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**INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS: Dr. Vijayalakshmi S Bhojaraja**

Name /RCSI appointment	We are pleased to welcome Dr. Vijayalakshmi S Bhojaraja to RCSI Bahrain as Senior Lecturer in Anatomy.
Educational background (50 words)	Dr Vijaya completed a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from Rajiv Gandhi University, Bangalore, India in year 2006 and has completed Doctor of Medicine (MD) Anatomy from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University, India in 2012. She has also completed post-graduate diploma in medical education from University of Dundee.
Summary of Career to date. (Max 100 words)	<p>Dr Vijaya has more than a decade of teaching experience in Anatomy, and she has worked as Assistant Professor in Anatomy in RAK Medical health Sciences University (2012-16), Medical University of the Americas in St. Kitts and Nevis (2016-17), International Medical University (2017-2019) and RCSI lead in PURCSI School of Medicine in Malaysia (2020-21).</p> <p>Her expertise includes conducting large group lectures, small group tutorials and active methodologies such as practical workshops and using team-, problem- and case-based approaches. She is experienced with cadaveric dissection and demonstration, plastinated specimens, video, and e-learning assets. She has experience in teaching Clinical anatomy (Gross, histology and embryology, cell biology) for students of discipline-based, USMLE-based, and integrated modular curricular frameworks, the latter of which she has been involved in designing and developing. She has published research articles in peer-reviewed indexed journals &amp; presented the research papers in conferences.</p>
Research interests and specialty (List up to 8)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Medical education</li><li>2. Cadaveric dissection &amp; studies on variations</li><li>3. Cell culture &amp; histology techniques</li><li>4. Experimental studies</li><li>5. Systemic review in health and disease</li><li>6. Global Burden of disease – health metrics</li></ol>
Major accomplishments (100 words max)	Dr Vijaya has a strong track record of excellence in teaching & research activities and leadership, and she was involved in designing and implementing the integrated modular curriculum in previous universities. She effectively planned and conducted team-based



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learning and published the articles based on the student experience. She carries the experience in developing E-learning modules for self-directed learning in Anatomy. She has created a YouTube channel titled "Anatomy by Dr Vijaya", for the benefit of the students.