

NUTRITION RESEARCH DIVISION



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1. Historical Background

Nutrition Research Division was formally known as Department of Nutrition, Burma Medical Research Institute. The two nutritional problems; anaemia and thiamine deficiency were firstly approved and carried out in the first Five-Year Health Plan by the recommendations of a nutritional survey in 1962. Therefore, it can be recognised that Department of Nutrition or Nutrition Research Division has been established concurrently with Burma Medical Research Institute since 1963. The Division was firstly situated on the top floor of the main building (Harcourt Butler Institute of Public Health) and moved to the first floor of Clinical Research Centre which was completely constructed in 1974. Dr. Kywe Thein was first appointed head of the Research Division and then he served as Deputy Director (Administration) until his retirement. The Nutrition Research Division is currently engaged in the research on nutritional status of school children, elderly, nutrition related non-communicable diseases, infant and young child feeding practices and nutrition and infectious diseases. The division had provided academic services such as teaching of undergraduate and post graduate students attending Universities of Medicine, University of Public Health and laboratory services such as nutrients analysis in food.

2. Former Heads

Sr. No.	Name	Degree	Year (From-To)
1.	Dr. Kywe Thein	MBBS, DN (Calcutta), MRCP (Edinburgh)	1965-1981
2.	Dr. Cho Nwe Oo	MBBS, DN(London), MRCP (Edinburgh)	1982-1987
3.	Daw Tin Tin Oo	BSc, M.S (Nutrition)(Berkeley)	1990-1992
4.	Dr. Maung Maung Cho	MBBS, MMedSc(Physiology),	1992-1993
5.	U Khin Maung Naing	BSc (Hons) (Chemistry), MSc (Nutrition)(London)	1993-1996

6.	Dr. Khin Maung Maung	MBBS, MMedSc(Biochemistry)	1996-1997
7.	Dr. Phyu Phyu Aung	MBBS,MedSc(Physiology), MPS-FNP (Philippines)	1997-2007
8.	Dr. Theingi Thwin	MBBS, MMedSc, PhD (Biochemistry)	2007-2013
9.	Dr. Ko Ko Zaw	MBBS, MPH (Epidemiology & Biostatistics) (Boston University)	2013-2015

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4. Area of Research Activities

No.	Area of Research Activities	Choice
1.	Communicable Diseases	√
2.	Non-Communicable Diseases	√
3.	Nutritional Factor	√
4.	Research Capacity Strengthening	
5.	Health System Research	√
6.	Environmental Health	
7.	Traditional Medicine	
8.	Research Culture Promoting	
9.	Technology Development	