

**Dr Somasundaram Sathappan (known as Dr Soma)**

**QUALIFICATIONS :**

**MB BS, (Malaya),**University of Malaya, June 1989.

**Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, October 1994.**

**Masters in Surgery**, National University of Malaysia, June 1996.

**Member of the Academy of Medicine Malaysia, Oct 2003**

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Aug 1989

**Medical internship,**

to Jan 1990

Sultan Aminah Hospital, Johor Baru.

General Medicine and Paediatrics with special interest in Cardiology and Respiratory Medicine.

Feb 1990

**Surgical Internship,**

to July 1990

Sultan Aminah Hospital, Johor Baru.

General Surgery with Orthopaedic, Urology and  
Neurosurgical experience.

Aug 1990

**Medical Officer,**

to Dec. 1991

Sarawak Mental Hospital, Kuching

**MASTERS SURGICAL TRAINING ROTATION:**

Jan 1992

**Surgery Medical Officer,**

to June 1992

Dept of Surgery, University Kebangsaan Malaysia.

July 1992

**Orthopaedic Medical Officer,**

to Dec 1992

Dept. of Orthopaedics, Hospital Sultanah Aminah  
Johor Bahru

Jan 1993 to June 1993	<b>Surgery Medical Officer,</b>  Dept of Surgery, University Kebangsaan Malaysia.
July 1993 to Sep 1993	<b>Plastic Surgery Medical Officer,</b>  Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Unit, U.K.M.
Oct 1993 to Dec 1993	<b>Urology Medical Officer,</b>  Urology Unit, U.K.M.
Jan 1994 to March 1994	<b>Neurosurgery Medical Officer,</b>  Neurosurgical Unit, U.K.M.
Apr 1994 to June 1994	<b>Paediatric Surgery Medical Officer,</b>  Paediatric Surgical Unit. U.K.M.
July 1994 to June 1995	<b>Registrar in General Surgery,</b>  Department of Surgery. U.K.M.
July 1995 to June 1996	<b>Senior Registrar in General Surgery,</b>  Department of Surgery, U.K.M.
July 1996 to Nov 1997	<b>Lecturer and Clinical Specialist,</b>  Burns, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Unit  Dept of Surgery, U.K.M.
Dec 1997 To March 1998	<b>Registrar</b>  Department of Hand and Microsurgery Hospital Kuala Lumpur

April 1998	<b>Lecturer and Clinical Specialist</b>
To May 1999	Burns, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery unit Department of Surgery, U.K.M.
June 1999 to	<b>Senior House Officer</b>
November 2000	Dept of Burns and Plastic Surgery Morriston Hospital Swansea, Wales, UK
December 2000	<b>Consultant Plastic Surgeon and Lecturer</b>
To April 2004	Burns, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Unit Department of Surgery Hospital UKM

### **Plastic Surgery**

Clinical Specialist in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery from July 1996 onwards. Dr Soma has experience in basic plastic surgical procedures e.g. excision of facial swellings, scar revisions, pressure sore management and release of contractures. His experience in the management of burns patients include assessment of the depth and extent of burns, resuscitation, excision of eschar and split skin grafting. He has experience in the acute management of a burns patient including newer methods/protocols in fluid resuscitation; the management of wound infections in a burned patient; the management of facial and perineal burns, the use of tissue culture techniques and allografts.

Dr Soma has a special interest in post mastectomy breast reconstruction using both latissimus dorsi muscle with implant and TRAM flap reconstruction.

He has undergone basic microsurgical training in the laboratory. And also has experience in the harvesting of free flaps and the subsequent anastomosis. Dr Soma also has experience in the management of oral cancers, including radical and modified radical neck dissections, excision of tumours and reconstruction of the resulting defects with regional and free flaps.

Dr Soma has experience in the management of hand injuries, including flap closure of extensive skin defects and replantation/ reanastomosis/revascularization of digits.

He also has experience in resurfacing traumatic defects of the lower limbs using local and free flaps.

Dr soma has experience in the field of cosmetic surgery including face lifts, liposuction, abdominoplasties, blepharoplasties and breast augmentation/reduction.

**DR SOMA'S FULL CV IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**