

# NUS-Priority Research In Medical Education

## Medical Student's Reflections: Silent Mentors Teach Students Soft Skills as Well as Human Anatomy



Human cadaveric dissection is an essential component of medical education. At the National University of Singapore, cadavers are referred to as 'Silent Mentors' as an ode to their magnanimity and their revered position in guiding the study of human anatomy. Such dissection programs have the ability to instil characteristics of compassion, empathy and accountability in future medical professionals as well as aiding the development of their professional identity.

This presentation will discuss how analysis of reflections written by participants, highlighted recurring themes that represent the importance of this program in motivating the development of 'soft skills' amongst students.

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Sara Kashkouli is currently with the Department of Anatomy, NUS where she teaches undergraduate dental and medical students. Her main interests in medical education include pedagogic research that promotes effective and innovative teaching.

## A Call for an Advanced Practice Nurse-Specific Residency Programme for Pre-Masters Registered Nurses: A Nationwide Study on Registered Nurses' Perceptions Towards Advanced Practice Nursing



A nationwide cross-sectional survey was conducted in Singapore to collect registered nurses' (RNs) views towards advanced practice nursing and their interest to become advanced practice nurses (APNs). RNs from all public healthcare institutions were surveyed. RNs' positive perspectives toward the role of APNs do not translate into interests in the role. Nursing leaders were reported to have a low success rate in identifying RNs who were both suitable and interested in the APN role. This pioneering study in Asia suggests that an APN-specific residency programmes for pre-master RNs may be facilitative to retaining and recruiting RNs for the APN workforce.

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Prior to being a NUS Research Scholar, Brigitte Woo was a critical care nurse at the National University Hospital. At present, her research centres around the role, utilisation, and professional development of advanced practice nurses in Singapore. Thus far, she has conducted and published two nationwide cross-sectional studies and has ongoing collaborations with the office of MOH Chief Nursing Officer.

**Date** : 6 July 2020 (Monday)  
**Time** : 12.30pm - 1.30pm (30mins each)



*This session will be conducted via Zoom*

**Each Speaker:**  
**20mins pre-recorded presentation +**  
**10mins 'Live' Q&A**

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