

The POCUS Certification Academy presents the

2021 POCUS Ambassadors



Hastings Isaac Banda

Malawi

Hastings is a Medical Imaging Technologist with seven years of experience in radiology. Presently, he is a healthcare professional, ultrasound team coordinator and a student. Hastings practices at the Kamuzu Central Hospital while pursuing a master's degree in diagnostic ultrasound at the Ernest Cook Ultrasound Research and Education Institute in Kampala, Uganda. In his career, he aims to lead through innovative and constructive contributions in professional growth and policy implementation. Hastings also strives to become an agent of change in cultural diversity, global understanding, and inclusiveness.



Karen Villar Zarra, MD, MIAC

Spain

Karen is a USFNA CAP-certified pathologist with over seven years of experience in Interventional Pathology procedures. In this time, Karen has expanded her procedural knowledge to include ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration, ultrasound-guided core-needle biopsy, and rapid on-site evaluation. Her pathology experiences encompass gynecological, breast, and surgical pathologies. Karen's goal is to improve pathology practice through interventional pathology and POCUS, to provide the best diagnostic performance in terms of time, quality, and efficiency.



Luis Martin Mussi Campos Cervera, MD

Paraguay

Luis is an experienced internist with specialties in emergency medicine and sports medicine. He currently serves several roles in the healthcare community. Luis functions as a medical educator and internal medicine residency lead at Universidad Nacional de Asunción (UNA) School of Medicine. Additionally, he runs a private clinical office and serves as the doctor for the Paraguayan National Football Team. With the Hospital de Clínicas, Luis fulfills the roles of Chief of Emergency Medicine, Director of CPR Courses, and Director of an ultrasound pilot program.



Deepa Shivnani, DNB ENT, MNAMS

India

Deepa is an Otolaryngologist who has completed her fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology with advanced training in Pediatric Airway. She is a highly motivated surgeon with over five years of experience in a tertiary care hospital in India. During her practice, Deepa realized the need of a non-invasive screening technique for timely evaluation of pediatric airway disorders in the emergency department. Deepa's objective is to improve the quick diagnosis and treatment plan in critically compromised airway and provide a cost-effective and non-invasive alternative diagnostic solution for pediatric patients.



James Ferrie, B.POD., M.A.POD.A

Australia

James is an Australian Podiatrist with interests in regenerative medicine and sonography. He completed post-graduate training in ultrasound and fluoroscopy-guided foot and ankle procedures with the Interventional Orthobiologics Foundation (USA). He is also certified in lower extremity musculoskeletal point-of-care ultrasound and serves as a specialist instructor for the Swiss DolorClast® ESWT. James is passionate about helping people achieve their health and lifestyle goals. In 2018, he founded My Sports Podiatrist, a clinic devoted to treating musculoskeletal injuries. James also practices in a specialist referral clinic alongside a leading foot and ankle surgeon, and is a clinical instructor at Zedu Ultrasound Training Solutions.



Dhanushka Sanjeewa Sengankutti Arachchige, MD, MBBS

Sri Lanka

Sanjeewa is an emergency medicine (EM) physician in his third year of international rotation in Queensland, Australia. Sanjeewa is skilled in ultrasound-guided procedures such as nerve blocks, emergency intervention, and emergency resuscitation. He also spent time teaching point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) in low-resource healthcare areas. Sanjeewa's ambitions include developing a minimum image set concept in EM POCUS, introducing an internationally recognized EM POCUS program for Sri Lankan emergency medicine and critical care trainees, and developing a POCUS curriculum for training in low-resource healthcare areas.



Carrie Hayes, MHS, PA-C, RDMS, RVT

United States of America

Carrie is an Interventional Radiology Physician Assistant with over 20 years of experience in radiology across several fields including veterinary, pediatric, adult, and interventional. As a sonographer for Duke University Medical Center, she facilitated opportunities to provide global ultrasound education and training as a member of RAD-AID International. This was further enriched by her patient care experiences as a physician assistant. With several years of experience in both private and academic institutions, Carrie has gained invaluable experience as an instructor, proceduralist, and department liaison. Carrie's diverse experiences and world-class education make her an integral member of any healthcare team.



Ghassan Murshid, MD, PMP, CMS

Saudi Arabia

Ghassan is a skilled and dedicated family physician with extensive leadership, academic supervising, and over 10 years of clinical experience. After graduating from the King Abdul-Aziz University College of Medicine in 2010, he began practicing primary care medicine before joining a four-year joint residency in family medicine. He has since expanded his roles beyond direct patient care. Ghassan is currently a family medicine consultant working for the Saudi Ministry of Health, serving multiple leadership roles within the ministry since 2018. He also advises medical residents through the Saudi Board of Family Medicine in Jeddah.



Chengzhong Peng, MD

China

Chengzhong is a chief physician at the Shanghai Tenth People's Hospital of Tongji University and the Shanghai Engineering Research Center of Ultrasound Diagnosis and Treatment, with more than 29 years of experience in diagnostic and interventional ultrasound. He is skilled in interventional ultrasound for thyroid and parathyroid ablation and in reproductive ultrasound for hysterosalpingo-contrast sonography, as well as 5G-based tele-medicine and robotic ultrasound. Additionally, he is a highly motivated and dedicated educator who, in 2018, began establishing the first five-year undergraduate program in ultrasound medicine at Hangzhou Medical College.