1 About the School

Ranked one of Asia’s best medical education and research institutions, NUS Medicine admits 280 to 300 students every year into its undergraduate degree programme and produces the majority of doctors for Singapore. The School’s undergraduate and postgraduate nursing degrees also train professionals who are able to work effectively with their medical and allied health colleagues in managing the full spectrum of diseases that afflict Singaporeans and Asians.

Along the way, the School has burnished its reputation as a crucible of significant research spanning the basic as well as clinical sciences. Its faculty comprise academic clinicians and scientists who have forged their credentials locally and internationally.

A transformational gift in 2005 from the Yong Loo Lin Trust further enabled the School to map new pathways of scientific enquiry into various causes and origins of key illnesses like cancer, cardiovascular disease, obesity, epigenetics and neurocognition. The gift also enabled a far-reaching revamp of the undergraduate education curriculum. This places the patient squarely in the centre of focus of everything that is now taught and done at the School, which was renamed in honour of its far-sighted benefactor.

The School strives to fulfil its mission of contributing to excellent clinical care, training the next generation of healthcare professionals, and fostering research that will help transform the practice of medicine. Its 18 departments in the basic sciences and clinical specialties work closely with the Centre for Medical Education and the Centre for Biomedical Ethics to ensure that teaching and research are aligned and relevant to Singapore’s healthcare needs. In 2008, the School became an integral part of the National University Health System (NUHS), which also groups the National University Hospital, the NUS Faculty of Dentistry and the NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health. The NUHS aims to develop and provide innovative, sustainable and value-driven healthcare for Singaporeans.