



PRE CONGRESS WORKSHOP

Masterclass in Developmental Paediatrics

26th July 2026 | 08:00 Hrs – 14:00 Hrs

Expected Audience: Paediatricians, General Practitioners, Family Physicians, Doctors, Allied Health professionals

Number of participants: 80

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 – 08:30 Hrs	Registration	
08:30 – 08:40 Hrs	Opening Remarks	
08:40 – 08:55 Hrs	Early Brain Development and Principles of Early Interventions	Prof. Samanmali Sumanasena Professor in Paediatric Disabilities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
08:55 – 09:10 Hrs	Early Identification of Cerebral Palsy	Dr. James Rice Consultant Rehabilitation Paediatrician, Australia
09:10 – 09:25 Hrs	Communicating with Caregivers	Prof. Habib Bhurawala Head of Paediatrics, University of Notre Dame, Australia
POP UP STATIONS		
09:25 – 09:55 Hrs	Station 1: Assessing Development in Clinical Setting and Advising Parents	Prof. Samanmali Sumanasena Dr. Jeewana Prasad Acting Consultant Community Paediatrician, TH Ratnapura
10:00 – 10:35 Hrs	Station 2: Assessing Social Development in Clinical Setting and Parent Support	Dr. Dilini Vipulaguna Consultant Community Paediatrician, Colombo North Teaching Hospital Ms. Sakuni Sewwandi Speech and Language Therapist
10:35 – 11:00 Hrs	Tea Break	
11:00 – 11:30 Hrs	Station 3: Advising Parents on Communication and Play	Dr. Piyumika Jayawickrama Acting Consultant Community Paediatrician, Colombo North Teaching Hospital Ms. Ayendree Seneviratne Speech and Language Therapist

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11:30 - 12:00 Hrs	Station 4: High Risk Infant Assessments and Communicating to Parents	Dr. James Rice Ms. Priyanwada Wijayasinghe Physiotherapist, Ayati National Centre
12:00 - 12:30 Hrs	Station 5: Addressing Behavioural Concerns in a Busy Clinic, and Advising Parents	Prof. Habib Bhurwala Dr. Pavithra Godamunne Developmental Psychologist, University of Kelaniya
12:30 - 13:00 Hrs	Station 6: Learning Assessment of a School Aged Child and Classroom Support	Dr. Thilini Lokubalasuriya Speech and Language Therapist, University of Kelaniya Dr Phirarthana Kamalanathan Acting Consultant Community Paediatrician, TH Batticaloa
13:00 - 13:30 Hrs	Station 7: Assessment of Sensory Impairment including Cerebral Visual Impairment and Principles of Early Interventions	Dr Gayan Sampath Consultant Community Paediatrician, TH Ratnapura Ms. Madhubhashi Perera Speech and Language Therapist, University of Kelaniya
13:30 - 13:50 Hrs	Quiz	
13:50 - 14:00 Hrs	Q and A session	
14:00 Hrs	Closure followed by lunch	



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