

# Faculty Profile

## Dr Vaikunthan Rajaratnam Programme Director (Singapore)



Dr Vaikunthan Rajaratnam graduated from the University of Malaya in 1980 with distinction in pathology. He did his initial orthopaedic surgery training at the University of Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC) and later continued his advanced plastic, hand and microsurgery training in the UK and US. He is an accredited hand surgeon on the specialist register of the UK and Singapore.

The last decade saw Dr Vaikunthan Rajaratnam working in the National Health Service in the UK as a Senior Consultant Hand Surgeon in Birmingham UK with a subspecialty interest in peripheral nerve and brachial plexus surgery. His research areas include the fracture fixations of the hand and surgical training methodologies.

He is an Examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and on the Panel of Visitors for the West Midlands Deanery, inspecting hospitals to ensure Quality Assurance in postgraduate surgical education in UK. His passion for teaching and education has taken him around the world to deliver workshops and lectures on surgery and surgical training. In 2011, Dr Vaikunthan Rajaratnam relocated to Singapore as Senior Consultant. He is a member of the core faculty for the Orthopaedic and Hand Surgery Residency programme in Singapore.

## **Elizabeth Anne Ouellette, M.D., MBA (USA)**



Dr. Elizabeth Anne Ouellette, Hand Surgeon and CEO of Physicians for the Hand, has been recognised by Worldwide Who's Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in medical services.

Dr. Ouellette has been practicing medicine for 27 years and is the Director of Physicians for the Hand in Florida, USA, where she oversees patient care and evaluates orthopaedic issues. She acquired this position after practising as a Professor in Orthopaedics at the University of Miami. She retired as Professor Emeritus in 2007 to become the CEO of Physicians for the Hand, where she specialises in orthopaedic surgery. In her principal role at the clinic, she treats patients that seek help for their hand and upper extremity orthopaedic issues.

Physicians For The Hand is a full service upper extremity clinic where fractures are casted, x-ray examinations are available, and occupational therapy is provided. Dr. Ouellette takes calls at several hospitals and handles many emergencies. Attributing her success to her hard work, love for the profession and ability to pick the right solutions, Dr. Ouellette became involved in her profession because she wanted to be a biochemist at age 17, and was told that she would be a great doctor. She likes teaching and working with people.

Dr. Ouellette obtained an MD at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She is a Fellow with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and a member of both the American Association for Hand Surgery and the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. In 2009, Dr. Ouellette won the Top Doctors Award for Castle Connolly, Florida. Looking forward, she hopes to grow in a large system and provide health care to the community.

Dr Oulette is currently a Clinical Full Professor at the Florida International University, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Department of Orthopedics as well as being the Chief of Hand Surgery.

Dr Oulette is also Professor Emeritus at University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, Miami, Florida.

## **Prof. Tunku Sara binti Tunku Ahmad (Malaysia)**



Head of Department and Professor  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery  
University of Malaya

Prof Sara has been a strategic leader and educator in Orthopaedics generally and hand surgery specifically in Malaysia and the region. She heads the Masters in orthopaedics programme at the University of Malaya and leads the hand and reconstructive microsurgery service. She has numerous publications and research in hand surgery and continues her passion for teaching locally and internationally. Her clinical interest includes brachial plexus reconstruction and microsurgery.

## Dr Rajive Mathew Jose (UK)



Dr Rajive Mathew Jose graduated in Medicine in 1996 from the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, (JIPMER; [www.jipmer.edu](http://www.jipmer.edu)) a premier Medical Institute in Pondicherry, South India. He subsequently completed his postgraduate training in General Surgery from the same institute, leading to the award of Master of Surgery (General Surgery) in 1999. Following this, he completed a Specialist Training program in Plastic Surgery (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India) and obtained MCh in Plastic Surgery in 2002. He also passed the Diploma in National Board examination (DNB; National Board of Examinations, India) in General Surgery. During the same year he obtained Fellowship (FRCS) from The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He also completed the Diploma in Hand Surgery conducted by British Society for Surgery of the Hand (BSSH) and Manchester University in 2012. After completing a Specialist Training Programme in Plastic Surgery at West Midlands Deanery, he is currently a Consultant in Hand Surgery at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, United Kingdom (<http://qehb.org>).

Mr Jose has an excellent academic record and was awarded the Best All-Round Undergraduate Medical Student Award during the year 1996. His lab-based research during his postgraduate training on 'The Role of Imprint Cytology in Thyroid swellings' was submitted as a thesis to Pondicherry University and was subsequently published as a paper. Mr Jose has a good publication record with over 25 publications in various medical journals. He has also presented a number of papers to various international scientific meetings. In addition, he has been involved in a wide range of charitable and social activities throughout his career. He was involved in the organisation of a branch of 'Befriender's International', a suicide prevention society in Pondicherry, South India and maintains a keen interest in the development of web-based medical education and training. He is also undertaking a Postgraduate course in Medical Education through Dundee University.

He has several interests outside Medicine including painting and short story writing. He has published several short stories and was the runner up in the creative writing competition conducted by British Medical Association in 2012.

## Mr Dominic Power (UK)



Consultant Hand Surgeon

Dominic Power is a graduate of Cambridge University. He matriculated at Emmanuel College in 1989 where he studied Medicine. Later he completed his clinical studies at Addenbrookes University Hospital in Cambridge. He was awarded a Master of Arts degree in 1996 for his studies in Social and Political Science. He has a wealth of postgraduate experience in the surgical specialities that complements his interest in Trauma Surgery. He was made a Fellow of both the Edinburgh and London Royal Colleges of Surgeons. He gained the top mark in his Surgical Fellowship and was awarded the Hallett Medal by the Examinations Committee at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He taught in Cambridge University for a year whilst undertaking research and later was appointed Lecturer in Orthopaedics and Trauma at the University of Birmingham, where he has continued to develop his research interests. He has lectured and presented his original work internationally. Dominic has worked overseas but returned to the UK to complete his specialist training in Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham. He has passed the FRCS (Tr & Orth) speciality examination. Dominic has a keen interest in medicolegal work and was appointed as a partner in The Medical Reporting Group in 2005. He was appointed as a consultant in trauma and hand surgery at the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust in 2007. His NHS work is at The Birmingham Hand Centre, University Hospitals, Birmingham

## **Dr. Chin Yuan Hui, Andrew (Singapore)**



Head & Senior Consultant  
Department of Hand Surgery  
MBBS, FRCS (Edin), FAMS  
Singapore General Hospital

Dr Andrew Chin graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1995. He was appointed Senior Consultant and is the head of department in the Department of Hand Surgery

Dr Chin did his 1-year advance fellowship training specializing in Wrist Conditions and Disorders at the Centre for Hand And Upper Limb Surgery, Wrightington Hospital in Wigan, UK and at Kaplan Institute in Barcelona, Spain under the tutelage of renown wrist surgeons: Prof John Stanley, Drs Ian Trail, Marc Garcia-Elias and Alberto Lluch.

Dr Andrew Chin's sub-specialty interests include:

- Wrist Surgery
- Minimally Invasive Hand Surgery

## Dr. Yam Kean Tuck, Andrew (Singapore)



Consultant (Part-time)  
Department of Hand Surgery  
MBBS, MRCS (Ed), M Med (Surg), FAMS  
Singapore General Hospital

Dr Andrew Yam trained in Hand Surgery with the Singapore General Hospital Department of Hand Surgery, National University Hospital Department of Hand and Reconstructive Microsurgery, Singapore General Hospital Department of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery.

He completed a one-year clinical fellowship with the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital's Peripheral Nerve Injury Unit, which is the United Kingdom's leading centre for the management of adult and birth brachial plexus injuries.

Dr Yam is skilled in all aspects of hand surgery, including microsurgery, tissue transfer, osteosynthesis and limb reconstruction. His area of special interest is in the early and late management of adult and birth brachial plexus injuries, the management of peripheral nerve injuries and tumours of the upper and lower limbs.

He has lectured and taught on numerous topics in hand surgery and microsurgery, and instructed in Advanced Trauma Life Support courses. He has also authored and co-authored scientific papers on various aspects of hand surgery and brachial plexus in leading international hand surgery, orthopaedic surgery and plastic surgery journals.

Dr Andrew Yam graduated from Flinders University of South Australia in 1997. He has been a Consultant in the Dept of Hand Surgery since May 2009.

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Associate Prof Shalimar did her Fellowship Training in Hand Surgery at Kleinert Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, USA after completing her certification in Hand Surgery from the FESSH European Board. She is the Malaysian Society for Surgery of the Hand's Honorary Secretary

Shalimar is actively involved with MERCY Malaysia – an international NGO providing medical relief and humanitarian assistance. Currently in the Executive Committee & medical adviser.