Dr. VIJAYASARATHI RAMANATHAN

MBBS (India), MMed-STD/HIV (Aus.), GradDip-SexHIth (Aus.), PhD (Aus.), FECSM (Eur.)

ACADEMIA

- Graduate Certificate in Education Studies
 The University of Sydney, Australia [2018]
- Fellow of the European Committee in Sexual Medicine [2014] Confirmed by the European Union of Medical Specialists
- Doctorate in Philosophy [2008 2013]

The University of Sydney, Australia

- Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences Sexual Health* [2006-07]
 The University of Sydney, Australia
- Masters in Medicine STD/HIV* [2005-06]

The University of Sydney, Australia

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery [1997-2003]

The TN Dr M.G.R. Medical University, India

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/TRAINING

- Education Activity Representative-The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- Counselling Skills Australian College of Applied Psychology [2012]
- Letter of Attainment in Project Management The University of Sydney [2009]

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (selected)

- Lecturer in Sexual Health (Sexology) & Unit of Study Coordinator Westmead Clinical School, Faculty of Medicine and Health – Sydney University (Feb 2015 – present)
- Clinical Services Specialist NPS MedicineWise (June 2015 – present) National Prescribing Service Limited, trading as NPS MedicineWise, is a non-for-profit organisation funded by the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and provides free, independent and evidence based information on quality use of medicines and diagnostics. <u>www.nps.org.au</u>
- Programs Transition Coordinator
 Eastern Sydney Medicare Local, Sydney (Feb 2015 Aug 2015)

 Eastern Sydney Medicare Local is a not for profit primary health care organisation funded by the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. www.esml.org.au
- Medical Director & Consultant in Sexual Medicine Bloom Healthcare (July 2013 - Jan 2015) Bloom Healthcare is a privately owned, 45-bedded multispecialty hospital in Chennai (INDIA) with prime focus on fertility and trauma care. <u>www.bloomhospital.com</u>
- Programs Coordinator (Multidisciplinary care & Targeted services) Inner West Sydney Medicare Local, Sydney, Australia (2012 – 2013) Inner West Sydney Medicare Local is a not for profit primary health care organisation funded by the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. <u>www.iwsml.org.au</u>
- Project Officer HMR, NPS, Chronic Disease Management, Sexual Health Central Sydney GP Network (2007 – 2012) & Canterbury DGP (2006-2007)



Scientific, peer-reviewed publications

Sexuality & Sexual health

- Ramanathan, V. (2017) Human Sexuality. Chapter in Fundamentals of Nursing and Midwifery (Ed. Hill, R., Hall, H. & Glew, P. (third ed., 519-557). Sydney. Wolters Kluwer.
- Ramanathan, V. (2014) Values, Behaviour and Identity: Acculturation of Indian immigrants in Australia. J of International Migration and Integration.
- Ramanathan, V. (2014) Safe Sex behavior of Indian immigrants in Australia. Indian J of Public Health.
- Ramanathan, V., Sitharthan, G., Pepper, K., & Wylie, K. (2013). Masturbatory Behaviour and Feelings: An Exploratory Study of Indian Immigrant Men in Australia. Intl. J of Sexual Health
- Ramanathan, V., Sitharthan, G., Pepper, K., & Wylie, K. (2012). Sexual health of Indian Immigrant Men in Australia: An exploratory research on help seeking attitudes. Sexual Health. J of Sexual Health.
- Ramanathan, V., & Weerakoon, P. (2012). Sexuality in India: Ancient beliefs, present day problems and future approaches to management. In K. Hall & C. Graham (Eds.), The Cultural Context of Sexual Pleasure and Problems: Psychotherapy with Diverse Clients (First ed., pp. 172-196). New York: Routledge
- Ramanathan, V., Kang, M., Jeganathan, S., Jackson, E., Lagios, K., & Furner, V. (2008). Accessibility and acceptability of public sexual health clinics for adult clients in New South Wales, Australia. Sexual Health, 5(3), 305-306. doi: 10.1071/sh08026

Others

- Bhaskar, S., **Ramanathan**, V. & Hoksbergen, R. (2018) Psychological well-being of Indian men and women undergoing fertility treatment for involuntary childlessness. J of Indian Health Psychology.
- Ramanathan, V. & Maude, L. (2012). Quality Care Plans for Australian General Practitioners and Practice Nurses. Australian Family Physician
- Ramanathan, V. (2009). Sexual health and GP professional development. Australian Family Physician 38(4): 185-185.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE - SEXUAL HEALTH

Medical Specialist in Sexual Medicine/Sexuality Therapist

- 1) Real-time Online Consultation, [Feb 2015 present]
- 2) Bloom Healthcare, Chennai, India [July 2013 January 2015]
- 3) SSS Centre for Sexual Health Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, India [2010 -2013]
- 4) MediAngels (Virtual clinic) [2012-2014]
- 5) All Experts & Ask Your Doctor Online (e-consultation) [2006-2011]

Areas of special interest

- Management of male and female sexual dysfunction
- Comprehensive male fertility assessment
- Premarital sexual assessment and counselling
- Sexual behaviour modification
- Supportive counselling for STI phobia and sexual minorities
- Sexual/relationship difficulties among South-Asian migrants

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE - GENERAL MEDICINE & SURGERY

Casualty Medical Officer, Chennai Kaliappa Hospital, Chennai (2004-2005) Resident Medical Officer, City Hospital, Trichy (2002-2004)

Dr. Vijayasarathi Ramanathan

Teaching and Research Experience

Westmead Clinical School, Faculty of Medicine & Health, The University of Sydney (Feb 2015 – Dec 2016)

Unit of Study Coordinator & teaching staff – Variations in Sexual Function; Professional Practice (capstone unit of the Master's program) & introduction to STI/HIV/Sexual Health (until 2017).

Sri Ramachandra Deemed Medical University and Medical Centre, Chennai [2014]

• Visiting Lecturer for PG candidates in Reproductive Medicine, Psychiatry and Urology

IMA College of General Practitioners, Tamil Nadu [2013 - 2014]

• As a teaching faculty in Sexual Medicine certificate course, have trained close to 30 doctors.

Faculty of Health Sciences, the University of Sydney, Australia, [2007 – 2011]

- Honorary Associate Lecturer Teach multi-disciplinary students at post-graduate level on sexual health including sexual dysfunction, sexuality and disability.
 - 1. Research tutor for a MD (medical) student at Sydney Medical School on the topic Sexual health and general practice
 - 2. Psychological wellbeing of Indian men and women undergoing fertility treatment for involuntary childlessness (co-author of manuscript)
 - 3. Penis size of Indian men independent survey with media partner in India [2011-12]
 - 4. Sexual Health of Indian Migrant Men Living in Australia (Doctoral research) [2008-2013]
 - Enhancing STI Testing Among Gay Men (co-researcher) National Centre for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research in association with Sydney Sexual Health Clinic & Central Sydney GP Network (Australia) [2010-2013]
 - 6. Sexual Health of South Asian Migrant Men Living in Australia (Principal investigator). Funded by the Asia Pacific Society of Sexual Medicine [2010]
 - 7. Best Practice Management of Male Sexual Dysfunction in Australia: What do Men really want from their General Practitioner? (Co-researcher) Funded by the Eli Lilly [2009]
 - 8. Factors Needing Consensus for a Universal and Objective Definition for Premature Ejaculation (Principal investigator) [2007]
 - 9. Accessibility and Acceptability of Public Sexual Health Clinics for Adult Clients in NSW, Australia (Principal investigator) [2006]

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Invited speaker at the international conference on subfertility in Chennai Sep 2018
- Invited speaker at the University of Madras and Sri Ramachandra Medical College 2017
- Invited speaker at IMA Thiruvanamalai on Fertility related sexual problems 5 Oct 2014
- Sexual Medicine CME in recognition of World Sexual Health Day 6 Sep 2014
- Invited speaker at OGSOS CME, Salem, on Male Sexual Dysfunction 31 Aug 2014
- Invited speaker at TAPISAR CME, Chennai, on Erectile Dysfunction 24 Aug 2014
- Indian Medical Association South Chennai CME- September 2013
- 29th Indian National Sexology Conference, Hyderabad August 2013
- Christian Medical College, Infectious Disease Unit, Vellore November 2011
- 26th National Conference on Sexology, Chennai, India (invited speaker) [2010]
- ASSERT National Conference, Sydney, Australia (invited speaker) [2010]
- Gender and Masculinities in South-Asia workshop, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (invited speaker) [2010]
- Asia-Oceania Federation for Sexology, Bali, Indonesia: Cultural understanding in the management of sexual problems in cancer patients [2010]. Proxy oral presenter Dr Margaret Redelman
- 2nd World Congress of Sexual Health, Gothenburg, Sweden: Sexual Health of South Asian Migrant Men Living in Australia – [oral moderated poster]. [2009]
- 1st World Congress of Sexual Health, Sydney, Australia: Defining premature ejaculation [panel discussion] & Factors needing consensus for a universal and objective definition of premature ejaculation [podium].[2007]
- Australian Sexual Health Conference, Melbourne, Australia: Accessibility and Acceptability of Public Sexual Health Clinics for Adult Clients in NSW, Australia [podium] [2006]

MEDIA PROFILE

- Sexual health awareness through short videos RedPix Channel (Ethnic specific) [2014]
- Periodic web-articles on <u>www.Health.India.com</u> (the most popular health website in India, 2012)
- Sexual health awareness program in SBS (Tamil), a leading multilingual radio telecast service in Australia. <u>www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/tamil/</u> (2018 and 2012)
- Two magazines multiple articles on male and female sexual health in Mathrubhumi Arogyamasika, a leading South Indian/ Malayalam (2011-2012)
- Two full-page articles on the Indian Link, a leading Australia-India media.

CLINICAL AUDITS

- Retrospective analysis of clinical data of couples presenting with the complaints of unconsummated marriage [2014]
- Retrospective analysis of data to examine predictive nature of estradiol level in the pregnancy outcome in frozen embryo transfer [2014]

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- European Society for Sexual Medicine Fellowship training 11-20 October 2013
- Sexual health clinical placement Sydney Men's health [2010-13]
- Health coaching training [2011]
- Australian Aboriginal Cultural Competency Training (TAFE, Australia) [2010]
- Cognitive Behavior Therapy training (Black Dog Institute) [2010]
- Cognitive Behavior Therapy in Relationships [2010]
- Sexual Attitude Reassessment Seminar the University of Sydney [2007]
- Clinical placement HIV/AIDS at YRG Care, Chennai, India [2005]
- STD clinical training Institute of Venereology, Chennai, India [2004]

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBESRHIPS

- European Society of Sexual Medicine
- International Academy of Sex Research
- Ex-Member Youth Initiative Committee of World Association for Sexual Health
- Indian Medical Association
- Council for Sex Education and Parenthood International (India)
- Family Planning Association of India

AWARD

Competitive Scholarship – International Society for Sexual Medicine (Sep 2013)

- Fellowship training in Sexual Medicine by the European Society for Sexual Medicine

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