

## **DR. VIJAYA BHARATH RAMASAMY**

Dr Vijaya Ramasamy is a Consultant Nephrologist & Physician at Lam Wah Ee Hospital (LWEH), Penang and the current hospital lead for medical mortality since his return to Malaysia in 2018. Prior to this appointment, he was a Consultant Nephrologist & Physician at Wrexham Maelor Hospital (WMH), UK since 2015. Here, Dr Vijaya also served as a Clinical Lead for acute kidney injury (AKI) services for North Wales and a national AKI steering committee member, as well as being the lead nephrologist for living donor kidney transplantation.

Dr Vijaya qualified from University of Dundee, UK with Bachelors of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) in 2006. After completing his early post-graduate training in internal medicine and obtaining MRCP qualifications, he undertook specialist training in Nephrology and Internal Medicine at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff and WMH between 2010 and 2015. Dr Vijaya then passed his Specialist Certificate Examination in Renal Medicine in 2013 (SCE Nephrology) and obtained Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in Nephrology and Internal Medicine in 2015. In the same year he was entered onto the GMC UK Specialist Register for Nephrology and General Internal Medicine and still remains in the register as a specialist in the UK. He is also registered with the Malaysian National Specialist Register (NSR) for both Nephrology & Internal Medicine.

Dr Vijaya's specialist interests includes kidney transplantation, diabetic nephropathy, resistant hypertension and acute kidney injury (AKI). He is actively involved in education, quality improvement projects and research in these fields, including being site lead for multicentre studies. A lot of his work has been published and presented in various national and international congresses / conferences, winning prizes and grants, including the coveted *2014 European Renal Association Grant*. Dr Vijaya was involved in cutting edge HLA incompatible kidney transplantation whilst he was attached to the kidney transplant centre and was even invited to present the centre's experience in the European Society of Transplantation (ESOT) Congress at Brussels, Belgium in 2015.

Dr Vijaya is also extremely passionate about teaching and training, culminating in him being appointed as the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) College Tutor in August 2016. He is also a very well-known and regular speaker in local and international meetings and conferences, and is a key opinion leader for many pharmaceutical firms. In 2018, Dr Vijaya was elected to the fellowship of The Royal College of Physicians of London (FRCP) for his contribution to education and clinical services, and was one of the youngest members to be elected as a fellow at the prestigious London College of the RCP.