

SN NEWSLETTER

"To excel in Nursing for the well-being of mankind"

COVER STORY



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1 & 2 — Staff members engaged in creating handmade cross-stitch murals on fences. An amazing giant art-work on fences demonstrating the solidarity of PolyU's SN.



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3 & 4 — Professoriate and teaching staff focused on the discussions and suggested ways to advance the School's development and impact.

Retreat ended with team building activity fostering solidarity

The School held a retreat on 6 January 2025. This year, our professoriate staff focused on suggesting ways to advance our PhD programme, internationalisation, and research impact, while our teaching staff reviewed mentoring, clinical teaching assessment and proposed ideas for enhancing our teaching and learning innovation.

The retreat was kicked off by the opening remarks delivered by **Prof. Janelle Yorke**, Angel S.P. Chan Lau Professor in Health and Longevity, Chair Professor of Nursing & Head, Hong Kong SAR Global STEM Professor. **Prof. Frances Wong**, Chair Professor of Advanced Nursing Practice & Associate Dean (FHSS), summed up the professoriate staff discussions. Regarding the PhD programme and internationalisation, suggestions such as inducting our PhD students into research from the first year of study, increasing co-supervisors from international universities, developing a system to support continuous improvement and share resources, and an expansion of the internationalisation team were made. Prof. Wong highlighted the importance of connecting education, research and service learning in our research to demonstrate the research impact of the School.

Dr Kitty Chan, Associate Professor of Practice, who represented the teaching staff, concluded that in addition to reviewing all SN's programmes to ensure alignment with the revised PolyU's institutional learning outcomes, it is of prime importance to integrate the two university-wide initiatives, interprofessional and flipped class approaches, into teaching innovations. Working groups will be established to enhance the current mentorship programme for teaching staff, refine clinical teaching evaluation methods, and consolidate innovative teaching strategies to enrich student learning.

A fence stitching activity was organised at the end of the retreat to foster team spirit among our staff. Staff members were divided into teams to work together to create handmade cross-stitch murals on fences that can be joined together to form into a giant art-work on fences, which demonstrating the solidarity of PolyU SN. All teams demonstrated their abilities to work together creatively and support team members in solving problems.



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5 & 6 — Non-academic staff worked together to turn cupcakes into the University logo.



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JC STEM Lab of Digital Oncology Care Enhancement Inauguration

PolyU held an inauguration ceremony to express its gratitude to The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the donor of the Jockey Club (JC) STEM Lab of Digital Oncology Care Enhancement (DOCE), which is led by Hong Kong SAR Global STEM Professor, **Prof. Janelle Yorke**, Chair Professor of Nursing and Head of the School.

Funded with a sum of over HK \$7.68 million, the DOCE lab is among the eight advanced JC STEM Labs on the PolyU campus established to spearhead innovative research across a range of fields, reinforcing Hong Kong's standing as an international innovation and technology hub.

The DOCE is dedicated to the development of a Hong Kong Electronic-Patient-Reported Outcome/Experience Measure (ePROM/ePREM) digital platform for real-time patient monitoring to improve oncology care management, inform best clinical practice and enhance patient outcomes. In addition, a suite of digital interventions will be linked to the programme to support patient self-management and caregiving at home. The programme will lead to new oncology care pathways in Hong Kong.



Colleagues congratulated Prof. Janelle Yorke on the inauguration of the JC STEM Lab of DOCE that will open up new oncology care pathways in Hong Kong.

Clinical Bridging Workshop cultivates students' confidence in clinical practice



Front row: Executive committee members and Alumni Liaison Officer, Ms Evangeline Lam (1st from right).

Under the guidance of nine executive committee members of the Alumni Association of Nursing Studies (AANS), more than 60 nursing students (including undergraduate and postgraduate levels) joined the 6th Clinical Bridging Workshop, held on 14 December 2024, to gain hands-on practice on airway management, before their final-year consolidation placements.

The workshop, designed to bridge the gap between educational preparation and the realities of nursing practice, was facilitated by our alumni who are experienced in various specialised areas, particularly, in medicine and intensive care.



Every participant received a set of clinical assessment pocket cards designed by the AANS.

Scenario-based practice

Participants were tasked to care for simulated patients suffering from an acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The scenario-based workshop guided them through the clinical process, including assessing patients' conditions by reviewing and interpreting admission notes and lab results, and responding to deteriorating conditions by providing nursing interventions, such as the application of different oxygen apparatus.

Participants were guided to see the whole clinical picture of the 'patients' and correlate patients' conditions with their medical history and lab results to understand their treatment plans. Participants also gained hands-on experience in the application of oxygen therapy, the intubation procedure and post-intubation nursing care. The workshop provided them with valuable experience in responding to and managing patients with rapidly deteriorating conditions.

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1-2: Participants applied a nasal cannula and a Bag-Valve-Mask on the simulated patient under the guidance of facilitators.

2: Mr Paul Lee (1st from right) one of the facilitators and an executive committee member of AANS.

3: Participants learnt how to assist intubation during resuscitation.

4: Mr Ocean Tang (1st from right), a founder of the Clinical Bridging Workshop, shared the nursing care for a patient on mechanical ventilation.

5: Mr Ocean Tang is devoted to supporting nursing students' role transition.



Confidence comes from preparation

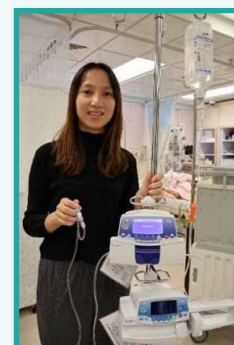
The scenario in the workshop was based on real clinical cases. **Mr Ocean Tang**, Vice-President (Internal) of the AANS, said that clinical environment is very challenging for nursing graduates, particularly, when there is a life-threatening emergency.

Ocean recalled his early days as a nurse when he had to care for a post-tracheostomy patient who began to desaturate. "The oximetry reading kept dropping but I didn't know how to respond to the deteriorating condition. Without my colleagues' support, the patient might not have survived," Ocean said.

Today, Ocean is a Nursing Manager of the Hospital Authority Head Office, with more than 7 years of experience in the medical and intensive care unit. He, together with other executive committee members and our alumni, have developed this workshop and they believe that the AANS can play a crucial important role in supporting SN students throughout their educational and career journey. 'We had been through that journey and we understand the challenges and frustrations of new nurses when they are transiting from student nurses to registered nurses,' said Ocean. 'Confidence comes from preparation; success comes from hard work. This is the motto of the workshop.'

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Participants enjoyed the small-group learning, which allowed them to actively engage in the workshop and identify any areas for improvement. 'We asked more questions and have more opportunities to practise. I have learnt how nurses analyse patients' medical data to manage their care,' said Ms Po-kwan Cheng, a year-3 student on the Master of Nursing (Pre-registration) programme, who also commented that the workshop has consolidated her nursing skills and clinical decision-making ability.



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Ms Po-kwan Cheng
A postgraduate student

Mr Wai-sun Lo, a year-5 BSc in Nursing student said that the workshop has helped him refresh and reflect on what he had learnt from his time working as a temporary undergraduate nursing student. 'In the hospital, I had to record ventilator readings, but I didn't always understand their significance,' said Mr Lo. 'However, it's crucial for nurses to comprehend and interpret these readings to anticipate disease progression. I have gained a lot from this workshop.'

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Mr Wai-Sun Lo
An undergraduate student



The Clinical Bridging Workshop was initiated in 2021 when clinical placements were suspended due to COVID-19. The AANS observed that our final-year undergraduates were facing many uncertainties before graduation and believed that the association could act as a platform to bridge the practice gap and empower these students to overcome the challenges ahead. To express our gratitude to the efforts of the Executive Committee of the AANS, the School has sponsored the running of the workshop this year.

Master's students exchanged to Vietnam & broadened horizons



Four students in the MSc Nursing programme were exchanged to the Phenikaa University in Hanoi, Vietnam, in November 2024.

During their one-week stay, they explored the challenges within Vietnam's healthcare system, particularly its limited resources and high out-of-pocket treatment costs. The students spent three days at Hanoi Oncology Hospital, where they noted a shortage of specialised oncology and palliative care nurses. They observed nurses delivering oncology care, including the preparation of chemotherapy medications and the design of nutritional meal plans for terminally ill patients. The students have also shared Hong Kong's experience and nursing developments in these specialty areas.

Besides, Hanoi Oncology Hospital allowed patients' families to stay throughout the day to care for their loved ones. Our students viewed this as an excellent approach to provide emotional support and reduce patients' anxiety. They mentioned that "the exchange experience has inspired us to advocate for more holistic approaches to patient care."

From 28 November to 1 December 2025, **Prof. Janelle Yorke** (Chair Professor of Nursing & Head of the School); and **Prof. Shanshan Wang**, Assistant Professor & Deputy programme leader of the MSc in Nursing programme, visited the students. During the visit, Prof. Yorke signed a Memorandum of Agreement about student exchange collaboration with Phenikaa University.



1: The master's students visited Hanoi Oncology Hospital. From right: Mr Ming-tat Lam (2nd), Mr Chun-ho Jasper Lee (3rd), Ms Tsz-wai Sharon Lau (4th). Ms Ka-lam Rigi Tam (1st from left). 2: Nurse-designed nutritional meal plans for terminally ill patients.



Prof. Yorke, Head of the School, signed a Memorandum of Agreement about student exchange collaboration with Phenikaa University.

First-year PhD student awarded international research grant

Our first-year PhD student, **Ms Yuting Xia** (Principal Investigator), [Chief supervisor: **Prof. Shanshan Wang**, Assistant Professor; Co-supervisor: **Prof. Janelle Yorke**, Chair Professor of Nursing & Head of the School] has received the 2025 Marilyn D. Harris Research Grant, from the International Home Care Nurses Organization. Her study 'Non-pharmacological Interventions to Improve the Sleep Disturbances of People with Subjective Cognitive Decline: A Protocol of Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis' earned her this prestigious recognition. Notably, she is the sole recipient of this grant in 2025.



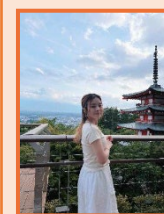
Ms Yuting Xia.

Xia's research team includes her two supervisors and another PhD student, Ms Yuqian Luo. Their study aims to identify, critically appraise, and synthesise existing evidence to determine the effects of non-pharmacological interventions for improving sleep disturbance among people with subjective cognitive decline (SCD). At present, 58% of SCD has experienced sleep disturbance. The research findings will provide reliable evidence for healthcare professionals and nurses to help these people improve insomnia and quality of life, and reduce the adverse effects of cognitive decline caused by insomnia.

SN students scooped PolyU undergraduate research & innovation awards

Two SN general nursing students are among the three winners of the Undergraduate Research and Innovation Scheme (URIS) research project award 2024, hosted by the Graduate School.

Ms Nga-ping Ng, now a graduate, scooped a Grand Award, while *Ms Hiu-toon Jessica Lee*, a year-5 students, bagged a Merit Award. Both students were supervised by **Prof. Arkers Wong**, Associate Professor.



Ms Nga-ping Ng

Project Title: Effectiveness of a telecare-based intervention in supporting the informal caregiver of community-dwelling older adults: a pilot study



Ms Hiu-toon Jessica Lee

Project Title: Older adults' perceptions and acceptability toward the use of artificial intelligence (AI)-based health technologies: a qualitative study

Click [here](#) to learn more about the awarding projects.

PhD students received runner-up at Research Student Conference

PhD students, **Ms Yule Hu** (left photo below), and **Mr Xiaoxiao Mei** 's (Supervisor: **Prof. Yan Li**, Assistant Professor (Presidential Young Scholar), presentation entitled 'A Scoping Review on Motor Imagery to Improve Cognitive Function and Depression among Adults with Neurological Disorders or Mobility Impairments' received the Best Presentation Runner-up at the PolyU Research Student Conference, held 29-30 August 2024. Prof. Jed Montayre, Associate Professor; Prof. Janelle Yorke (Chair Professor of Nursing & Head of the School); Prof. Angela Leung, Associate Head (Research) & Professor, and Jiaying Li, Research Assistant, are members of the research team.



Externally Funded Research Projects

Project Title	Funding Scheme	PI	Total Grant (HK\$)
Next-generation AI-XR empowered surgical planning and intraoperative guidance system via effective fusion of empirical knowledge, human interaction, and machine inference (in collaboration with CUHK and HKU)	Collaborative Research Project Grant, Research Grants Council	Prof. Harry Qin Professor	\$5.8 mil
Development and evaluation of an AI-empowered voice-interactive chatbot for migraine management among Hong Kong women: a pilot randomized crossover trial	Nethersole Institute of Continuing Holistic Health Education (NICHE) Research Grant	Prof. Grace Xie, Associate Professor	120,000

Internally Funded Research Projects

Project Title	Funding Scheme	PI	Total Grant (HK\$)
Developing and testing a digital self-guided breathlessness supportive intervention for patients with chronic breathlessness due to cancer	Start-up Fund for New Recruits	Prof. Naomi Takemura, Assistant Professor	500,000

Healthy Ageing through Innovations

Research presented at Cross-Strait HK and Macao Nursing Forum

Members of the AoE presented the latest findings of their research studies at the 7th Cross-Strait Hong Kong and Macao Nursing Forum held in Macao on 16-17 December 2024.

On behalf of **Prof. Angela Leung**, Associate Head (Research) & Professor, **Prof. Ivy Zhao**, Assistant Professor, presented the study on the AI-robotic assistant, which is developed by Prof. Leung's team, in supporting home-based care and enhancing psychological wellness and self-efficacy among older people.

Prof. Zhao, represented College of Nursing Hong Kong and the School to moderate an oral presentation session. She also presented her study on implementing hearing-cognitive training in older adults with hearing loss in Hong Kong. **Dr Adwoa Owusuaa Koduah**, Postdoctoral Fellow, presented the findings of her study on factors influencing help-seeking behaviour for dementia among ethnic minorities.



1. Prof. Ivy Zhao (2nd from right) and Dr Adwoa Owusuaa Koduah (3rd from right) at the forum.
2 & 3. Prof. Zhao and Dr Koduah presented their research studies at the forum.

Angela served as judge in Innovate for Happy Ageing competition

Prof. Angela Leung served as a judge for Love-Innovate for Happy Ageing competition, organised by PolyU's Faculty of Engineering and Department of Biomedical Engineering.

This annual event invites participation from the public, as well as secondary and primary students, with the goal of fostering gerontechnological innovations to enhance the physical and mental well-being of older adults living alone and families of elderly doubletons in the community.



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Member's activities

Prof. Yan Li, Assistant Professor (Presidential Young Scholar) was invited to share her research finding on AI-driven vaccine communicator and spoke about disability rights and services at the Greater Bay Nursing Conference organised by Sun Yat-sen University, and a forum organised by Shenzhen University, Mainland China, respectively (Photo 1-2). In Month November, she led her research team to visit the mental health hospitals (photo 3: A visit to the Mental Health Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University), artificial intelligent (AI) labs (photo 4), and spinal cord injury wards in Guangzhou.



Squina International Centre for Infection Control

Certificate in Infectious Diseases and Infection Control course

The Certificate in Infectious Diseases and Infection Control for Health Care Professionals course ran by the Centre commenced on 10 January, 2025. Over 40 students (the majority being nurses) from the Hospital Authority, the Department of Health and private institutions were admitted to the course to learn updated information on infectious disease prevention and control.



Talks on AI application in infection control

Prof. Lin Yang, Associate Professor, was invited to deliver a talk on application and prospects of artificial intelligence in infection prevention and control at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology (photo 1 below) and Wuhan Stomatological Hospital (photo 2 below), Mainland China, respectively on 30 December 2024 and 3 January 2025. Earlier, from October to November 2024, she delivered two talks entitled 'Transforming Infection Prevention and Control: The Role of AI in Public Health' and 'The application of AI in infectious disease surveillance and early warning' for the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Mainland China.



PhD Research Showcase

Study on effects of ACT intervention won Faculty Distinguished Thesis Award

Heart failure (HF) remains the major cause of morbidity and mortality. It can severely limit patients' ability to perform self-care activities, resulted in increased burden of their family caregivers. The unpredictable course of the illness and the high risk of hospitalisation also lead to feelings of ongoing fear, worry, and frustration among these patients and their caregivers.

Dr Xuelin Zhang, our recent PhD graduate, and a registered nurse with seven years of specialisation in cardiovascular care, believes that nurses play a crucial part in addressing the psychosocial needs and enhancing the overall quality of life for HF patients and their family caregivers.

Under the guidance and supervision of Prof. Yim-wah Mak and Prof. Grace Ho (Associate Professors), Xuelin conducted a randomised controlled trial to evaluate the effects of a dyad Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) based intervention on health-related quality of life (HRQOL) in patients with chronic heart failure and their family caregivers.

A total of 160 patient-family caregiver dyads were recruited from the Cardiology Department at Taihe Hospital in Shiyan City, Mainland China. The dyads in the ACT intervention group participated in four weekly 2-hour videoconferencing sessions via smartphones, while the control group received education lectures on heart failure. Xuelin compared the effects of the ACT intervention on HRQOL, psychological flexibility, self-care behaviours, and psychological wellbeing against traditional heart failure education.

The results indicated significant improvements in disease-specific HRQOL for the patients, along with positive effects on self-care behaviours and psychological well-being for both the patients and family caregivers. These findings enhance understanding of how ACT can support chronic disease management within a family context and provide valuable insights for the future intervention targeting this specific population.

The high quality of this study earned Xuelin a student scholarship to attend the ACBS Virtual World Conference 2021 in Poland. Additionally, she received the Phenomenal Oral Presentation Award at the 7th Nursing World conference in the USA in 2023 and the Faculty Distinguished Thesis Award from the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences in 2024.

Click [here](#) to view the full PhD thesis.



Xuelin at the PolyU congregation where she was presented with the Faculty Distinguished Thesis Award.

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Interview with Ms Susanna Chan, a 'living dictionary' of the Alumni Association of Nursing Studies



Editor's note: On 17 December 2024, the Alumni Association of Nursing Studies (AANS) celebrated its 30th anniversary on PolyU's campus. Established in 1994, the association has embarked on a unique journey with encouraging success. Its size, scope, and significance has greatly increased in three decades.

To mark the occasion, I had the pleasure of speaking with a long-serving leader of the association, Ms Susanna Chan, a founding member, who also known as a 'living dictionary' of the AANS.

1. How many terms of presidency you had served for the Executive Committee of the AANS?

I served six terms (one term for two years) of presidency and eight terms of vice-presidency. In total, I have led the association for over 30 years.

I retired from my nursing career in 2018 and the AANS leadership has been handed over to a new generation of executive committee (EC) members; however, I have continued to serve as Vice-President. In this role, I see myself as an advisor and a supportive backup for the association.

2. What motivated you to serve multiple terms as President/Vice-President for the association? How did you manage to maintain such a strong sense of belonging with the School, the alumni and PolyU?

Invited by my class teacher, Prof. Frances Wong [Program Leader of the BSc in Nursing (Hons) programme], I initially got involved as a founding member and a liaison officer for the association. At first, my participation was simply a way to express gratitude for Prof. Wong's teaching. However, I was soon inspired by the dedication of two SN teachers who also served as Departmental Alumni Liaison Officers: Prof. Sally Chan, now President of the Tung Wah College, and Prof. Sophia Chan*, the first nurse appointed as the Secretary for Food and Health (2017-2022).

During the founding period, they spent countless evenings attending association meetings after their teaching duties, helping us recruit members, secure funding, and develop promotional strategies for the association.

Personally, I have benefitted from my participation in the association. It has given me a wide range of learning and networking opportunities and a platform where I can hone my management and communication skills, and test my ability to implement ideas and plans.

Surely, the dedication and harmony within the EC greatly motivated me. More importantly, I could see the potential of the association and how we could make a difference to nursing through our activities and actions.

*Prof. Sophia Chan is currently the Senior Advisor to President's Office at the University of Hong Kong, and the Professor and Director to HKU Primary Health Care Academy at the University of Hong Kong. She received the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award in Professional Achievement in 2023 in recognition of her achievements.

3. Could you share some of the challenges you faced during your president tenure?

In the beginning, none of the EC members had experience in organising an association. We learnt as we went along, tackling challenges such as low membership and high turnover among EC members. A few years ago, privacy regulations at the University restricted our access to graduate information, making it challenging to promote our activities. Fortunately, with the help of the PolyU Alumni Affairs Office, we were able to resolve this issue. We have been inviting nursing undergraduates to join us as Associate EC members providing them with opportunities to learn how to run the association and prepare them for future leadership roles.

4. Is there an accomplishment under your leadership that you feel particularly proud of?

We have established a vibrant community where alumni support one another like family. Additionally, we serve as a bridge connecting current students, alumni, the School and the University.

5. How did you feel at the time when you stepped down from the presidency?

The EC had grown and matured. I felt confident that I could step back at any time. I felt happy and was ready to pass the torch to a new generation of leadership.



Mr Wilson Lo (left), President of AANS.

6. What would be your messages to our current students and alumni?

To our students: Embrace active learning and make the most of your exchange and learning opportunities. Engage in extracurricular activities to broaden your social network. Participate in voluntary work; you'll discover that while helping others, you often gain the most.

To our alumni: Remember, nursing is more than just a job—it's a mission. Carry out your nursing duties with compassion and attentive mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Departmental Alumni Liaison Officers both past and present terms. Without your dedication and support, AANS would not have been able to achieve the missions and accomplishments we have today.

About Ms Susanna Chan



Susanna is enjoying her retirement by spending quality time with her family and granddaughter.

Before her retirement, Ms Susanna Chan held several prominent positions, including:

- General Manager of Nursing, Cheshire Home Shatin
- Departmental Operation Manager (Surgery) at Shatin Hospital
- Adjunct Nursing Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong

At PolyU

- Founding member of The Federation of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Alumni Associations and the Alumni Association of Nursing Studies

Programme and Year of Award

1989	Post registration Certificate Course in First Line Nursing Management
1992	Post-registration Diploma in Nursing
1994	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Nursing
2001	Master of Science in Management (Health Service), Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

Achievements

Teris named Highly Cited Researcher

Prof. Teris Cheung, Assistant Professor, is among the fifteen PolyU academics who has been named a 'Highly Cited Researcher 2024' (in the field of Cross-Field) by Clarivate Analytics.

The rigorous evaluation and selection process drew on data from the Web of Science Core Collection™ citation index, together with qualitative analysis performed by experts at the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)™ at Clarivate™. The statistics showed that Prof. Cheung has published 201 publications, 7,350 citing articles, achieved 8,708 sum of times cited, and has an H-Index of 37.

The honour is a recognition of Prof. Cheung's research and academic achievements. In 2024, analysts at the ISI™ have recognised 6,636 Highly Cited Researchers from more than 1,200 institutions in 59 nations and regions. The list provides valuable insights into the global landscape of top research talent and identifies trends across countries, regions and institutions.



- *Prof. Patrick Kor*, Assistant Professor, received the 1st winner award for his oral presentation 'A Feasibility Study on Utilizing Biofeedback and Brief Mindfulness Practice for Stress Reduction in Family Caregivers of Individuals with Dementia' at the International Conference "Triple Burdens of Diseases: Nurse-Led Game Changer to Optimize Outcomes of Care" hosted by the Faculty of Nursing, Mahidol University, Thailand, on 7-9 January, 2025. The School is one of the Co-hosts of the conference.



- *Prof. Yan Li*, Assistant Professor (Presidential Young Scholar), received the Reviewer Excellence Certificate from the Journal of Nursing Studies.

Appointments

- *Prof. Jerry Yeung*, Associate Professor, has been appointed Director of Research Postgraduate Studies of the School for a term of two years, until August 2026. Prof. Yeung also serves as a member of the Programme Committee of PolyU's Graduate School.
- *Prof. Lin Yang*, Associate Professor, was appointed Academic Assessor of the Postgraduate Diploma in e-Health Informatics programme offered by HKU SPACE

Alumni News

The Alumni Association of Nursing Studies hosted a dinner to celebrate its 30th anniversary on 17 December, 2024.



Executive Committee of the AANS took a photo with Head of the School (1st row, 3rd from right) and Ms Evangeline Lam (2nd row, 3rd from right), Alumni Liaison Officer

Visitors

4 Nov 2024

A delegation from Shanghai Sanda University, Mainland China.



10 Dec 2024

A delegation from Gongli Hospital, Pudong New Area, Shanghai, Mainland China (上海市浦東新區 公利醫院).



14 Jan 2025

A delegation from Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, Mainland China.



Seminars

4-7 Nov 2024

From 4-7 November 2024, a series of seminars and workshops for our PhD students were delivered by **Prof. Jonathan Koffman**, Professor of Palliative Care; and **Prof. Mark Pearson**, Professor of Implementation Science, at the Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre, Hull York Medical School, University of Hull, the UK. The Professors spoke about a wide range of topics, including implementation science, complex interventions, grant writing and impact – integrating implementation science into grants, cluster randomised controlled trials, evidencing real world impact, and writing for publication.



1. Prof. Jonathan Koffman (left) and Prof. Mark Pearson (right) at the seminar on implementation science, held 5 November, 2024.

13-14 Jan 2025

Topic:

Neuroimaging of cognitive control, working memory, and potential applications

Topic:

Fundamentals of fMRI and experimental design and common paradigms

Speaker:

Prof. Hoi-chung Leung
Professor, Integrative Neuroscience, Department of Psychology, Stony Brook University, US



20 Jan 2025

Topic:

PolyU-Wuhan Translational Research Institute Seminar

Speaker:

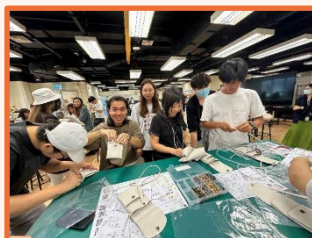
Prof. Lin Yang
Director of the Smart Healthcare Transitional Research Centre, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, PolyU



Current Issues

8 Oct 2024

Four crafting resilience workshops were conducted. Led by the instructors from the PolyU Industrial Centre and the student assistants from the School of Design, Prof. Kin Cheung, Associate Professor; Dr Winnie Ng, and Dr Katherine Chang, Lecturers; together with our nursing students, hand-made their anti-viral coated leather tool bags, developed for use during students' clinical placements.



The bag is created by Prof. Chris Lo, Professor of the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies for the PolyU start-up company Immune Materials Limited. The prototype of the bag was developed based on feedback from our nursing students.

12-14 Nov 2024

Prof. Janelle Yorke led a team to visit the School of Nursing of Wuhan University, Mainland China. Our team introduced our PhD programme and dual PhD degree programme and discussed collaboration opportunities, such as joint research projects with the Wuhan team.



16, 22 & 23 Nov 2024

A leadership training camp was organised for year-one students on the Master of Nursing programme. Participants engaged in an interactive workshop, training sessions, and activities aimed at fostering positive professional attitudes, team spirit and developing leadership skills.



23-25 Oct 2024



Front row from left: 1st, Prof. Yan Li; 2nd, Prof. Lin Yang; 3rd, Prof. Eva Ho; and 5th, Prof. Janelle Yorke

Prof. Janelle Yorke, Chair Professor of Nursing & Head of the School; Prof. Eva Ho Kuok Group Young Scholar in Child and Adolescent Health, Associate Professor; Prof. Lin Yang, Associate Professor, and Prof. Yan Li, Assistant Professor (Presidential Young Scholar); visited the Schools of Nursing of Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Fudan University to discuss student research collaboration possibilities.

16 Nov 2024

The School collaborated with the Community Health Organization for Intervention, Care, and Empowerment to host a conference '40 Years of Combating HIV: Accomplishments and Challenges'. Mr Edmond Tong, Associate Professor of Practice, delivered a talk on the evolution of HIV prevention from an NGO perspective.



Dr Erasmus Morah (5th from right), Director of the UNAIDS China Office, officiated the event. Mr Edmond Tong (4th from right).

8 Nov 2024

Prof. Yan Li and Prof. Ivy Zhao, Assistant Professors, led a group of our staff members and students to visit Tin Shui Wai Hospital to learn more about the healthcare practice environment.



23 Nov 2024

Prof. Janice Ho, Associate Professor, spoke about her research study on the framework of Chinese medicinal nursing curriculum at the Nursing Symposium 2024 organised by Hong Kong College of Chinese Medicinal Nursing. The School was one of the supporting organisations for the event.



Current Issues

5 Dec 2024

Prof. Arkers Wong, Associate Professor, was an oral presentation adjudicator for the Hong Kong East Cluster-Hospital Authority's Patient Safety Month 2024



12 Dec 2024



Prof. Janelle Yorke, Prof. Angela Leung, Associate Head (Research) & Professor; and Prof. Arkers Wong, visited Griffith University, Australia, to discuss research, training, and student exchange collaborations.

Prof. Ann Bonner (2nd from left), Head of the School of Nursing, and Prof. Wendy Moyle (2nd from right), Professor, Griffith University.

Dec 2024



Led by Prof. Patrick Kor (2nd from left) a group of master's students presented their service-learning study at the international conference.

Several Master's students presented their service-learning research study at the PolyU 2024 IARSLCE Asia-Pacific Conference X International Conference on Service-Learning. The presentation 'The impact of interprofessional and international service-learning programs among undergraduate students: a multi-method study' was originated from a service-learning project on healthy lifestyle challenges in developing countries, which was led by Prof. Patrick Kor, Assistant Professor, and supported by the PolyU Leadership Scholarship.



Mr Belay Getaneh Mulualem (left) presented part of his thesis at the symposium in Thailand.

Mr Belay Getaneh Mulualem, a PhD student (Supervisor: Prof. Eva Ho, Associate Professor), presented part of his PhD thesis entitled "Perceptions, Barriers, and Coping Preferences towards Quitting among Ethnic Minority Young Adults with Alcohol Use Disorder" at the 2nd PhD Symposium, hosted by the Faculty of Nursing, Thammasat University, Thailand.

1 Jan 2025

The Virtual Hospital's Reimagine award is presented in the newly open University Gallery that demonstrates the achievements of PolyU.



9 Jan 2025



Prof. Angela Leung was featured on RTHK's TV programme "Healthpedia" (精靈一點). She talked about the electronic painting for breast cancer platform developed by her research team. The innovative platform enables breast cancer patients to create art using computers or smart devices while also conducting emotional assessments to better understand their emotional health.

Furthermore, it includes social features that promote connection and communication among users, fostering a supportive and enriching community. Click [here](#) (02:09 - 35:08) to view the interview.

17-18 Jan 2025



Prof. Janelle Yorke (1st from right), together with the organisers, kicked off the conference.

The School co-organised the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation Community Rehabilitation Network 30th Anniversary cum Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation 65th Anniversary Conference.

Our research teams received the Award for Outstanding Poster Presentation for their work 'Examining the Prevalence of Intrinsic Capacity Decline among Soon-To-Be-Aged and Older Adults'; and the Best Oral Presentation Award for the work titled 'Holistic Care for People with Spinal Cord Injury'.



Prof. Yan Li (2nd from right), received the Best Oral Presentation Award.



From right: Prof. Angela Leung (1st, Principal Investigator); Prof. Arnold Wong (2nd), Associate Director of Research Institute for Smart Ageing; Mr Edmond Wong (3rd), Research Assistant; and Prof. Ivy Zhao (5th).



Prof. Angela Leung served as the panellist for the discussion session 'Building Sustainable Partnerships for Community Empowerment in Primary Healthcare and Rehabilitation: Key Challenges and Solutions' and she shared her views on possible solutions to sustainability of partnership.

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10 Feb 2025



Prof. Janelle Yorke and our non-academic staff enjoyed a spring lunch that aimed to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our administrative, IT & lab staff.

Forthcoming Event

Organisers: THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY 香港理工大學

JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE 基層醫療聯合研究中心

Co-organisers:

2025 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Primary Health Care with Interdisciplinary Efforts: Evidence to Impact

20-22 MARCH
 An international conference to facilitate exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration among researchers, practitioners and stakeholders in primary health care

Sub-themes

- Continuity and Continuum of Care
- Implementation Science
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Technological/System Innovation
- Resilience and Mental Health
- Capacity Building
- Traditional Chinese Medicine and Complementary Therapies

Jockey Club Auditorium
 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 11 Yuk Choi Road, Hung Hom, Hong Kong SAR, China

In collaboration with the Schools of Nursing of Fudan University, Sun Yat-sen University, and Tianjin Medical University, Mainland China, the School and the Joint Research Centre for Primary Health Care is going to host the 2025 International Conference on Primary Health Care, themed Primary Health Care with Interdisciplinary Efforts: Evidence to Impact.

Distinguished speakers, researchers and practitioners from Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Mainland China, and Hong Kong, will come together to share their invaluable insights into the recent developments of primary health care and present their findings on tackling primary health care challenges.

Conference Details:

Date: 20-22 March, 2025

Venue: Jockey Club Auditorium, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 11 Yuk Choi Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR, Mainland China

Registration and for more information: [2025 International Conference on Primary Health Care](#)