUDENT FEATURE

Low Mui Cheng, Mabel
Master of Public Health ’17

With a growing interest and passion in global health, I was given the opportunity to have an internship at the World Health Organization (WHO) HQ Geneva from May to July 2017. It was a humbling experience for me to be able to witness what it was like working in an international organisation and what ‘global health’ really means.

During my stint, I was tasked to review the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) indicators for high income countries by analysing data sets and identifying gaps in the current indicators. I learnt that every country has a unique set of problems and it was not straightforward, but of much complexity, to propose the best set of indicators that would benefit all countries.

It was invigorating to be given the chance to play a role in global health, to improve the wellbeing of countries, and to know that my project will have an impact on my own country. All in all, I am grateful to be at WHO this summer with all the invaluable lessons and experiences garnered.

I strongly encourage my fellow public health students to seize any of such opportunities as these first-hand experiences are best gained out of the classroom.

SHORT COURSES

In addition to its undergraduate and graduate programmes, the School offers several educational short courses to external parties to enhance their skills and training in public health. SSHSPH students (MPH and PhD) and other NUS graduate students are welcome to attend as well.

In the past year, the School offered the following courses:
- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Design, Conduct and Analysis of Clinical Trials
- Public Health and Ageing
- Medical Humanitarian Emergencies
- Nutritional Epidemiology
Domains

EPIDEMIOLOGY
DOMAIN LEADER:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ROB VAN DAM

Building on its research strengths in molecular, nutritional and translational epidemiology, the Epidemiology domain focuses on a variety of diseases particularly breast cancer, obesity, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, eye diseases, infectious diseases and healthy ageing. The team provides insights into the frequency and distribution of diseases in populations and their determinants, informing the prioritisation of public health and clinical interventions, and the identification of appropriate targets for these interventions.

The Epidemiology domain conducts a wide range of research, from the discovery of potential causes of ill health to contributing to the evaluation of health promotion initiatives. The domain also leads several large-scale cohort studies that contribute to a better understanding of the causes of major diseases, and the distribution and determinants of health behaviours. Findings from these cohorts help in prioritising and developing public health interventions in Singapore and other Asian countries.

The domain has started a new research initiative that focuses on determinants and consequences of wellness. Conducted in collaboration with international partners including Stanford University and Chinese and Taiwanese Universities, and the Institute of Mental Health as a local partner, the research will assess different aspects of wellness (e.g. resilience, creativity, mental and physical health) in relation to lifestyle behaviours and physical health measures.

In addition to its research work, the domain actively teaches epidemiology courses to undergraduates taking up the Minor in Public Health as well as graduate MPH, MSc and PhD students.

The Epidemiology domain welcomed a new academic faculty member this year:

Assistant Professor Seow Wei Jie

Dr Seow specifically works on lung cancer prevention, using state-of-the-art methods in metabolomics and epigenetics to capture the interplay between environmental and genetic factors.

BIOSTATISTICS AND MODELLING DOMAIN
DOMAIN LEADER:
PROFESSOR TEO YIK YING

The Biostatistics and Modelling domain focuses on generating health statistics through data management and analysis, disease burden modelling, as well as public health omics including genomics, metabolomics and proteomics.

The domain’s traditional strengths include the development and application of sophisticated statistical methodologies in clinical epidemiology, genetics and proteomics. In addition, ongoing and future work involve developing methods for mining large epidemiological and omics data sets for understanding the aetiology of complex diseases in humans, as well as healthcare and predictive analytics capabilities. The domain also performs spatial and burden modelling of chronic diseases such as diabetes and breast cancer, as well as infectious diseases such as dengue and tuberculosis.

Last year, the Singapore Zika Study Group, a national inter-agency collaboration, was initiated to help investigate and respond to outbreaks. Associate Professor Alexander Cook and researchers from the School contributed statistical and spatial modelling expertise to this group, accelerating the development of epidemiological findings that characterised the Zika outbreak in Singapore. A/Prof Cook and his team also worked alongside the MOH Communicable Disease Division to estimate the reproduction number of Zika before and during intensive control measures. During this time, he also formed a partnership with the Environmental Health Institute, where they spatially mapped official Zika clusters and mosquito breeding percentage. The main Zika cluster was in an area with a high breeding percentage of Aedes Aegypti, suggesting it was the primary vector of Zika transmission in the 2016 outbreak.

The Biostatistics and Modelling domain welcomed two new academic faculty members this year:

Assistant Professor ‘Morning’ Feng Mengling

Dr Feng’s research areas include Causal Inference for Evidence-based Medicine and Generative Models for Medical Time-series Analysis.

Assistant Professor Rick Ong Twee Hee

Dr Ong’s research areas include molecular epidemiology, pathogen genomics and population genetics.
HEALTH SYSTEMS AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

DOMAIN LEADER:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GERALD KOH

DEPUTY DOMAIN LEADER FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS SUB-DOMAIN:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LUO NAN

DEPUTY DOMAIN LEADER FOR HEALTH BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES SUB-DOMAIN:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WONG MEE LIAN

The Health Systems and Behavioural Sciences (HSBS) domain focuses on health services, health systems, health economics and health promotion, and leads cross-disciplinary studies in collaboration with multiple agencies to support nation-wide initiatives such as the National Telehealth Implementation Strategy. In addition, the HSBS domain examines the whole continuum of healthcare in Singapore, from primary care to Regional Health Systems, supporting the national aim to integrate healthcare across all levels and sites, and to provide patient-centred and cost-effective healthcare.

For health promotion research, the domain focuses on the design, implementation and evaluation of behavioural change and health promotion interventions, and addresses interactions between lifestyle behaviours and the socio-cultural environment. These findings help in the prevention of non-communicable and communicable diseases, and contribute to the development and implementation of health promotion policies.

This year, Associate Professors Joanne Yoong, Helena Legido-Quigley and Gerald Koh were awarded a population health research Centre Grant from the National Medical Research Council (NMRC) for the Singapore Population HEalth ImpRoveMent Centre (SPHERiC). SPHERiC aims to become a leading centre for population health research, working towards a future in which every Singaporean enjoys good health and access to affordable, quality healthcare. The mission of the centre will be to conduct rigorous multidisciplinary research, build capabilities and foster collaboration in population health with the goal of translating evidence into action.

In the past year, A/Prof Legido-Quigley, A/Prof Yoong, Mr Francisco Cerveró-Liceras and Ms Fiona Chua conducted a qualitative study exploring perceptions of global health governance in Asia.

Participants highlighted that, as the global health architecture expands and evolves in Asia, there is a need for governance and coordination structures that fit the Asian way of working, i.e. based on consensus-building and principles of non-interference among states while acknowledging the importance of culture and regional solidarity. In addition, the study found that while global institutions have a range of challenges for coordination and accountability, there is a need to assure strong and renewed leadership while making sure we ‘do not leave anyone behind’. As the region works towards a new era of sustainable development, the need is imminent for greater dialogue, synergism and commitment towards better global health governance.

This year, the HSBS domain welcomed two new academic faculty members:

Assistant Professor Miho Asano

Dr Asano’s areas of expertise are in exercise and rehabilitation sciences, as well as research methodology. Her research interests focus on broader areas of greater public health importance such as stroke and rehabilitation, and she will be involved in the school’s stroke and tele-rehabilitation research programme.

Assistant Professor Lee Jeong Kyu

Dr Lee’s areas of expertise are in public health communication, health promotion and social marketing. His interests include behavioural needs assessment and interventions, public health communication and social marketing, with the aim of developing effective campaign and intervention strategies to promote healthy behaviours and lifestyles.
ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME LEADER:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HSU LI YANG

Through this initiative, Associate Professor Hsu Li Yang aims to build a comprehensive antimicrobial resistance (AMR) programme focused on the public health aspects of the problem, together with supporting infrastructure and frameworks for future collaborative research in AMR, particularly with regards to surveillance and health systems.

The programme will leverage on the School’s strengths — bioinformatics, health systems research, modelling, epidemiology, health economics and public health network — and take on coordinating and participatory roles in other aspects of AMR research and control in Singapore and the region.

The AMR programme will also endeavour to tie in with existing AMR work elsewhere, including the upcoming National Medical Research Council (NMRC) Large Collaborative Grant for infectious diseases, and the Fleming Network to support the implementation of UK Fleming Fund.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION DETERMINANTS IN ASIA (PANDA) PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME LEADERS:
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR MUELLER-RIEMENSCHNEIDER FALK
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ROB VAN DAM

The overall objective of the PANDA programme is to develop innovative, comprehensive and locally applicable lifestyle interventions to prevent obesity and type 2 diabetes in Singapore. Population interventions have generally focused on campaigns to increase motivation, or environmental interventions to increase opportunity for healthier lifestyles. However, simultaneous provision of educational, behavioural, environmental and policy interventions is likely required for effective and sustainable behaviour change.

The PANDA programme aims to improve eating and activity behaviours by better understanding the interplay between individuals and their environment, as well as physical, socio-cultural, political and economic environmental factors. The availability of mobile technology facilitates the examination of determinants of dynamic diet and activity patterns, and allows for real-time feedback to individuals based on their behaviours and environmental setting.

This programme on diet and activity research will strengthen the School’s scientific leadership role in the declared ‘War on Diabetes’, and it aligns with the Healthy Living Masterplan and SMART nation initiatives. It consolidates and strengthens relevant areas of research within and beyond SSHSPH and thereby enables the School to work more effectively with governmental organisations in Singapore and international collaborators.

UHS-SPH INTEGRATED RESEARCH PROGRAMME (USIRP)

PROGRAMME LEADER:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR HSU LI YANG

After a scoping meeting with Cambodia collaborators in November 2014, a trans-disciplinary research programme was extensively discussed and subsequently developed. The National University of Singapore and the University of Health Science (UHS), Cambodia signed a Memorandum of Understanding in May 2016 and a new contract was signed in December 2016. The programme seeks to answer the following question: How should resources be allocated to best improve tuberculosis control in Cambodia?

The recent and ongoing studies are interlinked and involve the following disciplinary perspectives with input from SSHSPH academic staff:

- Epidemiology and Operational Research: A/Prof Hsu Li Yang (Primary Investigator)
- Health Economics: A/Prof Joanne Yoong (Co-Investigator)
- Modelling: A/Prof Alexander Cook (Co-Investigator)
- Genomics: Prof Teo Yik Ying and Dr Rick Ong (Co-Investigators)
BREAST CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME LEADER: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MIKAEL HARTMAN

The Breast Cancer Prevention Programme dedicates its research to aetiology and genetic understanding of the disease, and aims to optimise screening, management, survival, long-term quality of life and functional status of Asian breast cancer patients by providing evidence on breast cancer in Asian settings.

The programme comprises research projects that are classified into aetiology research (i.e. breast cancer aetiology, genetic epidemiology and exploration of biomarkers) and secondary preventions including disease presentation (BreastScreen Singapore and Breast cancer awareness – Anthropology), prognostication, precision medicine, and quality of life and survivorship.

Currently the programme’s Singapore Breast Cancer Cohort is a member of an international multidisciplinary consortium, Breast Cancer Association Consortium, a constituent of Asia Breast Cancer Consortium and the international consortium of Mammographic Density.

In February 2017, the programme hosted the Singapore–Malaysia Breast Cancer Working Group Research Meeting 2017 with over 70 guests from Canada (University of British Columbia), Malaysia (Cancer Research Malaysia, Subang Jaya Medical Centre, University Malaya Medical Centre and University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus) and Singapore (NUHS, NUH, NTFGH, CGH, MOH, GIS, KKH, NCC, SGH, TTSH and SSHSPH).

The following are some of the programme’s major accomplishments:

• The Singapore Breast Cancer Cohort has successfully recruited 8,299 breast cancer patients as of 31 March 2017, with 86% participation rate and 85% of the participants donating biospecimen samples. A total of 2,186 breast cancer patients (1,613 biospecimens donated) were recruited in FY2016 alone.

• Out of 5,917 biospecimen samples, 1,000 cases were genotyped and 1,500 cases were sequenced as part of the Breast Cancer Association Consortium. 1,410 more cases are being prepared to be sent for targeted sequencing and 4,251 cases are in the midst of DNA extraction.

• A total of 22 papers were published during this reporting period, of which 15 are related to genomics and pharmacogenetics; 3 are in the area of prognostication or risk prediction, and mammographic density; and 2 are related to epidemiology.

TELE-HEALTH INNOVATIONS RESEARCH PROGRAMME
PROGRAMME LEADER: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GERALD KOH

The Tele-Health Innovations Research (THOR) programme aims to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of home-based tele-rehabilitation for stroke patients and patients with physical disabilities, through the use of communication technology as compared to traditional forms of rehabilitation. The programme also aims to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of other telemedicine or tele-health initiatives within the University, the National University Health System and on a national level.

The THOR programme is trans-disciplinary and works closely with partners at the NUS Faculty of Engineering, Singapore General Hospital and Ang Mo Kio - Thye Hua Kwan Hospital, as well as with the Ministry of Health in providing research data and conducting studies to guide national policy-making.

In the past year, the programme developed new tele-health systems for home assessment and speech, swallowing and post-mastectomy therapy. The programme also funded the following research studies:

• Time Motion Study of Tele-Rehab, Day Rehab and Home Rehab
• Qualitative Study on Use of Tele-Rehab in Older Stroke Survivors
CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH (CEOHR)

CENTRE DIRECTORS
PROFESSOR ONG CHOO NAM
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CHIA SIN ENG

CEOHR conducts research in areas concerning chemical safety, and environmental and occupational health through close collaborations with the NUS Environmental Research Institute (NERI), Duke–NUS Graduate Medical School, Singapore–MIT Alliance and Research Technology (SMART), China Center for Disease Control, Osaka University in Japan, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Fudan University, Wuhan University and other institutions in China. The Centre continued to have close collaborations with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and University of Pittsburgh in the past year.

The Centre’s current research foci include the detection and control of environmental and occupational diseases, carcinogenesis and chemoprevention, oxidative stress and antioxidants, and metabolomics. CEOHR also conducts research on the identification of biomarkers for the School’s Environmental and Occupational Health Studies, especially on how lifestyle and diet may affect chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

CEOHR has continued to collaborate with petrochemical industries on environmental surveillance, and various government agencies to examine the impact of haze and air quality that may affect Singapore and the region. Additionally, in collaboration with NERI, a 5-year research grant from the National Research Foundation (NRF) on food securities has been secured. CEOHR’s role is to identify the beneficial effects of nutrients of local leafy vegetables.

In the past year, the Centre has published 11 manuscripts related to biomarkers and environmental exposure.

CENTRE FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND POLICY RESEARCH (CHSPR)

CENTRE DIRECTOR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JOANNE YOONG

Established in April 2014 with support from the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine Fund, CHSPR aims to optimise care for the population by evaluating the roles of social factors, health technologies, financing systems, organisational processes and personal behaviour in improving the quality, delivery and cost-effectiveness of healthcare.

In the past year, principal investigators at CHSPR performed cost analysis, evaluation summative and economic evaluation of a broad range of clinical and research programmes, using both quantitative and qualitative methods. Besides its engagement in these areas, the Centre supported health services grants and seed funded seven projects studying medication adherence and healthcare delivery processes. CHSPR has also entered into productive partnerships with other NUHS centres and initiatives, providing economic evaluation expertise and training to investigators at the Centre for Personalised and Precision Health (CPPH), National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS) and Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS). Notably, the Centre is developing important core resources such as internal guidance on costing and economic evaluation for NUHS researchers.

The Centre also influences healthcare on a larger scale. For example, CHSPR researchers have developed national level economic burden estimates for diabetes and smoking that are cited in the War on Diabetes strategy as well as the upcoming national consultation on tobacco control. It has been instrumental in translating research to healthcare policy in areas such as gestational and type 2 diabetes. CHSPR supports evaluation efforts at the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) and the Ministry of Health (MOH), and is working collaboratively with the two newly-founded national population health research centres, Singapore Population HEalth ImpRovement Centre (SPHERiC) and Population-based, Unified, Learning System for Enhanced and Sustainable Health (PULSES), to extend this nationally. In addition, the Centre has been approached to provide consultation on key initiatives such as MOH’s upcoming population engagement on diabetes screening. This work, as well as its active participation in national taskforces and organisations such as AIC and the Health Promotion Board, place it at the frontline of health services research in Singapore and the region.
CENTRE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND RESEARCH (CIDER)

CENTRE DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR VINCENT PANG

The Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Research (CIDER) was established in 2011 with the National University of Singapore and the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF). CIDER aims to become the regional centre for infectious disease surveillance and epidemiological research.

The Centre integrates and develops epidemiological and technological capabilities for infectious disease surveillance, with strong interest in air-borne, food-borne and vector-borne diseases. One example is the fruit of a collaboration with the NUS School of Computing, GeoVast, a disease surveillance system that incorporates geo-visualisation techniques to enable monitoring of spatial-temporal patterns of disease. Another illustration of such technological capability is the development of a syndromic surveillance system that complements traditional surveillance. By utilising free-text data in electronic clinical notes as a source of surveillance data, the system enhances the ability for early detection and notification of potential outbreaks.

CIDER performs research to develop evidence-based guidelines and processes to deter and control infectious disease outbreaks. In addition, the Centre provides an excellent educational platform for graduate and professional degree programmes and conferences, so as to inspire and groom the next generations of leaders in public health and epidemiology, both locally and regionally.
DIABETES

Diabetes is a rapidly emerging health concern among Asian populations, especially in Singapore, with the potential to overwhelm healthcare systems and undermine economic growth.

With their expertise in chronic diseases and nutritional epidemiology, the following faculty members have made the news with their research, expert opinions and commentaries on how to combat the disease.

- Dean, Professor Chia Kee Seng, whose research focuses on chronic diseases, particularly primary prevention and molecular epidemiology: his opinion pieces push for a population mind-set change, urging Singaporeans to take charge of their health and not neglect it in the pursuit of wealth.
- Dr Mary Chong and Associate Professor Rob van Dam, whose research focuses on diet and nutrition: they co-authored a commentary describing the complexities in tackling diabetes and reminded Singaporeans to keep fit and eat healthily.
- Professor Koh Woon Puay, who is the Principal Investigator of the Singapore Chinese Health Study and whose research focuses on genetic and lifestyle factors of chronic diseases: the media covered her study on the correlation between drinking dairy milk and risk of diabetes and hypertension.

TOBACCO

In Singapore, tobacco kills about 2,500 smokers each year. Although the smoking rate among adults has decreased from 18.3 per cent in 1992 to 13.3 per cent in 2013, it has since plateaued and more can be done to bring the numbers down even further.

The following faculty members have given their expert opinions and written commentaries in support of government efforts to bring numbers down and deter youth from picking up the habit.

- Dean, Professor Chia Kee Seng: the media has frequently sought his expert opinion on the topic, including government initiatives such as raising the minimum legal smoking age.
- Associate Professor Joanne Yoon, whose research focuses on behavioural economics, health and financial decision-making, and development: she has expressed her expert opinion on the issue of smoking among the youth in the society, talking about the measures and policies implemented in other Asian countries.
ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a major public health concern which threatens to cause severe social and economic implications on a global scale.

These faculty members have made the news with their expert opinions, opinion pieces and research studies.

- Associate Professor Hsu Li Yang, who leads the School’s Antimicrobial Resistance Programme and is also Senior Consultant and Head at Tan Tock Seng Hospital’s Department of Infectious Diseases, and Deputy Clinical Director at the Ministry of Health’s Communicable Diseases Centre: his expert opinion has been sought on topics including antibiotic resistance and ‘superbugs’ such as Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

- Dr Clarence Tam, whose research focuses on infectious diseases, vaccines and antimicrobial resistance: his opinion piece describes AMR as man-made—a result of overuse and misuse of antimicrobial drugs, especially antibiotics—and reminds us that we each have a role to play in lowering the growth and spread of AMR.

- Dr Mark Chen, whose research focuses on emerging infectious diseases and teaches prevention and control of communicable diseases: a study by Dr Chen and other researchers from NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine was covered by the media. The study demonstrated that patients’ expectations influence antibiotic prescription by primary healthcare physicians, with majority of patients being misinformed about the role of antibiotics in common infections like coughs, sore throats and runny noses.

MYOPIA

Singapore has one of the world’s highest myopia rates, with the average age of onset at 8.5 years and approximately 7 in 10 teenagers having the condition.

Professor Saw Seang Mei’s research focuses on epidemiology and genetics of myopia, and findings from her studies have been in the news, encouraging parents to watch out for their children and promote healthy eye habits.

TELEREBH

Smart Health TeleRehab (SHTR) is a system that was developed by the NUS Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering in collaboration with the School to make physiotherapy as painless as possible for patients. Removing the need to travel to and from the rehabilitation centre, patients can carry out their rehabilitation exercises at any time from the comfort of their own homes, and their physiotherapists can review their sessions online.

SHTR pioneer, Associate Professor Gerald Koh, whose research focuses on stroke and geriatric rehabilitation, highlighted that sometimes the reason why a patient needs therapy is the reason why the patient finds it hard to go for therapy. SHTR will benefit patients by adding convenience, lowering treatment costs and overall improving health by making rehabilitation more accessible.
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS
SPH-IMH Memorandum of Understanding

On 23 May 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health and the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) was signed. The partnership combines both institutions’ research strengths to provide insights and strategies for future workplace and community health interventions, with greater emphasis on wellbeing and positive mental health.

The MoU sets off a series of research collaborations between IMH and SSHSPH, starting with the Singapore Wellness Study, a first-of-its-kind nationwide study on the connection between the sense of wellbeing and physical health in the adult population in Singapore. Funded by the School’s Population Health Metrics and Analytics programme, the study aims to better understand different aspects of ‘wellness’ in the local population and the factors which enhance wellness.

With Epidemiology domain leader, Associate Professor Rob van Dam as the Principal Investigator of this study, the School and IMH will collaborate on the study design, data analysis, interpretation and reporting of results. The study’s findings will help inform the development of behavioural modifications and interventions to improve positive mental health of Singaporeans, in addition to physical health.

In the past year, the School has hosted several regional and international institutions, expanding its network through strengthened bonds, newly forged ties and exchange of knowledge.
AWARDS & HONOURS
NUS Safety & Health Awards 2017

The School received the Excellence Award from the NUS Safety & Health Awards (NUSSHA; formerly known as ASHPA) 2017, on 20 April 2017.

NUSSHA is a scheme that gives recognition to departments — which include NUS Departments, Research Centres / Research Institutes, Administrative Offices and Halls of Residence — who have implemented an effective department safety and health management system that would help reduce accidents and incidents.

Only departments who have attained the Commendation Award for 2 consecutive years are eligible to vie for the Excellence Award. One of the criteria is to bring about sustainable Safety & Health improvements through at least one innovative project within the department, or in partnership with other departments.

Robert L. Kane Research Award

Dr Farah Shiraz, Senior Post-Doctoral Fellow, has received the 2017 Robert L. Kane Research Award.

The award — named after the late Dr Robert Kane, one of the world’s leading researchers on ageing and who inspired the creation of EASYCare 28 years ago — was presented to Dr Shiraz at the 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics held on 23–27 July 2017 in San Francisco, USA.

Dr Shiraz gave an oral presentation on the development of a Risk Screening tool created in Singapore which helps assess biological, psychological and social health risks of the older population. Dr Farah Shiraz and Dr Zoe Hildon’s research was chosen from among 100 abstracts submitted for the award and was selected by Dr Rosalie Kane, a scholar in ageing research and wife of the late Dr Robert Kane. Dr Rosalie Kane believed that Dr Shiraz’s work was a great example of the future direction of ageing research.
Assistant Professor Dr John Tayu Lee and Research Associate Ms Melisa Tan will be taking up leadership roles in the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Singapore. Dr Lee and Ms Tan will be assuming the roles of President and Secretary respectively for a one-year term, from 2017 to 2018.

The recent ISPOR Singapore election marks a historic time with representation from faculty of the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health in the past, current and future presidential leadership roles.

“I am honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to serve as President of ISPOR Singapore this coming year. My priorities will be: supporting our global and regional network and expanding capacity in outcomes research, continuing to improve the science of outcomes research through the dissemination of academic findings and translational research, and collaborating with allied organizations such as HTAi and HTAsiaLink.”

– Dr John Tayu Lee

Student Awards

From the Master of Public Health Class of 2017, Ms Koh Xin Yu Hazel, Mr Tan Junda, Mr Wong Hsien Hui Terrence, Mr Pream Raj S/O Sinnasamy, Mr Chia Shi Zhe Gabriel and Ms Tay Zoey were awarded the Dean’s List for their excellent academic performances.

Mr Goh Yang Chuang, Ethan (MPH Class of 2017) received the Tye Cho Yook Gold Medal for attaining the highest CAP for the academic year.

Mr Choo Peide, Bryan (MPH Class of 2017) was awarded the Dean’s Medal and Prize for his excellent performance in the COS210 Practicum.