



# Sri Lanka Medical Association of North America Inc.

**Saturday, November 8th, 2025**

**Riverview Ballroom**

700 Palisadium Drive  
Cliffside Park, New Jersey

**8.30 am -12.30 pm**

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION**

## **The 2025 SLMANA Scientific session will give a Glimpse of what lies ahead in Medicine related to AI**

**Moderator:**

Wije Kottahachchi, MD

**Time Keeper:**

Darshi Sunderam, MD

8.30 - 9:00 AM	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
9.00 - 9.15 AM	<b>Welcome Remarks:</b> President Tarique Perera, MD
9.15 - 9.40 AM	<b>AI in ID</b> Vel Sivapalan, MD Q & A
9.45 - 10.10 AM	<b>Shaping the Future of Gastroenterology &amp; Hepatology with Artificial Intelligence</b> Shivi S. Siva, MD Q & A
10.10 - 10.30 AM	<b>AI in Clinical Medicine - From Hype to Clinical Practice</b> Harish Lecamwasam MD, MSc Q & A
10.30 - 11.00 AM	<b>Coffee break, Visit Exhibit booths, Posters</b>
11.00 - 11.25 AM	<b>The Road to Immortality in the Age of AI</b> Tarique Perera, MD Q & A
11.25 - 12.00 PM	<b>Keynote address:</b> <b>'Therapeutic advances in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy'</b> Gihan Tennekoon, MD Q & A
12.00 - 12.30 PM	<b>Closing remarks</b>
1.00 - 1.30 PM	<b>SLMANA Annual General Meeting</b>

## FACULTY

### **Tarique Perera, MD**

Dr. Perera is the Founder and Clinical Director of Contemporary Care, a leading psychiatric group practice integrating traditional and novel treatments. A Harvard-trained psychiatrist and neuroscientist, he is a recognized pioneer in transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and authored the first clinical TMS treatment guidelines.

### **Vel Sivapalan, MD, FACP, FIDSA**

Dr. Sivapalan is a Consultant in Infectious Diseases at Harlem Hospital Center and a faculty member at Columbia University, where he directs the Infectious Disease Fellowship Training Program. Board-certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, he has over three decades of experience in clinical care, teaching, and program leadership.

### **Shivi S. Siva, MD**

Dr. Shivi Sivananthi Sivanantham is a Gastroenterologist at Montefiore New Rochelle and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York. Her expertise spans Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and general gastroenterology, with a research focus on IBD outcomes, nutrition, and intestinal ultrasound.

### **Harish Lecamwasam, MD, MSc**

Dr. Lecamwasam is a Senior MedTech and Digital Health Executive with over 20 years of experience leading healthcare innovation from concept to acquisition. A physician and business leader, he bridges clinical insight with product and operational strategy to bring transformative technologies to market.

### **Gihan Tennekoon, MD**

Dr. Tennekoon, a neurologist trained at Guy's Hospital and Johns Hopkins University, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania. His distinguished career includes leadership in child neurology programs at Michigan and Penn, with research contributions in myelination and neurodevelopmental disorders.

## SCIENTIFIC SESSION COMMITTEE

### **Chair:**

Selvarani Richards, MD

### **Committee:**

Vaithi Segeram, MD  
Gregory Sathananthan, MD  
Wije Kottahachchi, MD  
Darshi Sunderam, MD

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

