

My name is Nantaka Kongstan, I received Bachelor degree of Nursing, from Faculty of Nursing, Mahidol University and Master degree of Science (Toxicology) from Faculty of Science, Mahidol university. Bangkok, Thailand.

After graduation, I worked as a researcher at the Division of Respiratory and Tuberculosis Disease, Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. I was working in several studies which were initiated by the faculties in the Division and I learnt about research development and the conduct of clinical research here. I believe that the knowledge gained from research studies results in better treatment which are helpful to all patients in the world.

Later, I moved to work at the Pediatric Infectious Disease Unit, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. As a Research nurse, I coordinate with the Obstetrics & Gynecology and the Internal Medicine Department. The studies that I have experience here involved patients with HIV infection and other infectious disease and investigational vaccines. For the past 10 years being a research nurse, I have been working with more than 30 studies. Currently, I am the head of the research



nurses for all the studies conducted at the site under IMPAACT network, Treat Asia network, and pharmaceutical companies. I received the “CRC Basic Training” at The Northwestern University in 2005, “Research Ethics Training work shop” at Hanoi in 2008, “DAIDS policy & DAIDS information, DAIDS safety workshop” at Bangkok in 2008, and Quality Management at Bangkok in 2009. I joined the Distance-based certificate program for research coordinators from School of Nursing, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama, USA in Nov 2010- Aug 2011.

Currently, I supervise all research nurses in the unit, provide training to the team, and help the team to resolve issues related to patient nursing care. In addition, I assist the study physicians in the study-related issues such as enrollment and informed consent process, and ensuring that the study procedures are performed according to the protocol, GCP, and local regulation. I am also responsible for all patient care-related documents including case record forms and data quality management.

I very much enjoyed working in the clinical studies and collaborating with multi disciplinary team. I am proud to be able to help with the team build-up and set the clinical research center in the Hospital.

