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The Sri Lankan Sports Medicine Association (SLSMA) is a public, non-profitable, scientific organization of sports medicine in Sri Lanka following the statute of the International Federation of Sports Medicine and the principles of the International Olympic Committee. The SLSMA was established in 1992 with the purpose of creating and providing sports medicine facilities to persons involved in sports without discrimination of race, religion, cast, creed or sex.



The role of the SLSMA is to create and provide sports medicine facilities to persons involved in sports, organize and help national and international sports organizations, agencies, associations and federations in organizing sports medicine facilities, facilitate and provide a scientific forum for the coordination and communication of all the sports medicine disciplines, and educate people and mobilize public opinion regarding the prevention of injuries by arranging courses and imparting training for the prevention of injuries which come within the scope of sports medicine.

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## Affiliation

- General Practitioner, Sports & Exercise Medicine, Provincial General Hospital, Kurunegala
- Secretary, Sri Lanka Sports Medicine Association
- Ex-Co member, Asian Federation of Sports Medicine
- Consultant Rheumatologist and Sports Physician, Nawaloka Hospitals
- President, Sri Lanka Sports Medicine Association
- Lecturer, Department of Allied Health Science, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
- Sports Physician & General Practitioner, Sports Medicine Unit, Provincial General Hospital, Matara
- International Technical Official [ITO], Director Navy Medical Services, Navy headquarters
- Sports Physician, Sports & Exercise Medicine, Sports Medicine Unit, Teaching Hospital, Colombo South
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## 2021 Goals

- To increase the number of healthcare professionals who are assessing, prescribing and counseling patients in physical activity
- To conduct training courses in partnership with the GP college.
- To train an additional 200 health care workers in provinces throughout Sri Lanka
- To increase the number of clients attending health care institutions that meet the WHO Physical Activity guidelines.
- To increase the number of qualified exercise professionals available for the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases.
- To increase public awareness about the available capacity of healthcare systems and organizations to promote and provide leadership in physical activity promotion.
- To increase peer-reviewed scientific publications on physical activity and health by 10%
- To conduct a South Asia EIM meeting

## Accomplishments to Date

- Officially established the EIM Sri Lanka National Center in March 2018
- Attended EIM Professional Designation workshop at the EIM Singapore National Centre (Changi Hospital, Singapore, May 2018)
- Since 2018, conducted 7 training workshops that engaged >380 healthcare providers, as well as 2 training courses for exercise professionals (n=46)
- Worked with Ministry of Health to develop exercise prescription guidelines for individuals with eight different non-communicable diseases (2019)
- Assisted in the development of national physical activity guidelines for individuals with non-communicable diseases alongside the national Ministry of Health (2020)
- Developed guidelines for return to sports play during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020)
- Working with NCD department (Ministry of Health) to serve as a bridge between exercise trainers public health medical officers in training health care workers to promote physical activity (2020)
- Established exercise prescription as a part of sports medicine physician training programs

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