

WOMEN IN SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Date: 5 November 2012, Monday
Time: 10am – 12.30pm
Venue: University Cultural Centre (UCC) Theatre @ 50 Kent Ridge Crescent, National University of Singapore, Singapore 119279

Women in science and medicine are becoming increasingly concerned with how to strike a balance between work and family life. More and more clinicians and scientists are pondering whether medicine/science is too time-consuming, with both men and women feeling the pressure as they struggle to start their families while fulfilling their career ambitions. As a consequence, a career in this field for many is becoming less attractive.

Numerous concerns have been raised with regards to how this field grooms young leaders: the long career projection makes it difficult to attract and keep young talented clinicians and scientists. How can we strive for long-lasting passion in a career where the rewards and successes are discordant with the effort and time put into their realisation? How can we persevere through the seemingly common failures inherent with a profession in science? How may you want to support your female/male partner who is entering into or currently engaged in a medical or scientific career? What are the possible career paths for PhD holders? What is the future for medicine and science in Singapore and beyond?

Like many other young women and men, you may also find yourself at a crossroads in your career. Come and join us in a dialogue session with inspiring women in science and medicine. Listen to their success stories and learn how they faced and overcome the challenges of balancing their career with their life's pursuits.

PROGRAM

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| 10.00 am – 10.10 am | Opening Address by Guest-of-Honor
Mrs Josephine Teo
Minister of State for Finance and Transport, Singapore |
| 10.10 am – 10.25 am | Keynote Talk
Prof Elizabeth H. Blackburn
Morris Herzstein Professor in Biology and Physiology, University of California, San Francisco, USA
Recipient of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine |
| 10.25 am – 10.35 am | Prof Ivy Ng
Group Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Health Services (SingHealth)
Her World Magazine 'Woman of the Year 2012' |
| 10.35 am – 10.45 am | Prof Mary Ng Mah Lee
Acting Head, Department of Microbiology, NUS |
| 10.45 am – 10.55 am | A/Prof Marie-Veronique Clement
Deputy Head, Department of Biochemistry, NUS |
| 10.55 am – 11.05 am | Prof Saw Seang Mei
Professor, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, NUS
Vice-Dean (Research Preclinical), YLL School of Medicine, NUS |
| 11.05 am – 11.15 am | Prof Barbara Knowles
Research Director, Institute of Medical Biology, A*STAR |
| 11.15 am – 11.25 am | Prof Paola Castagnoli
Scientific Director, Singapore Immunology Network, A*STAR |
| 11.25 am – 11.50 am | Panel Discussion and Q&A |
| 11.50 am – 12.00 pm | Closing Address
Prof Jean-Paul Thiery
Head, Department of Biochemistry, NUS and Senior Principal Investigator, CSI Singapore, NUS |
| 12.00pm – 12.30pm | Reception (By invitation only) |