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Short CV

Dr. Sasheela Sri La Sri Ponnampalavanar is currently a Consultant Infectious Disease Physician at the University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC) and an Associate Professor of Medicine at University Malaya. She is currently the head of the Infection Control Department in UMMC since May 2016.

She received her MBBS degree from Manipal Medical College, India in 1997. She returned to Malaysia and served in the Ministry of Health until completing her postgraduate training MMed (IntMed) at University Malaya in 2007. She then trained as an Infectious Disease specialist at University Malaya until 2010 and obtained a Certificate in Travel Health Medicine from the International Society of Travel Health Medicine in 2012.

She is interested in quality improvement and patient safety projects mainly those involving hospital acquired infections (HAI) and multidrug resistant organism (MDRO). Apart from leading the Infection Control Program in UMMC, she was involved in setting up an Antibiotic Stewardship Programme at the University Malaya Medical Centre and is currently the chairperson of the Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Subcommittee. As an initiative to increase awareness on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) among the public, she has published in mass media (national newspaper, health magazines and interview in national radio station).

She is a Committee Member of The National Antimicrobial Resistance Committee (NARC), Technical Working Group 1 for The National Action Plan for AMR, National since 2017. She was in the contributor and editorial board of the MALAYSIAN ACTION PLAN ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (MyAP-AMR) 2017-2021.