

Dr. VIJAYASARATHI RAMANATHAN

MBBS, MMed-STD/HIV, GDip-SexHlth, GCert-HighEd, PhD, FECSM, FHEA



QUALIFICATIONS

- **Graduate Certificate in Higher Education** [2018]
The University of Sydney, Australia
- **Doctorate in Philosophy** – [2008 - 2013]
The University of Sydney, Australia
- **Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences - Sexual Health** [2006-07]
The University of Sydney, Australia
- **Master's in medicine - STD/HIV** [2005-06]
The University of Sydney, Australia
- **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery** [1997-2003]
The TN Dr M.G.R. Medical University, India

FELLOWSHIPS

- **Fellow of the Higher Education Academy** [2018]
- **Fellow of the European Committee in Sexual Medicine** [2014]

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/TRAINING

- **Diploma in Counselling** – Australian Inst of Professional Counsellors [currently pursuing]
- **Letter of Attainment in Project Management** – The University of Sydney [2009]

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Lecturer in Sexual Health (Sexology)**
Westmead Clinical School,
Faculty of Medicine & Health, The University of Sydney (Jan 2017 – present)
- **Clinical Services Specialist/Educational Visitor**
NPS MedicineWise [www.nps.org.au] (June 2015 – present)
- **Programs Transition Coordinator**
Eastern Sydney Medicare Local, Sydney (Feb 2015 – Aug 2015)
- **Medical Director,**
Bloom Healthcare (July 2013 - Jan 2015)
- **Programs Coordinator (Multidisciplinary care & Targeted services)**
Inner West Sydney Medicare Local, Sydney, Australia (2012 – 2013)
- **Project Officer** – Quality Use of Medicines, Chronic Diseases, Sexual Health
Central Sydney GP Network (2007 – 2012)
Canterbury Division of GP (2006-2007)

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Sexuality & Sexual health

- **Ramanathan, V** & Redelman, M. (2020). Sexual dysfunctions and sex therapy: The role of a general practitioner. *Australian journal of general practice*. 49. 412-415. 10.31128/AJGP-02-20-5230.
- **Ramanathan, V.** (2014) Values, Behaviour and Identity: Acculturation of Indian immigrants in Australia. *J of International Migration and Integration*.
- **Ramanathan, V.** (2014) Safe Sex behavior of Indian immigrants in Australia. *Indian J of Public Health*.
- **Ramanathan, V.,** Sitharthan, G., Pepper, K., & Wylie, K. (2013). Masturbatory Behaviour and Feelings: An Exploratory Study of Indian Immigrant Men in Australia. *Intl. J of Sexual Health*
- **Ramanathan, V.,** Sitharthan, G., Pepper, K., & Wylie, K. (2012). Sexual health of Indian Immigrant Men in Australia: An exploratory research on help seeking attitudes. *Sexual Health. J of Sexual Health*.
- **Ramanathan, V.** (2009). Sexual health and GP professional development. *Australian Family Physician* 38(4): 185-185.
- **Ramanathan, V.,** Kang, M., Jeganathan, S., Jackson, E., Lagios, K., & Furner, V. (2008). Accessibility and acceptability of public sexual health clinics for adult clients in New South Wales, Australia. *Sexual Health*, 5(3), 305-306. doi: 10.1071/sh08026

Others

- Bhaskar, S., **Ramanathan, V.,** Hoksbergen, R. (2018). Psychological well-being of indian men and women undergoing fertility treatment for involuntary childlessness. *Journal of Health Psychology*, 12(2), 13-21.
- **Ramanathan, V.** & Maude, L. (2012). Quality Care Plans for Australian General Practitioners and Practice Nurses. *Australian Family Physician*

Book Chapters

- **Ramanathan, V.** (2019). Male Sexual Dysfunction. In Apoorva Pallam Reddy and Rajeev Agarwal (Eds.), *Decision Making in Infertility*, (pp. 258-261). India: Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers.
- **Ramanathan, V.** (2019). Unconsummated Marriage. In Apoorva Pallam Reddy and Rajeev Agarwal (Eds.), *Decision Making in Infertility*, (pp. 256-257). India: Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers.
- **Ramanathan, V.** (2016). Human Sexuality. In Robin Hill, Helen Hall and Paul Glew (Eds.), *Fundamentals of nursing and midwifery: a person-centred approach to care*, (pp. 519-557). Sydney: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- **Ramanathan, V.,** & Weerakoon, P. (2012). Sexuality in India: Ancient beliefs, present day problems and future approaches to management. In K. Hall & C. Graham (Eds.), *The Cultural Context of Sexual Pleasure and Problems: Psychotherapy with Diverse Clients* (First ed., pp. 172-196). New York: Routledge

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Sexuality Educator & Therapist (Australia)

Integrated Sexual Healthcare, Liverpool Medical Centre, Liverpool, Sydney
www.integratedsexualhealth.com

Medical Specialist in Sexual Medicine (India)

- Integrated Sexual Health, Bloom Hospital, Chennai, India [Sep 2018 –]
- Bloom Healthcare, Chennai, India [July 2013 – Jan 2015]
- SSS Centre for Sexual Health Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, India [2010 -2013]
- MediAngels (Virtual clinic) [2012-2014]
- All Experts & Ask Your Doctor Online (e-consultation) [2006-2011]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Westmead Clinical School, The University of Sydney (Feb 2015 –)

- Lecturer & Unit of Study Coordinator

Sri Ramachandra Deemed Medical University and Medical Centre, Chennai [2014]

- Visiting Lecturer for PG candidates in Reproductive Medicine, Psychiatry and Urology

IMA College of General Practitioners, Tamil Nadu [2013 - 2014]

- As a teaching faculty in Sexual Medicine certificate course, have trained close to 30 doctors.

Faculty of Health Sciences, the University of Sydney, Australia, [2007 – 2011]

- Honorary Associate Lecturer - Teach multi-disciplinary students at post-graduate level on sexual health including sexual dysfunction, sexuality and disability.

PROJECT/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (Selected)

- Transcultural Sexual Health & Sexual Health Literacy, WSLHD-USYD, 2020
- Clinical data audit – Hydro birthing outcomes in Bloom Hospital, 2020
- Sexual Health and General Practitioners in Western Sydney LHD [MD Project] 2019
- Psychological wellbeing of Indian men and women undergoing fertility treatment for involuntary childlessness
- Sexual Health of Indian Migrant Men Living in Australia (Doctoral research) – [2008-2013]
- Enhancing STI Testing Among Gay Men (co-researcher) - National Centre for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research in association with Sydney Sexual Health Clinic & Central Sydney GP Network (Australia) [2010-2013]
- Sexual Health of South Asian Migrant Men Living in Australia (Principal investigator). Funded by the Asia Pacific Society of Sexual Medicine [2010]
- Best Practice Management of Male Sexual Dysfunction in Australia: What do Men really want from their General Practitioner? (Co-researcher) Funded by the Eli Lilly [2009]
- Factors Needing Consensus for a Universal and Objective Definition for Premature Ejaculation (Principal investigator) [2007]
- Accessibility and Acceptability of Public Sexual Health Clinics for Adult Clients in NSW, Australia (Principal investigator) [2006]

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & INSTITUTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Speaker – Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction, Mar 2020
- Invited Speaker – Youth Wing, Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction, August 2019
- Invited Speaker – ICE conference, Bloom Hospitals, Sep 2018
- Invited speaker at IMA Thiruvanamalai on Fertility related sexual problems – 5 Oct 2014
- Sexual Medicine CME in recognition of World Sexual Health Day – 6 Sep 2014
- Invited speaker at OGSOS CME, Salem, on Male Sexual Dysfunction – 31 Aug 2014
- Invited speaker at TAPISAR CME, Chennai, on Erectile Dysfunction – 24 Aug 2014
- Indian Medical Association – South Chennai CME- September 2013
- 29th Indian National Sexology Conference, Hyderabad – August 2013
- MedAll – Behavioural Science Departmental presentation – August 2013
- Christian Medical College, Infectious Disease Unit, Vellore - November 2011
- Chettinad Health City – IVF Unit, November 2011
- 26th National Conference on Sexology, Chennai, India (invited speaker) [2010]
- ASSERT National Conference, Sydney, Australia (invited speaker) [2010]
- Gender and Masculinities in South-Asia workshop, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (invited speaker) [2010]
- Asia-Oceania Federation for Sexology, Bali, Indonesia: Cultural understanding in the management of sexual problems in cancer patients – [2010]. Proxy oral presenter – Dr Margaret Redelman
- 2nd World Congress of Sexual Health, Gothenburg, Sweden: Sexual Health of South Asian Migrant Men Living in Australia – [oral moderated poster]. [2009]
- 1st World Congress of Sexual Health, Sydney, Australia: Defining premature ejaculation - [panel discussion] & Factors needing consensus for a universal and objective definition of premature ejaculation - [podium].[2007]
- Australian Sexual Health Conference, Melbourne, Australia: Accessibility and Acceptability of Public Sexual Health Clinics for Adult Clients in NSW, Australia – [podium] [2006]

MEDIA PROFILE (Selected)

- Panelist & Advisor, the Pratisandhi Foundation (India) <http://www.pratisandhi.com/>
- Sexual health awareness through short videos – RedPix Channel (Ethnic specific) [2014]
- Periodic web-articles on www.Health.India.com (the most popular health website in India, 2012)
- Sexual health awareness program in SBS (Tamil), a leading multilingual radio telecast service in Australia. www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/tamil/
- Two magazines – multiple articles on male and female sexual health in Mathrubhumi Arogyamasika, a leading South Indian/ Malayalam.
- Two full-page articles on the Indian Link, a leading Australia-India media.

AWARD

Competitive Scholarship – International Society for Sexual Medicine (Sep 2013)

- Fellowship training in Sexual Medicine by the European Society for Sexual Medicine

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- European Society of Sexual Medicine
- Society for Australian Sexologists
- Australian Society for Sexuality Educators, Researchers and Therapists (NSW)
- International Academy of Sex Research
- Ex-Member – Youth Initiative Committee of World Association for Sexual Health
- Indian Medical Association
- Council for Sex Education and Parenthood International (India)
- Family Planning Association of India

POSITIONS HELD - CURRENT

- **Faculty Representative**, Academic Board, the University of Sydney
- **President**, Society for Australian Sexologists – NSW branch
- **Chair**, Sexual Medicine Special Interest Group, Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction

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