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Lilit Sargsyan, Armenia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Lilit Sargsyan, MD, is a pediatric oncologist and hematologist deeply committed to advancing childhood cancer care in Armenia. She serves as the Deputy Director of the Yeolyan Hematology and Oncology Center, Head of the Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Armenia, and a Professor in the Department of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology at Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU).

Dr. Sargsyan earned her medical degree from YSMU and completed a fellowship in pediatric hematology at the National Institute of Health. To further enhance her expertise, she undertook international training at leading oncology centers in Germany. Dr. Sargsyan is also an alumna of Harvard Medical School's *Leadership in Medicine: Southeast Asia* program, which has shaped her approach to leadership in healthcare.

Throughout her career, she has focused on improving pediatric oncology services in Armenia. She co-founded the City of Smile Charitable Foundation and has been extensively involved in clinical research, authoring several peer-reviewed publications. Her work in fostering multidisciplinary collaboration has strengthened Armenia's integration into global pediatric oncology networks.

Dr. Sargsyan is dedicated to enhancing cancer treatment accessibility, promoting research initiatives, and advocating for better outcomes for children battling cancer, particularly in resource-limited settings.

Naila Mammadova, Azerbaijan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Naila Mammadova, is a dedicated Pediatric Oncologist with over a decade of experience in childhood cancer treatment. Since 2011, she has been working at the Pediatric Clinic of the National Center of Oncology, Azerbaijan, where she focuses on improving outcomes for pediatric cancer patients through evidence-based therapies and multidisciplinary approaches. Her commitment to advancing pediatric oncology has led her to actively participate in SIOP conferences, ASCO educational courses, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital programs. She has presented research on risk-adapted therapy and targeted treatment strategies for pediatric cancers, particularly medulloblastoma. Additionally, Dr. Mammadova has contributed to scientific publications addressing innovative treatment approaches. Recognizing the importance of international collaboration, Dr. Mammadova has pursued extensive training and knowledge exchange in Turkey, China, the USA, and Europe. As a SIOP Asia Country Ambassador, she aims to strengthen regional cooperation, promote research, and improve access to advanced pediatric oncology care in Azerbaijan and beyond.

Fluent in Azerbaijani, English, and Ukrainian, with a strong foundation in German, she is committed to advocating for childhood cancer patients, fostering educational initiatives, and contributing to the global mission of SIOP to improve pediatric oncology care worldwide.

Dalal Burshaid, Bahrain



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Dalal Burshaid is a Consultant in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology and the Head of the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Department at the Bahrain Oncology Center, Royal Medical Services (RMS), Bahrain. She also serves as Head of Training, Head of the Pediatric National Tumor Board, and an active member of the BOC Management Board.

Dr. Burshaid established the Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Department at BOC in 2023 and currently oversees services across three hospitals under the RMS umbrella. In 2024, she founded the Pediatric Cancer Predisposition Screening Clinic — the first of its kind for pediatric age group at BOC.

She graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – Bahrain in 2010, completed her pediatric residency at King Fahd University Hospital in 2018, and her Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Fellowship at King Fahad Specialist Hospital in 2022, where she also served as Chief of Fellows.

Dr. Burshaid has published multiple case reports in the field and is actively involved in ongoing research within her department.

Morshed Amirul Khasru, Bangladesh



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Morshed Amirul is a founder of the department of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology in Dhaka Medical College Hospital, the biggest hospital of Bangladesh. He has been practicing pediatric Oncology in both private and public sectors maintaining professional standards as well as upholding medical ethics. Dr. Morshed took initiative with collaboration of different departments of DMCH to set up multidisciplinary team for pediatric cancer care since 18/02/2019, to start CME accreditation regularly in pediatric oncology since 20/01/2020, to develop different working groups for updated treatments, improve health services, teaching, research, awareness, support, funding activities etc. He was appointed as Additional Director General (Admin) at Directorate General of Medical Education (DGME). After serving 22 months as ADG(Admin), Dr. Morshed served as the Director General of DGME upto 31/12/2022. As Director General, he worked at the policy level for a center focused on pediatric blood and cancer disorders. Now, he is working as Consultant of Paediatric haematology and Oncology in Dr. Azmal Hospital of Mirpur, Dhaka and as a National Consultant for the program "Management of Thalassemia and Iron Deficiency Anaemia at Primary Health Care Level", a ICCDDR project, funded by UNICEF. Dr. Amirul also served as a member of NREC of Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) upto December 2024. He also served as the Chairman of Inspection Committee of Sylhet Medical University. Currently, he is serving as Secretary General of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology Society of Bangladesh (PHOSB). He worked hard for inclusion of Bangladesh in WHO program GICC. Dr. Morshed's ultimate dream is to set a goal for beating childhood cancer and blood disorders– no child should die of cancer: cure for more and care for all through our hands. His strength is his honesty and sincerity at work.

Anwarul Karim, Bangladesh



Bio Paragraph:

Prof. Dr. Md. Anwarul Karim has been working as professor of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology dept of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) since 2015. He is highly skilled and experienced in Paediatric Haematology and Oncology.

He passed MBBS from Dhaka Medical College under University of Dhaka in 1990. He took his Post Graduate fellowship - FCPS in Paediatrics from BCPS. He obtained MD degree in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology from BSMMU. Prof. Karim also received a training on "Flow Cytometry, other professional training on different aspect of child health and Hematological and Ontological case management in home and abroad.

Prof Karim has engaged himself for Post graduate medical teaching, research and management of hematological and oncological disorders in a tertiary care teaching hospital.

Prof. Karim has taken life membership from 5 professional organizations and is the leading founder member of Bangladesh Childhood Cancer Foundation and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Society of Bangladesh. He is also an active SIOP member since 2016. Has attended SIOP congresses since 2016 in Japan, Spain, Canada, USA.

He has published scientific articles in national and international journals and is always willing to share his knowledge and experiences with the community by participating in national and international conference across countries. Now he is serving as treasurer of pediatric Hematology and Oncology Society of Bangladesh (PHOSB).

Lyvannak Sam, Cambodia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Lyvannak Sam is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap, Cambodia. He completed his general pediatric residency in 2019 and hematology-oncology training in 2023. His primary role involves diagnosing and treating suspected pediatric oncology patients, working under the mentorship of U.S.-based pediatric oncologists to ensure high-quality care in a resource-limited setting.

Beyond clinical practice, Dr. Sam is deeply involved in pediatric oncology research. He has served as a clinical research coordinator on studies focused on acute lymphoblastic leukemia and retinoblastoma, contributing to the advancement of evidence-based cancer care in Cambodia. His research and publications aim to bridge knowledge gaps and improve treatment protocols tailored to low-resource settings.

As a passionate advocate for pediatric oncology development in Cambodia, Dr. Sam is committed to enhancing collaboration among treatment centers, expanding access to specialized care, and strengthening international partnerships. His ultimate goal is to increase childhood cancer survival rates and improve the overall quality of life for pediatric cancer patients in Cambodia.

Xiaojun Xu, China



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Xiaojun Xu is a dedicated pediatric oncology professional with over 15 years of experience in the field. He holds a Doctoral Degree from Zhejiang University and currently is serving as the Director at the division of hematology/oncology, Children's Hospital of Zhejiang University School of Medicine. He has been actively involved in clinical care, research and education of pediatric hematology/oncology. Xiaojun Xu has contributed to numerous projects aimed at improving the survival rates and quality of life for children with cancer, including conducting the largest cohort clinical study on monitoring minimal residual disease (MRD) in pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) using next-generation sequencing (NGS) technology. The study highlighted the significant clinical value and limitations of applying NGS technology for MRD monitoring in ALL, playing a crucial role in the precise stratification of leukemia treatment, which was published in Nature Communications in 2023.

He is an active member of Chinese Children's Cancer Group (CCCCG) and has participated in various initiatives to promote collaboration and knowledge sharing among healthcare professionals. Dr. Xu is passionate about advancing pediatric oncology care and is committed to fostering stronger connections within the global pediatric oncology community.

Yizhuo Zhang, China



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Yizhuo Zhang is a professor, and the pediatric oncology chief of the Department of Pediatric Oncology at Sun Yat-Sen University (SYSU) Cancer center, Guangzhou, China. She specializes in the clinical diagnosis, the basic and translational research of pediatric solid tumor, lymphoma and leukemia. Dr. Zhang has led or participated in multiple clinical studies on precision diagnosis, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy for severe pediatric malignancies such as neuroblastoma and rhabdomyosarcoma. Besides, she has published over 90 research findings in journals including *Annals of Oncology*, *Cancer Research*, *Leukemia*, et al.

Currently, Dr. Zhang is the principal investigator (PI) in State Key Laboratory of Oncology in South China. She acts as Deputy Chair of several organizations: National Health Commission Pediatric Hematologic Diseases and Malignant Tumors Expert Committee; Translational Research Committee on Hematologic Diseases, China Anti-Cancer Association; Pediatric Oncology Committee, Chinese Research Hospital Association. Dr. Zhang also acts as the Chair-elect of Pediatric Oncology Committee, Guangdong Anti-Cancer Association; Pediatric Oncology Committee, Guangdong Precision Medicine Application Association and Medical Oncology Subcommittee for Solid Tumors, NHCPHDMTEC.

She is also a Standing Committee Member, Pediatric Oncology Committee, Chinese Anti-Cancer Association.

Zhibao Lv, China



Bio Paragraph:

Zhibao Lv, MD, PhD, is a pediatric surgical oncologist at Shanghai Children's Hospital and Vice President of the School of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. His career is dedicated to advancing pediatric oncology through clinical expertise, research, and international collaboration.

As Chair of the Pediatric Surgical Oncology Group in Chinese Medical Association and a core member of the Chinese Children's Cancer Group (CCCCG), Dr. Lv leads efforts to improve childhood cancer treatment in China. He specializes in minimally invasive and radical resection surgeries for neuroblastoma, hepatoblastoma, and other pediatric solid tumors. Their team has completed over 20 major research projects, including national and provincial-level grants on pediatric solid malignancies and gastrointestinal disorders.

Their team has published several high-impact journals, contributing to advancements in neuroblastoma, hepatoblastoma, and other solid tumors. The team members also actively participated in the SIOP Annual Meeting, presenting multiple research reports that have strengthened global collaboration.

Dr. Zhibao seeks to expand SIOP's presence in China, foster multidisciplinary collaboration, and bridge China's pediatric oncology research with the global community. His goal is to drive transformative progress in pediatric cancer care worldwide.

Dennis Ku, Hong Kong



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Dennis Tak-loi Ku is a Consultant Paediatric Haematologist and Oncologist at the Hong Kong Children's Hospital (HKCH), where he leads the Solid Tumour and NeuroOncology Team. After completing his medical degree at The University of Hong Kong, he pursued advanced neuro-oncology training at Toronto SickKids in 2014. His clinical focus includes paediatric solid tumours, CNS tumours, and personalised medicine. Dr. Ku actively participates in translational research, particularly in 3D spheroid models and in-vitro drug profiling, supported by the D. H. Chen Foundation Research Fellowship. He also leads multinational Phase II trials and compassionate drug programs introducing novel therapies for relapsed and refractory cases. A dedicated educator, Dr. Ku serves as an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor at both the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is a council member of the Hong Kong Paediatric Haematology and Oncology Study Group (HKPHOSG) and founding Board member of subspecialty Paediatric Haematology & Oncology (PHO). He has active oversea collaboration and member of several international oncology societies. Beyond medicine, Dr. Ku advocates for psychosocial care, integrating music therapy into palliative care for children and families.

Manas Kalra, India



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Manas Kalra is a Pediatric Hematologist, Oncologist and BMT Physician.

He is currently the Honorary Secretary of Pediatric Hematology Oncology chapter of Indian Academy of Pediatrics. He works at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi as a senior consultant. Dr. Kalra is an alumnus of KMC Mangalore, Manipal University.

He got his Fellowship of National Board in Pediatric Hematology Oncology from Ganga Ram Hospital. Then he went to Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney to do a 3-year fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and BMT.

Dr. Kalra has been working in a consultant role since 2010. He has more than 45 PubMed-indexed publications. He has been lucky to mentor more than 30 students in the field of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology. Dr. Kalra believes in working for cost-effective strategies to improve outcomes of childhood cancer. He is a firm believer in success through teamwork.

Pritam Singha Roy, India



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Pritam Singha Roy is a young pediatric oncologist working as a junior consultant at Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, India, a non-profit tertiary cancer institute.

The institute caters to a large population in Eastern India and the surrounding countries, such as Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

His areas of interest include pediatric hematolymphoid malignancies and supportive care in oncology.

Dr Roy pursued postgraduate and postdoctoral training in pediatrics and pediatric oncology at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, a premier teaching institute in India. Now, he is dedicated to his new role as the SIOP Asia Country Ambassador for India.

Vinay Munikoty Venkatesh, India



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Venkatesh pursued his Pediatric and Pediatric Oncology training from AIIMS, New Delhi and further obtained dedicated fellowship (DM, 3 years) from PGIMER, Chandigarh. During his training, he has been exposed to a wide spectrum of hemato-lymphoid malignancies, solid tumors and benign hematology. The hospital sees over 800 new oncology each year.

At St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore, Dr. Venkatesh was appointed as a consultant in August 2018. He has continued to put his oncology training into clinical practice and has participated in National and International conferences. Dr. Vinay was also the centre's PI for HLH multicentric study (InPOG – Indian Pediatric Oncology Group).

Dr. Vinay obtained advanced training fellowship from Bristol Royal Children Hospital, RCPCH, UK. He furthered his oncology and BMT training, worked as a senior clinical fellow and associate specialist and was involved in national MDTs, clinical audits and research.

He moved on to Kasturba Medical College, Manipal after he returned from UK. Dr. Venkatesh worked in Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and was instrumental in development of Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit.

His stint at Manipal Hospitals, Bangalore has been over 2 years now and currently, Dr. Venkatesh is the Head of the Division of PHO and BMT.

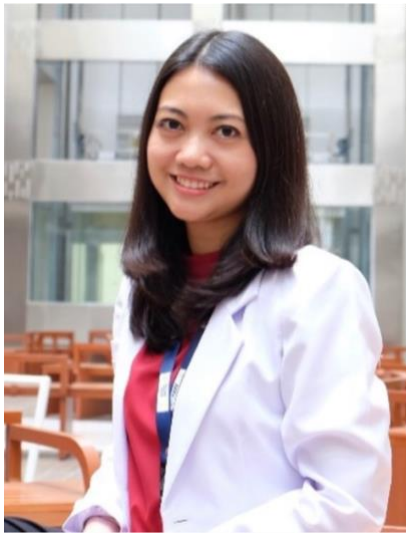
Eddy Supriyadi, Indonesia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Eddy Supriyadi is a Pediatric hemato-oncologist at DR. Sardjito General Hospital, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Working for 20 years, he gained a lot of experience managing various childhood hematology and oncology cases. In the center they have 200-250 new patients per year. Dr. Supriyadi has been the head of this division for two years, from 2013-2015. He graduated as pediatric oncologist at 2012 from Indonesian Pediatric College, and got his PhD at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in October 2012. Dr. Supriyadi was elected President of the Indonesia Pediatric Hematology Oncology Working Group, in September 2024. As President, he would champion the development of robust training programs for healthcare practitioners across Indonesia, focusing on up-to-date, evidence-based pediatric oncology care. He has attended various scientific meetings at national and international levels—the annual St. Jude-Viva meeting in Singapore since 2007 and the SIOP international meetings. His first SIOP meeting was in 2000 in Amsterdam, and the last SIOP meeting he attended was in Hawaii (2024). In SIOP Asia Bangkok, a regional SIOP meeting for Asia, he was awarded as one of the best research/presenters. It was in May 2017. Dr. Supriyadi was very honored to have that nomination. In the SIOP Washington, October 2017, he presented his research on childhood AML during ‘*the best of the continent*’ session, which he also presented in SIOP Asia.

Ludi Dhyani Rahmartani, Indonesia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Ludi Dhyani Rahmartani is a dedicated pediatric hematology-oncology consultant and faculty member at Universitas Indonesia. She provides care for children with cancer and blood disorders at Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital (RSCM), Indonesia's national referral center, and Universitas Indonesia Hospital (RSUI), a university-based teaching hospital. Both institutions serve as key training centers for medical students, residents, and fellows. She also serves as Secretary of the Hematology-Oncology Working Group of the Indonesian Pediatric Society, advocating for better pediatric cancer care nationwide.

She earned her medical degree and completed her pediatric residency at Universitas Indonesia in 2015 before specializing in pediatric hematology-oncology in 2021. She has pursued international training and observership at leading institutions, including the University College London Hospital, UK (2018); Ramathibodi Hospital, Thailand (2023); and the National University Hospital, Singapore (2024). In November 2024, she graduated from the Virtual Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Fellowship at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Passionate about improving childhood cancer care in Indonesia, Dr. Rahmartani actively collaborates with the Ministry of Health on national programs and builds global partnerships to enhance treatment access. She envisions a future where every child, regardless of their background, receives the best possible care and a fighting chance at life.

Nur Melani Sari, Indonesia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Nur Melani Sari is a dedicated pediatric oncologist with extensive experience in clinical care, research, and advocacy within the field of childhood cancer in Indonesia.

Committed to enhancing the survival and quality of life for children diagnosed with cancer, Dr. Nur Melani Sari actively contributes to national policy development, multidisciplinary care models, and international collaborations. As a core member of national pediatric cancer strategy initiatives, Dr. Sari has played a pivotal role in establishing evidence-based clinical guidelines and implementing robust pediatric cancer control programs across Indonesia.

Passionate about education and capacity building she has led numerous workshops, training sessions, and awareness campaigns aimed at empowering healthcare providers and improving early diagnosis and referral pathways. Through ongoing involvement with international networks and partnerships, including collaborations with prominent institutions such as Princess Máxima Center and St. Jude Global, Dr. Nur Melani Sari continuously strives to bridge the gap in pediatric oncology care between high-resource and low- to middle-income settings. As a SIOP Asia Ambassador, Dr. Nur Melani Sari aspires to expand this commitment, facilitating meaningful exchanges, fostering regional collaboration, and advocating for pediatric cancer care as a global health priority.

Hadi Mousakhani, Iran



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Hadi Mousakhani earned his medical degree in 2001 from Tabriz University of Medical Sciences. He went on to complete his pediatric residency at the same institution, earning a master's degree in 2008 in Pediatrics. Later, he specialized in Pediatric hematology/oncology in Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences from 2010-2013. He was an Associate Professor in the Medical University of Ilam from 2009-2011, and in Qazvin/Coleges and Universities from 2013-2019. Currently, he is a Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist in MAHAK Highly Specialized Pediatric Cancer Hospital and Research Center in Tehran, Iran. From 2022 he is acting as the Head of Oncology Group in the MAHAK Center. He is a member of several professional societies: POEM Group, Ariaguide, SIOP, Iranian Scientific Association of Blood Clots and Coagulation and Iranian Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Society. Now, Dr. Hadi is eager to apply for the position of Iranian Ambassador to encourage the Iranian team to join SIOP and collaborate on initiatives for SIOP members in Iran. His passion, commitment, and active involvement in advancing pediatric oncology make him a valuable candidate for this role.

Mazin Al-Jadiry, Iraq



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Mazin Faisal Al-Jadiry is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Baghdad and a Consultant Pediatric Hemato-Oncologist at the Children Welfare Teaching Hospital, where he has served since 1999.

He holds dual board certifications from the Iraqi and Arab Boards in Pediatrics and completed his Pediatric Hematology-Oncology fellowship in 2006.

With over two decades of clinical and academic experience, Dr. Al-Jadiry leads pediatric oncology services managing over 380 new cases annually, while actively teaching and supervising undergraduate, postgraduate, and fellowship training programs.

He is a founding member of Iraq's telemedicine collaborations with Sapienza University (Italy) enhancing international pediatric oncology care.

His contributions include multiple peer-reviewed publications in pediatric hematology-oncology and participation in over 90 national and international conferences, including SIOP and POEM. Dr. Al-Jadiry currently serves as the Head of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Baghdad.

Akihiro Yoneda, Japan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Akihiro Yoneda, M.D., Ph.D., is a pediatric surgical oncologist currently serving as Deputy Director of the Children's Cancer Center and Surgeon-in-Chief of the Division of Surgery/Surgical Oncology at the National Center for Child Health and Development, Japan. He also holds a concurrent position as Surgeon-in-Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgical Oncology at the National Cancer Center Hospital, Tokyo. After earning his M.D. from Gifu University in 1986 and a Ph.D. from Osaka University in 1990, he pursued research as a Senior Research Fellow at the Children's Research Centre, Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Dublin, from 1999 to 2001. Dr. Yoneda actively contributes to national and international organizations, serving as President of the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and holding leadership roles in Japan Children's Cancer Group. He is a member of SIOP, IPSO, and EUPSA, among other prestigious associations, reflecting his commitment to advancing pediatric oncology research and practice.

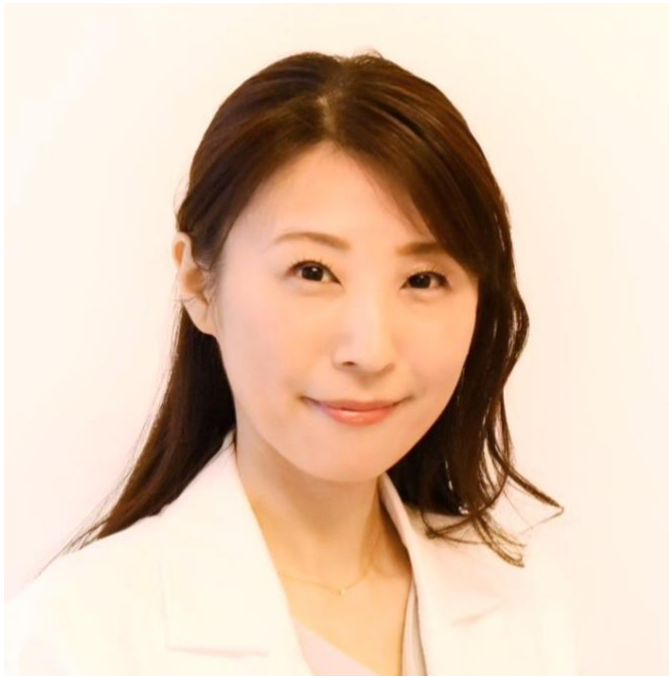
Atsushi Manabe, Japan



Bio Paragraph:

Professor Atsushi Manabe was born in Japan and graduated from Hokkaido University with MD in 1985. After training in pediatrics at St. Luke's International Hospital (SLH) in Tokyo, Dr. Manabe went to Catholic University of Rome as a visiting fellow and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis as a post-doctoral fellow to study leukemia biology with Dario Campana. After returning to Japan, Dr. Manabe has been involved in clinical trials leukemia and myelodysplastic syndrome at SLH, Institute of Medical Science at University of Tokyo, and finally, he was appointed Chairperson of Pediatrics at Hokkaido University in 2019. Currently, Dr. Manabe is the group chair of JCCG, which is a nationwide study group for childhood leukemia and solid tumors in Japan. Dr. Manabe is also active abroad and is a member of important academic societies such as SIOP and ASH. He was an editor of Pediatric Blood Cancer for 6 years.

Nao Yoshida, Japan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Nao Yoshida, M.D., Ph.D., is a pediatric hematologist and oncologist specializing in hematopoietic cell transplantation. She currently serves as the Director of the Department of Hematology and Oncology at the Children's Medical Center, Japanese Red Cross Aichi Medical Center Nagoya First Hospital. After earning her M.D. from Nagoya University School of Medicine in 2000 and her Ph.D. in 2009, she furthered her expertise at the Children's Hospital of Freiburg University in 2015, where she visited transplantation centers across Europe, fostering international collaboration and exchange. Since 2022, she has served as Chair of the International Committee of the Japanese Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (JPSHO), actively promoting international cooperation and research in pediatric hematology and oncology. Dr. Yoshida is deeply involved in clinical trials for pediatric leukemia and myelodysplastic syndromes, striving to advance treatment strategies and improve outcomes for children with life-threatening hematologic disorders.

Iyad Sultan, Jordan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Iyad Sultan serves as the Head of the Artificial Intelligence and Data Innovation Office at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC), where he is also the Chief Data Officer. With a background in pediatric oncology and a passion for harnessing data to improve healthcare outcomes, Dr. Sultan's focus is on integrating artificial intelligence (AI) solutions into cancer care, particularly for pediatric patients. His work centers on transforming health data into actionable insights to enhance clinical decision-making, optimize patient outcomes, and drive innovative treatment approaches.

Assel Suleimenova, Kazakhstan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Assel Suleimenova is a pediatric hematologic oncologist from Astana, Kazakhstan, with more than 10 years of clinical experience in pediatric oncology.

She works at the University Medical Center Corporate Foundation in the department of solid tumor programs, including central nervous system tumors.

Dr. Suleimenova has received advanced clinical and research training in Lithuania, Israel and USA, and is actively involved in the development and implementation of national clinical protocols for pediatric cancer in Kazakhstan.

Her international collaborations with institutions such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital support her vision of integrating global innovations into local practice.

As SIOP Asia Country Ambassador, she aims to improve visibility and engagement with SIOP in Kazakhstan, build a stronger network across Central Asia, support young professionals and strengthen joint clinical and research initiatives in pediatric oncology.

Peter Noun, Lebanon



Bio Paragraph:

Peter Noun, MD FRCP, pediatric hematologist-oncologist with over 25 years of experience in clinical practice, academia, and leadership. I currently serve as an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Saint George University and as the Chairman of the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Unit at Saint George Hospital University Medical Center in Beirut, Lebanon. I co-founded the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Program at Lebanese University and have played a key role in advancing the field in Lebanon. Member of the National Cancer Plan with the Ministry of Public Health. I completed my medical education at the Lebanese University and specialized in pediatric hematology and oncology in France. Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to education, teaching at institutions like USEK, University of Balamand, SGUB and Lebanese University. I am a member of several prestigious international medical societies (SIOP) Former President of the Lebanese Society of Hematology and the Pediatric Oncology Club. Co-Founder of Kids First Association. Over the years, I have been honored with numerous awards, including the Alwaleed Bin Talal Humanitarian Foundation Award and a Fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians in London. My commitment to advancing pediatric hematology and oncology, drives my desire to serve as an ambassador for my country at SIOP.

Krishna Sagar Sharma, Nepal



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Krishna Sagar Sharma, MD, is a Senior Consultant Pediatric Oncologist and Head of the Pediatric Oncology Unit at B.P. Koirala Memorial Cancer Hospital (BPKMCH), Nepal. With over two decades of experience, he specializes in pediatric hematology, oncology, bone marrow transplantation (BMT), and palliative care. He is also a Fellow in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and BMT and a Fellow in Global Leadership in Pediatric Palliative Care (TWCC). He serves as a Primary Delegate to St. Jude Global Alliance and Coordinator of the Pediatric Oncology Fellowship Program at BPKMCH. Beyond his hospital roles, he actively contributes to global and national pediatric oncology initiatives, including GICC, GPACCM, and Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population. He is the Founder Chairperson of the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Chapter of Nepal (PHO-NEPAS) and Founder President of the Children's Cancer Foundation Nepal (CCFN). His leadership extends to policy-making, research, and education, with over 17 research publications and participation in 38+ international conferences.

Ritu Lamichhane, Nepal



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Ritu Lamichhane is a Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist committed to ensuring equitable access to high-quality cancer care for children across Nepal, irrespective of geographic or socioeconomic barriers. With over 14 years of clinical experience in pediatrics, she specializes in managing complex pediatric malignancies and blood disorders, with a focus on evidence-based practices, multidisciplinary collaboration, and early diagnosis. Currently serving as the Unit Head of the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Unit at Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital, a national cancer center under the Government of Nepal. She strives to deliver the best possible care in resource-limited settings by strengthening early detection systems, optimizing referral pathways, and implementing comprehensive treatment strategies, with particular emphasis on supportive care.

Alia Ahmad, Pakistan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Alia Ahmad MBBS DCH MRCPCH (UK), FRCPCH (UK) MS-Global Child Health (USA), working as a Professor of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Child Health Sciences, Children's Hospital Lahore, Pakistan since 2011. She was the General Secretary Pakistan Society of Pediatric Oncology PSPO from 2018 to 2024. She is the Chairperson of the Punjab Cancer Registry (Population-based cancer registry). She has a great passion for the improvement of childhood cancer care in Pakistan through training the health workforce, capacity-building, and promoting community and health professional awareness and health literacy regarding childhood cancer. She has been the Team Lead for the NCCP-iCAYA series of workshops (2023& 2024) organized by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the National Cancer Institute. She actively participated in the National Stakeholder Workshop organized by WHO Pakistan, PSPO, St. Jude Global, and WHO EMRO in September 2023. She is passionate about improving childhood cancer survival in the country by taking part in activities to improve capacity-building, training, and research using the GICC-CURE All Framework. She is the Site Director for SJCARES Hospital-based Pediatric Cancer registry at Children's Hospital Lahore and Team Lead for Quality Improvement Projects of St. Jude Global Academy and IHI.

Farrah Bashir, Pakistan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Farrah Bashir is a Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons (FCPS) in Pediatrics, completed in 2016, with additional specialization in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology from Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Rawalpindi. Further subspecialty training in Pediatric Neuro-Oncology was completed at Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH), focusing on the management of brain and spinal cord tumors in children. Currently serving as a Senior Instructor in Pediatric Oncology at AKUH, Dr. Bashir is actively engaged in clinical care, research, and teaching, contributing to the advancement of pediatric cancer treatment and medical education in Pakistan.

Ishfaq Ahmad, Pakistan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad, MBBS, FCPS Paediatrics (Pakistan), FCPS Paediatric Haematology/Oncology (Pakistan), is an Associate Consultant in Paediatric Haematology and Oncology at Shifa International Hospitals Limited, Islamabad, since March 2024. He is a member of the Pakistan Society of Pediatric Oncology (PSPO) and Pediatric Oncology East and Mediterranean (POEM) since 2023. Dr. Ahmad is committed to improving childhood cancer care in Pakistan through health workforce training, capacity-building, and raising awareness among healthcare professionals and communities. He has contributed to the 2024 NCCP-iCAYA workshop series organized by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the National Cancer Institute, and actively participated in the National Stakeholder Workshop led by WHO Pakistan, PSPO, and St. Jude Global. With a strong interest in research, Dr. Ahmad regularly presents at national and international forums, including the Pakistan Pediatric Association and WHO Pakistan, aiming to improve treatment compliance and survival outcomes for children with cancer and blood disorders.

Khadra Salami, Palestine



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Khadra H. Salami is a Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Specialist at Augusta Victoria Hospital, where she has been providing care since 2015. Her clinical focus includes the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of children up to 18 years of age with benign and malignant hematologic and oncologic conditions. She completed a Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman, Jordan (2011–2014), followed by intensive postdoctoral training in Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation at the same institution (2014–2015). Her pediatric residency was completed at Al-Makassed Charitable Islamic Hospital in Jerusalem (2005–2009). Dr. Salami earned her medical degree from Al Quds University in Jerusalem, graduating as a general physician in 2004.

Pamela Fajardo, Philippines



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Pamela D. Fajardo is a Medical Specialist II in the Division of Hematology-Oncology, Department of Pediatrics at the University of the Philippines–Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH). She has been a consultant at UP-PGH since 2010 and serves as an Associate Professor at the UP College of Medicine. Dr. Fajardo earned her Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from the University of Santo Tomas. She pursued a Master's in Epidemiology (Public Health) at the University of the Philippines Manila. Her post-residency training in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology was completed at UP-PGH, and she participated in the American Society of Hematology's Visitors Training Program at Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Fajardo is a Fellow of the Philippine Society of Pediatric Oncology and the Philippine Society of Pediatric Hematology. Her clinical expertise and academic involvement continue to advance pediatric cancer care and research in the Philippines.

Rania Reeda Bahjin, Philippines



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Rania Reeda I. Bahjin is a pediatric hematologist and oncologist based in Zamboanga City, Philippines. She holds a BS in Biology from the University of the Philippines, Diliman, and earned her medical degree from San Beda College. She completed her pediatric residency at the University of the Philippines – Philippine General Hospital, followed by fellowship training in pediatric hematology and oncology at the Philippine Children's Medical Center. Dr. Bahjin currently serves as an active consultant in the pediatric residency program at Zamboanga City Medical Center, where she is dedicated to training and mentoring future pediatricians in the region.

Trixy Chu, Philippines



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Trixy G. Chu is a pediatric hematologist and oncologist who completed her residency in General Pediatrics at the University of Santo Tomas Hospital and is a Fellow of the Philippine Pediatric Society. She pursued further specialization in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at the Philippine Children's Medical Center, becoming a Diplomate of the Philippine Society of Pediatric Hematology in 2018 and a Fellow in 2023. She also became a Fellow of the Philippine Society of Pediatric Oncology in 2018. Guided by the Thomasian values of truth, reason, and faith, Dr. Chu upholds competency, compassion, and commitment in her medical practice. She is deeply dedicated to ensuring equitable access to care for children with cancer, believing that every child deserves a chance at cure, regardless of socioeconomic barriers.

Garik Sagoyan, Russia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Garik B. Sagoyan is a pediatric oncologist at the N.N. Blokhin National Medical Research Center of Oncology in Moscow, Russia. He completed his medical degree at Kuban State Medical University and his residency in pediatric oncology at the Dmitry Rogachev National Medical Research Center. He also holds a degree in Economics, graduating cum laude from the Southern Institute of Management. Dr. Sagoyan plays an active role in advancing pediatric oncology education and practice. He serves as Secretary of the Russian Society of Pediatric Oncologists and Hematologists and its affiliated journal. He has organized key initiatives such as the Virtual School on Kidney and Rare Tumors in Children and the Eurasian School of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology. A member of SIOP and SIOP-RTSG, he has completed training in palliative care, GCP, and quality improvement. In 2023, he was awarded the Young Oncologist Scholarship by SIOP Asia in Yerevan.

In 2025 Dr. Sagoyan was honored with the Yvonne Award in the Pediatric Oncology category.

Ilya Kazantsev, Russia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Ilya Kazantsev is the Head of the Pediatric Solid Tumors Department at the R.M. Gorbacheva Research Institute, Pavlov University in Saint Petersburg, Russia. He received his medical degree from the Saint-Petersburg State Pediatric Medical Academy in 2005 and completed his pediatric oncology residency at the Research Institute for Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Immunology in Moscow. Dr. Kazantsev further specialized in pediatric oncology and hematology through advanced training programs at the N.N. Blokhin Research Institute, Pavlov University, and international institutions including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (USA) and Hamburg University (Germany). Since 2008, he has been actively involved in clinical care, education, and research at Pavlov University, serving as a pediatric oncologist and teaching fellow before assuming his current leadership role in 2022. He is an associate professor and a member of key professional organizations such as the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP), the Russian Society of Pediatric Oncologists and Hematologists, and the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT). Dr. Kazantsev is a principal investigator in multicenter clinical trials and plays a leading role in organizing national and international educational events on pediatric oncology and stem cell transplantation. His research has been published in international journals including *Bone Marrow Transplantation*, *Clinical Transplantation*, and *Pediatric Hematology and Oncology*. In recognition of his contributions, he was awarded the title of Best Pediatric Oncologist of the Year in 2023 by the National Cancer Patients Association in Moscow. Dr. Kazantsev holds a PhD in medicine for his work on therapies for relapsed and refractory neuroblastoma.

Nikolay Grachev, Russia



Bio Paragraph:

Professor Nikolay S. Grachev, Dr. Med. Sci., is the Director General of the Dmitry Rogachev National Medical Research Center of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Immunology under the Ministry of Healthcare of the Russian Federation. A distinguished pediatric head and neck surgeon, his areas of expertise include transnasal skull base surgery, microsurgical reconstruction of the pediatric maxillofacial region, and nerve-sparing procedures for salivary and thyroid gland tumors. With over 4,000 surgeries performed as a primary surgeon, Professor Grachev has pioneered advanced surgical techniques such as pediatric transnasal endoscopic skull base surgery, 3D modeling and prototyping of jaw prostheses, and microsurgical reconstruction of complex maxillofacial anomalies. His leadership has shaped the next generation of medical professionals, with several of his colleagues advancing to departmental leadership and multiple doctoral theses defended under his supervision.

Rawan Hammad, Saudi Arabia



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Rawan Hammad, MD, FRCPC is a Consultant Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist and Assistant Professor at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

She completed her pediatric residency at McGill University and her pediatric hematology-oncology and cancer genetics fellowships at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Hammad is board-certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American Board of Pediatrics.

Her clinical and academic interests include pediatric neuro-oncology, hereditary cancer syndromes, and molecular diagnostics in low-resource settings.

She has authored several peer-reviewed publications and contributes to clinical and academic teaching.

Ghada Sousan, Syria



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Ghada Sousan is a dedicated pediatric oncologist with extensive experience in delivering comprehensive, patient-centered care to children with cancer. She currently practices at the Basma Specialized Unit for Pediatric Cancer Treatment in Damascus, Syria, where she is committed to improving patient outcomes through evidence-based protocols and compassionate, holistic care. Dr. Sousan has a strong record of leading multidisciplinary teams and advancing pediatric oncology services in resource-constrained settings. As the former Medical Director at the Al-Esar Charity Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Care and Head of the Pediatric Oncology Department at Al-Biruni University Hospital, she spearheaded initiatives to enhance both clinical care and psychosocial support for young patients and their families. Her clinical expertise is supported by advanced training and fellowships in pediatric oncology and hematology, as well as an active engagement in research. Notably, her recent study examining the impact of COVID-19 on pediatric oncology care in the Middle East highlights her ongoing commitment to addressing systemic challenges and improving regional healthcare resilience.

Oumaya Fawaz, Syria



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Oumaya Fawaz is a senior consultant in pediatric oncology and hematology based in Damascus, Syria. With over two decades of clinical experience, she currently practices at Albairouni University Hospital for Cancer and her private clinic. She played a pivotal role in establishing the Basma Childhood Cancer Department at Albairouni and served as its head from 2008 to 2011. Dr. Fawaz trained extensively in France at leading institutions including Gustave Roussy and the Curie Institute, and holds multiple diplomas in pediatric oncology, immuno-hematology, and medical oncology from top French universities. Her work emphasizes both high-quality clinical care and academic excellence, with research published in journals such as *European Journal of Cancer* and *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. She is an active member of numerous national and international societies including SIOP, IPOS, POEM, and ICCAW, where she contributes as a panel and examining committee member. Dr. Fawaz is recognized for her leadership, strategic thinking, and dedication to improving childhood cancer care in the MENA region, even under the challenges of conflict.

Ching-Tien Peng, Taiwan



Bio Paragraph:

Professor Ching-Tien Peng is a leading pediatric oncologist and Professor at China Medical University (CMU), serving as Chief of the Rare Diseases Centre at CMU Children Hospital in Taiwan. He is also a Board Member of the Childhood Cancer Foundation of Taiwan, with over 30 years of experience in pediatric cancers, hematologic malignancies, and rare childhood diseases. Prof. Peng has authored over 200 peer-reviewed publications, with a focus on molecular profiling and targeted therapies for pediatric solid tumors and blood cancers. His work in genomic characterization has contributed to the development of precision medicine approaches for high-risk and relapsed cancers in children. He is actively involved in clinical trials of novel therapies, including immunotherapy and emerging chemotherapeutic agents. As President of the Taiwan Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis and a member of various international hematology-oncology societies, he is committed to improving cancer care across the Asia-Pacific region. Prof. Peng continues to lead efforts in international collaboration, research advancement, and pediatric cancer care, helping shape the future of the field.

Dong-Tsamnn Lin, Taiwan



Bio Paragraph:

My name is Dong-Tsamnn, Lin. I am the board chairman of the Childhood Cancer Foundation, R.O.C.(CCF) I graduated from the College of Medicine, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan in 1974. I completed residency training and visiting staff at the National Taiwan University Hospital. I retired and became an adjunct professor at the same university in 2015. I was president of the Hematology Society of Taiwan and the Taiwan Society of Blood Transfusion from 2014-2018. In addition to the administrative work of CCF, I have been conducting research on the aspects of the sub-organization, Taiwan Pediatric Oncology Group(TPOG), for a long time which designed nationwide treatment protocols for common childhood cancers. I received an award from Taiwan Medical Association as a model of the physician in 2019. I'm interested in blood transfusion also. I am the editor of the Precision Transfusion Handbook which has provided guidance for young doctors in Taiwan. The book won "The Best Book Award" in 2023.

Mokhira Umarova, Tajikistan



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Mokhira Umarova has been a senior pediatric oncologist since 1998 and Head of the Pediatric Oncology Department at the Republican Cancer Research Center in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, since 2011 up to now. As Chief Specialist in Pediatric Oncology at the Ministry of Health, she has significantly contributed to the development of national treatment protocols and policy initiatives. She holds an MD in Pediatrics from Tajik State Medical University and has undergone extensive advanced training, including at the N.N. Blokhin National Medical Research Center in Moscow. Dr. Umarova is a prolific academic, with over 100 publications in international journals, and regularly presents at global conferences. Fluent in Tajik, Russian, and English, she actively promotes international collaboration in pediatric cancer care.

Chalinee Monsereenusorn, Thailand



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Chalinee Monsereenusorn is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatric Oncology Faculty Member at Phramongkutklao Hospital and College of Medicine in Bangkok, Thailand. She leads the Pediatric Solid Tumor Program. As Assistant Dean of Corporate Communications and Public Relations, she mentors students and research staff in clinical and translational research. She collaborates with national and international organizations, including Thai Pediatric Oncology Group (ThaiPOG), the Thai Society of Hematology (TSH), Asian Childhood Cancer Alliance (ACCA), and St. Jude Global, and has led the Osteosarcoma Working Group in Southeast Asia since 2017. She also contributes to global studies such as the Pediatric Oncology Facility Integrated Local Evaluation (ProFILE), Adapted Resource and Implementation Application (ARIA), and the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) studies. Dr. Chalinee completed a postdoctoral research fellowship in pediatric oncology at Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Harvard Medical School, focusing on multidisciplinary care, pediatric solid tumors, and global pediatric oncology.

Djamila Polatova, Uzbekistan



Bio Paragraph:

Professor Jamilya Shagayratovna Polatova is a leading expert in pediatric oncology and hematology in Uzbekistan, with over 25 years of experience. She combines clinical practice, research, and teaching, and is committed to improving cancer care for children. In 2005, she defended her PhD on limb-sparing surgeries for long bone tumors, and in 2016, her doctoral dissertation on molecular and genetic markers in osteogenic sarcoma. She trained at top oncology centers in Europe and North America, enhancing her expertise in molecular diagnostics and surgical oncology. Professor Polatova has authored over 200 scientific papers and co-authored textbooks in oncology and radiology. She currently leads the Scientific-Practical Medical Center for Pediatric Oncology, Hematology, and Immunology, where she oversees the treatment of complex pediatric cancers. She promotes multidisciplinary care and modern treatment protocols aligned with international standards. As head of the Oncology and Medical Radiology Department at the Tashkent State Dental Institute, she develops training programs and mentors young doctors and researchers. Professor Polatova also serves as Secretary General of the Association of Oncologists of Uzbekistan and is a member of several international advisory boards. She actively participates in global conferences and joint research with institutions across Europe and Asia. Her key contributions include advancing sarcoma diagnostics and treatment, introducing personalized approaches based on genetic markers, and playing a central role in reforming pediatric oncology care in Uzbekistan.

Hoa Thi Kim Nguyen, Vietnam



Bio Paragraph:

Dr. Kim Hoa earned her medical degree in 2002 from Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. She went on to complete her pediatric residency at the same institution, earning a master's degree in 2006. in Pediatrics. Currently, she is a first-year student in the Master of Global Child Health program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, while continuing her work at Hue Central Hospital in Vietnam. She has received specialized training in the United States, Japan, Singapore, India, and other hospitals in Vietnam, further honing her expertise in advanced treatment methods. Notably, she initiated a hematopoietic cell transplant program at Hue Central Hospital to treat solid tumors and thalassemia. Dr. Hoa is a board member of the Vietnamese Pediatric Oncology Association and is deeply committed to strengthening the multidisciplinary approach to advancing cancer care and cures for children, both in Vietnam and globally. Her dedication to improving pediatric oncology is reflected in her ongoing efforts to engage the community and promote collaboration. Now, Dr. Hoa is eager to apply for the position of Vietnamese Ambassador to encourage the Vietnamese team to join SIOP and collaborate on initiatives for SIOP members in Vietnam. Her passion, commitment, and active involvement in advancing pediatric oncology make her a valuable candidate for this role.