

Presidential Address

Building Resilience: Charting the Future of Sri Lanka's Healthcare



Fellow Members,

Our global health landscape is demanding, and we explore the resilience of our own systems. Sri Lanka boasts a remarkable healthcare history, weathering pandemics, civil war, and natural disasters.

Yet, dynamic times call for constant adaptation and innovation. As a nation, healthcare remains a pillar of success. We see disruptions in all critical areas of society. Medical administrators are crucial in sustaining these interconnected pillars. Resilience means being prepared, adaptable, and delivering high-quality care, consistently. Innovative service models, resource access, health equity, community engagement, a robust health workforce, and strong information systems are key. Sustainable financing and visionary leadership are the cornerstones.

Sri Lanka's healthcare has a rich history of resilience, but now we must shift focus from planning to ensuring readiness for the unforeseen. Collaboration, boundless thinking, and teamwork will elevate our profession and its impact. Challenges exist, but we must act now for the future. Let's unite under "One Country, One Health." Past successes shouldn't breed complacency; they should inspire us to think, act, and achieve differently.

The greatest threat is the belief that someone else will save us. As medical administrators, let's lead the way towards a brighter future for Sri Lanka's healthcare.

Sincerely,

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