

RECIPIENTS OF PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR NURSES 2016



Chen Yee Chui (陈郁翠)
Chief Nurse
National Healthcare Group Polyclinics
Age: 47

Yee Chui is a nurse leader who is passionate about primary and preventive care.

As part of MOH's Primary Care Masterplan, her nursing team played an important role in the development of Family Medicine Clinics and the mobile Community Health Centre to provide accessible and quality clinical support services for chronic disease management.

Well-respected by the nursing community and recognised for her strategic thinking abilities, Yee Chui sits on various workgroups and committees in NHG and advisory boards of nursing education institutions.

She contributed substantially to setting nursing education standards and the regulation of Advanced Practice Nurses during her three terms as a board member of the Singapore Nursing Board. As part of the National Nursing Taskforce, she made important recommendations to strengthen nursing career structure and well-being of nurses.

Under her leadership, primary healthcare nurses have stepped up patient education for parents and empowerment of patients with chronic diseases.

In NHGP, Yee Chui plays a pivotal role in culture building. A strong supporter of evidence-based nursing, she initiated communities of practice to promote sharing of best practices. Nursing recruitment and retention rates have improved significantly under her leadership. Yee Chui received the Nurses' Merit Award in 2001.

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Hanijah Binte Abdul Hamid
Assistant Director of Nursing
Changi General Hospital
Age: 45

Hanijah is a highly committed leader in nursing education.

A champion for simulation training, she worked closely with a team of healthcare professionals to set up the Changi Simulation Institute to train healthcare professionals. She worked on obtaining funding approval right through to overseeing its opening.

She was instrumental in implementing the Ministry of Health's Clinical Practice Guidelines in Changi General Hospital, translating the guidelines into staff competencies to improve patient outcomes. She has also developed evidence-based in-house training programmes.

Hanijah is a role model to healthcare staff at every level, even beyond nursing. Not only is she an engaging trainer and an inspiring mentor to nursing students and junior nurses, she has also supported and coached support care staff to obtain ITE certification.

Committed to developing the Intermediate and Long Term Care sector, Hanijah has helped nursing homes in the east develop their capabilities to meet the Enhanced Nursing Home Standards and provide quality care. Three homes have been helped so far, and the team will work with two more this year.

At the national level, she played an important role in developing and implementing the National Nursing Taskforce's recommendation for Advanced Clinical Education. She was a recipient of the National Day Efficiency Medal in 2015 and Healthcare Humanity Award in 2008.

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Raveen Dev Ram Dev
Senior Nurse Clinician & Advanced Practice Nurse
Institute of Mental Health
Age: 37

Raveen is an outstanding clinical leader for Advanced Practice Nurses (APN) at the Institute of Mental Health (IMH).

He supports and nurtures nurses in their training and development as psychiatric mental health nurses. He also initiated APN-led nursing clinical rounds, clinic sessions and group therapy for patients. Under his leadership, the APNs have become much sought after and recognised for their clinical expertise.

As an advocate for advancing care for people with mental illness, he introduced individualised psycho-education for patients, and implemented the Patient Safety Rounds Monitoring in the mental health setting.

Raveen collaborates well with members of the multi-disciplinary team and has led the APNs to collaborate with clinicians on initiatives such as the APN-led Continuity Care Clinic for post-discharge patients and the Chronic Disease Management Programme, which resulted in better patient outcomes. He previously led a team to develop an Intermediate Mental Health Course for nurses at IMH.

Known for his vast knowledge and clinical skills, Raveen is well-regarded and respected by his junior staff, peers and colleagues from the multi-disciplinary team. He is always willing to coach and support APNs, junior nurses and doctors, and readily shares his knowledge and skills with colleagues.

For his efforts, he received the National Day Efficiency Medal in 2015 and the Nurses' Merit Award in 2007.

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Lathy D/O Prabhakaran
Senior Nurse Clinician
Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Age: 52

Lathy was spurred to take up Respiratory Nursing when her infant son was diagnosed with Asthma. Since then, she has contributed extensively to this specialised field.

She pioneered the Nurse-led Asthma Clinic at Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH), where patients are first assessed by nurses using a detailed clerking template before seeing the doctor. She also trains nurses, medical students and GP clinic assistants on asthma care and the use of inhaler devices.

Lathy also developed TTSH's smoking cessation programme to help healthcare staff identify and refer smokers for counselling, and follow up to reduce default rates on counselling appointments. With a multi-disciplinary team, she spearheaded the Asthma and Smoking Apps to help smokers self-manage their condition.

She implemented the asthma counselling service at the Emergency Department (ED) where patients with asthma conditions are educated on self-care for asthma. This enhanced psycho-educational support for patients and reduced asthma ED attendances and hospital admissions.

Lathy's passion for research has seen her publish at least 11 original papers as its first author, and co-author another five. She has received many awards for Quality Improvement Projects.

She serves on many national committees on respiratory care, and has volunteered with the Singapore Asthma Association. She was recognised for her contributions with the National Day Commendation Medal in 2014 and Healthcare Humanity Award in 2008.