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Current employment:

Senior Consultant Surgeon, Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Specialist in Thoracic Surgery, Singapore

Previous employment:

Deputy Director (Clinical), National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS)

Head & Senior Consultant, Division of Surgical Oncology

National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS)

Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, University Surgical Cluster

National University Hospital

Senior Consultant, Department of Cardiac, Thoracic & Vascular Surgery

National University Hospital

Education and Fellowships:

A/Prof Agasthian obtained his MBBS and Master of Medicine in Surgery from the National University of Singapore in 1984 and 1990 respectively. He was also admitted to the fellowship of FRCS from Royal College of Surgeons of Glasgow in 1989 and Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1990. Dr Agasthian brings with him a wealth of experience in the field of Thoracic Surgery. He has done General Thoracic Fellowship in the Division of General Thoracic Surgery at Mayo Clinic, USA, and in Thoracic Surgery and Lung Transplantation in Cleveland Clinic, USA. He has given numerous presentations to learned societies to share his experiences and knowledge and has done several publications, abstracts and book chapters. He is also an active member in several professional bodies. He is a Visiting Consultant to many restructured hospitals in Singapore and was a Clinical Lecturer in National University of Singapore. Before joining NUH, he was a Senior Consultant at Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre. Prior to that, he was a Senior Consultant with the National Cancer Centre, Singapore.

Specialty Interests

- Surgery for benign and malignant lung, pleural and mediastinal diseases
- Lung cancer, mesothelioma and mediastinal tumour (thymomas, germ cell tumour, neurogenic tumours)
- Pulmonary metastatectomy for sarcomas and carcinomas
- Minimally invasive Thoracic surgery (VATS)
- Chest wall tumours, resection and reconstruction
- Retrosternal goiter
- Esophageal surgery for benign and malignant cancers
- Tracheal and airway surgery for cancers and benign strictures due to ptb and trauma
- Pediatric and thoracic surgery including pectus excavatum and carinatum (Nuss Procedure)
- Lung Volume reduction surgery for emphysema
- Lung transplantation (Lead surgeon for Singapore's first lung transplantation, National heart center 2000)
- Robotic thoracic surgery for thymectomy and tumours