

Conferral of Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore Fellow 2017

Citation for Dr Wong Ming Lee, Camilla

Camilla obtained her B.Pharm from the Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia. After completing her pre-registration training there in a retail pharmacy, she began her pharmacy career in Singapore General Hospital in 1994, and went on to obtain her PharmD from the Albany College of Pharmacy in New York in 2001. An aspiring critical care pharmacist, she underwent a Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at the Clarian Health Partners in Indianapolis, Indiana, the following year. Upon her return to SGH in 2002, she practised as a critical care pharmacist and took charge of clinical pharmacy services in the department. In 2007, Camilla was appointed as Deputy Head of the Pharmacy Department, and rose through the ranks to assume the role of Deputy Director of the Allied Health Division in 2009 where she took charge of Quality and Clinical Governance matters in the division. In 2010, Camilla obtained a Graduate Diploma in Healthcare Management and Leadership from the Singapore Management University. At present, she is holding concurrent appointments as Director for the Allied Health Division at Sengkang Health and Deputy Director at the SingHealth Group Allied Health office, overseeing talent management and the development of career pathways and competency frameworks for the cluster's Allied Health professionals.

Recognised as a leader for the healthcare cluster, Camilla is a member of a number of SingHealth level committees including the Allied Health Council, Innovation and Quality Management Forum, Regional Health System Clinical Board and the Patient Experience Council. At Sengkang Health, she has been integral in the planning of the infrastructure, processes and services not only for Allied Health services but the hospital as a whole. She is a member of a number of SKH committees including the Medical Board and the IT Steering Committee. As part of the SKH Senior Management team, she serves as a catalyst for collaborative partnerships between the various departments and stakeholders, both inside and outside of SKH.

At the national level, Camilla has been appointed as Secretary to the Pharmacist Specialist Accreditation Board, and as Advisor to the Allied Health Panels for Skills Framework development at MOH. She also sits on the Product Vigilance Advisory Committee as appointed by HSA and the Medical Advisory Panel for the Singapore Prison Service.

One of Camilla's many key achievements and contributions to the pharmacy profession is the strategic development of pharmacists. She was instrumental in developing the nation's pharmacy career pathway which serves to right-site talent and allow pharmacists to pursue their passion in the career track that they will excel in. The successful implementation of the pharmacy career pathway has helped to propagate the same for the other Allied Health professionals in the SingHealth

Cluster and nationally. Together with a team of pharmacists, Camilla is currently taking lead to harmonize the competency framework for pharmacists in advanced practice at the national level.

In addition, Camilla has the passion for and is still very much involved in the education and training of pharmacists and serves as a role model and mentor to many pharmacists and other allied health professionals today. Her wealth of experience and selfless sharing has guided many, and her vision for the future healthcare has inspired many more.

As a dedicated pharmacist and staunch believer in advancing the profession, Camilla has been actively contributing to PSS. Her very first involvement in PSS activities dated back to 1994, the year she began her pharmacy career when she joined the social sub-committee of the Singapore Pharmacy Congress Organising Committee. She was elected into the PSS Executive Council in 1998 and 1999 before she took a break for further studies. When she returned in 2003, she was elected as President, a position that she helmed for 3 consecutive years. In 2008, the 22nd Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations Congress was successfully held in Singapore for the very first time, under the leadership of Camilla as the chairperson of the organising committee.

As a testament to Camilla's colourful career, she has received a number of awards including the PSS's Professor Lucy Wan Outstanding Pharmacist of the Year Award, Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations Ishidate Award for Hospital Pharmacy, Group CEO SingHealth Excellence Award for Allied Health and the National Day Awards Commendation Medal.

Truly an inspiring visionary and relentless advocate for the pharmacy profession, it is PSS's great honour to confer Dr Camilla Wong as a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore.