

Ong Poo Lee

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Research Interests:

- Amputee Rehabilitation
- Trauma Rehabilitation
- Robotics and Assistive technology in rehabilitation

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Biography

Dr. Ong, an accredited Rehabilitation Medicine Specialist since 2020, holds an MRCP (UK) degree earned in 2016. In 2022, he completed the CHI Fellowship Program, furthering his expertise in healthcare innovation. During his tenure at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Dr. Ong focused on trauma, musculoskeletal, and amputee rehabilitation. He's a fervent advocate for technology in rehabilitation, utilizing wearables, assistive tech, and robotics to enhance patient care. Dr. Ong aspires to create an advanced rehabilitation model, seamlessly bridging hospital and home care, with a special emphasis on serving vulnerable communities. His work embodies a commitment to improving lives through rehabilitation and innovation.

Selected Publications

- Chen DE, Tay EK, Tan PL, Su P, Koh MM, Ong PL, Chew E, Ng YS. The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Rehabilitation in Singapore. Ann Acad Med Singap. 2020 Nov;49(11):925-927. doi: 10.47102/annals-acadmedsg.2020297. PMID: 33381791.
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Notable Research Awards & Grants

Name of Awards & Grants	Year Obtained
Knee-based Locomotor Robotic Trainer: Optimising recovery and rehabilitation after total knee replacement surgery.	2021
CHI Innovation Fellowship Program	2022
NHG CMTi Clinician Innovator Preparatory Programme (CiPP) FY2022 Awardee	2022
Acceptance and Implementation of Tele-rehabilitation in the Community: A Feasibility Study	2023
Feasibility and effect of wearable sensor device (Rebee) in facilitating home-based exercise programs for amputee patients	-