VIROLOGY RESEARCH DIVISION



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1. Historical Background

The Virology Research division was established in 1966 with the appointment of Dr. N. Ahad, M.B., B.S (Rgn), Director, National Health Laboratory as consultant of the Virology Department. In the initial stage of establishment, the staff members were trained in theory and practice of virological techniques on serology and egg inoculation. The first appointed head of the Research Division was Dr. N. Ahad. The current research activities include research on HIV, arbovirology, viral diarrhea, emerging zoonotic viruses and viruses causing acute respiratory infections. The main research activities are focused on surveillance of viral infections for timely prevention of disease outbreaks, monitoring of the emergence of new viral strains or subtypes to provide base-line data for the formulation of effective candidate vaccines and for elucidating the contribution of viral genetics to the changing patterns of disease. Serology, Immunoassay, Western blot assay, Enzyme linked Immunosorbent assay (ELISA), Haemagglutination inhibition assay (HAHI), viral culture, molecular experiments as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (RFLP) were carried out. Research on genotyping of Dengue virus, Rotavirus and Influenza virus are performed.

2. Former Heads

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1.	Dr. N. Ahad,	MBBS (Rgn)	1966
2.	Dr. Daw Hpay	MBBS, DTM. & H, Dip Bact,	1967
		MBHMC Path. (Lond.)	
3.	Dr.Daw Mi Mi Khin	MBBS, Dip Bact.(Manchester)	1968 - 1983
4.	Dr. U Soe Thein	MBBS, Dip Bact.(Ygn),	1983- 1996
		MMedSc (Microbiology),	
		PhD (Australia), FRCP (Edin)	
5.	Dr. U Kyaw Moe	MBBS (Ygn), D Path (Ygn),	1996- 2004
		MSc (Birmingham)	
6.	Dr. Hlaing Myat Thu	MBBS (Ygn),	2004-2010
		MMedSc (Microbiology),	
		MACTM, PhD (Molecular Virology)	
7.	Dr. Mo Mo Win	MBBS (Ygn), MMedSc(Microbiology)	2011-2015

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4. Area of Research Activities

No.	Area of Research Activities	Choice
	Communicable Diseases	$\sqrt{}$
	Non-Communicable Diseases	
	Nutritional Factor	
	Research Capacity Strengthening	
	Health System Research	
	Environmental Health	$\sqrt{}$
	Traditional Medicine	
	Research Culture Promoting	
	Technology Development	