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# PRE CONGRESS WORKSHOP

## Masterclass in Developmental Paediatrics

26th July 2026 | 08:00 Hrs - 14:00 Hrs

**Expected Audience:** Paediatricians, General Practitioners, Family Physicians, Doctors, Allied Health professionals

**Number of participants:** 80

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00 - 08:30 Hrs	Registration	
08:30 - 08:40 Hrs	Opening Remarks	
08:40 - 08:55 Hrs	Early Brain Development and Principles of Early Interventions	<b>Prof. Samanmali Sumanasena</b> Professor in Paediatric Disabilities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
08:55 - 09:10 Hrs	Early Identification of Cerebral Palsy	<b>Dr. James Rice</b> Consultant Rehabilitation Paediatrician, Australia
09:10 - 09:25 Hrs	Communicating with Caregivers	<b>Prof. Habib Bhurawala</b> Head of Paediatrics, University of Notre Dame, Australia
POP UP STATIONS		
09:25 - 09:55 Hrs	<b>Station 1:</b> Assessing Development in Clinical Setting and Advising Parents	<b>Prof. Samanmali Sumanasena</b>  <b>Dr. Jeewana Prasad</b> Acting Consultant Community Paediatrician, TH Ratnapura
10:00 - 10:35 Hrs	<b>Station 2:</b> Assessing Social Development in Clinical Setting and Parent Support	<b>Dr. Dilini Vipulaguna</b> Consultant Community Paediatrician, Colombo North Teaching Hospital  <b>Ms. Sakuni Sewwandi</b> Speech and Language Therapist
10:35 - 11:00 Hrs	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:00 - 11:30 Hrs	<b>Station 3:</b> Advising Parents on Communication and Play	<b>Dr. Piyumika Jayawickrama</b> Acting Consultant Community Paediatrician, Colombo North Teaching Hospital  <b>Ms. Ayendree Seneviratne</b> Speech and Language Therapist

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11:30 – 12:00 Hrs	<b>Station 4:</b> High Risk Infant Assessments and Communicating to Parents	<b>Dr. James Rice</b>  <b>Ms. Priyanwada Wijayasinghe</b> Physiotherapist, Ayati National Centre
12:00– 12:30 Hrs	<b>Station 5:</b> Addressing Behavioural Concerns in a Busy Clinic, and Advising Parents	<b>Prof. Habib Bhurwala</b>  <b>Dr. Pavithra Godamunne</b> Developmental Psychologist, University of Kelaniya
12:30– 13:00 Hrs	<b>Station 6:</b> Learning Assessment of a School Aged Child and Classroom Support	<b>Dr. Thilini Lokubalasureiya</b> Speech and Language Therapist, University of Kelaniya  <b>Dr Phirarthana Kamalanathan</b> Acting Consultant Community Paediatrician, TH Batticaloa
13:00 – 13:30 Hrs	<b>Station 7:</b> Assessment of Sensory Impairment including Cerebral Visual Impairment and Principles of Early Interventions	<b>Dr Gayan Sampath</b> Consultant Community Paediatrician, TH Ratnapura  <b>Ms. Madhubhashi Perera</b> Speech and Language Therapist, University of Kelaniya
13:30 – 13:50 Hrs	<b>Quiz</b>	
13:50 – 14:00 Hrs	<b>Q and A session</b>	
14:00 Hrs	<b>Closure followed by lunch</b>	



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