

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Education/Training

Institution and location	Degree	Completion Date	Field of Study
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand	B.Sc. in Pharmacy	05/1998	Pharmacy (Pharmaceutical Administration)
Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand	MPH	04/2001	General Public Health
Faculty of Social Sciences and Law & Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry Nursing and Pharmacy, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK	MRes	06/2004	Community Health & Health Policy
Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London, London, UK	Ph.D.	01/2008	Health Policy
School of Nursing, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA	D43-NINR Postdoctoral Fellowship	12/2016	Health Policy

A. PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a pharmacist and currently working as a freelance researcher and lecturer. I had been fully awarded from the USA National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) the two-year Fogarty and the NINR full postdoctoral fellowship (D43) at the University of Michigan School of Nursing (UMSON), Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, between January 2016 and December 2017. My postdoctoral research focuses on analyzing *the cost of medication prescriptions in adults with multiple chronic conditions (MCCs) using the Thai national claims data (the 43-Folders)* between 2016 to 2018.

My research interests and specialization focus on:

1. health policy especially in medicines policy at both local and international levels,
2. public health administration especially at the micro or community level, including community health centering on service delivery for primary care and the roles of village health volunteers towards a sustainable community management, and
3. global health using health-related national claims data for predicting health problems and alternative solutions

B. RESEARCH GRANTS

1. Geography and Cost of Prescription Medications for Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions in Thailand **(As a PI for the D43 NINR Grant between 2016-2020 with budget US\$80,000)**
2. The Evaluation of the Mailed-order Medication System for Patients with Diabetes Mellitus during the COVID19 Pandemic in Thailand **(As a PI for the Grant from the Health System Research Institute between 2020-2022 with budget THB 1,300,000 or US\$41,000)**
3. The Development of the Community Health Management Models during the Post-crisis of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Village Health Volunteers in the 5th and the 6th Health Regions **(AS a PI for the Grant from the Health System Research Institute between 2020-2022 with the budget THB 1,000,000 or US\$31,000)**

C. PUBLICATIONS

1. von Borman, S., Wichaikul, S., Turner, K., **Soonthorn, S.**, Khamwong, W., Ritruetchai, S. & Tippayaphalapholgul, B. (2021). Relationship between Personal Factors, Attitude, Knowledge and English Skills of Health Professionals Working in Health Service Regions, the Thai Ministry of Public Health. *Nursing Journal of the Ministry of Public Health*. 31(1), 199-210.
2. **Soonthorn, S.**, Komolmalai, W., Sutheepasert, T., Sutheepasert, T. & Prangson, Y. (2020). Factors Related to Motorcycle Driving Risk Behavior among Students at a Senior High School in Suphanburi Province. *The Southern College Network Journal of Nursing and Public Health*, 7(1), 74-86.
3. Ploylearmsang, C., Teinkanitikul, K., Choppradit, C., **Soonthorn, S.** & Patisonthi, K. (2020). Development of Computerized Decision Support Program on Prescribing High Risk CNS Drugs for Aging Outpatients in Hospitals. *Academic Psychiatry and Psychology Journal*. 36(3), 202-221.
4. Khamwong, W., Ritruetchai, S., Turner, K., von Borman, S., **Soonthorn, S.** & Wichaikul, S. (2020). Needs in English Competency Development of Health Personnel. *Nursing Journal of the Ministry of Public Health*. 30(3), 223-234.
5. **Soonthorn, S.**, Turner, K., von Borman, S., Wichaikul, S., Khamwong, W., & Ritruetchai, S. (2019). Knowledge, Attitude and Essential Skills in English of Healthcare Personnel in 13 Health Service Regions under the Supervision of the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. *Journal of the Police Nurse*, 11(2), 453-463.
6. Turner, K., von Borman, S., Wichaikul, S., **Soonthorn, S.**, Ritruetchai, S., Khamwong, W. & Charoensuk, S. (2019). Development of English Program for Health Personnel in Relation to Work. *Journal of Nursing Division*. 46(2), 135-191.
7. Sutheepasert, T., **Soonthorn, S.**, lamrahong, W., Komolmalai, W., Thongnak, T., & Petcharoen, H. (2019). The Desirable Characteristics and The Twenty-First-Century Skills for Students and Graduates from the Bachelor of Community Public Health Program, the Department of Community Public Health, Sirindhorn College of Public Health Suphanburi. *Quality of Life and Law Journal*, 15(2), 19–32.
8. Sunisa, C., Kettrat, K., Nan-udon, R., Komolmalai, W., **Soonthorn, S.**, & Sutheepasert, T. (2018). Factors Relating to Alcohol Consumption Behaviors among Secondary School Male Students in Nonthaburi Province. 6(2), 197-213.
9. Sawangdee, K., Rajataramya, B., Sarakshetrin, A., Chantra, R., Muangyim, K., Wattanakul, S., Pubjain, S., & **Soonthorn, S.** (2017). A Study of the Healthcare Workforce for Community Public Health, Dental Public Health and Technical Pharmacy Under the Supervision of Praboromarajchanok Institute for Health Workforce Development. *The Southern College Network Journal of Nursing and Public Health*, 4(1), 119-135.
10. Jaidee, J., Ratanasiri, A., Chatrchaiwiwatana, S., & **Soonthorn, S.** (2015). Prevalence and factors associated with the utilization of dental care services among factory workers in Nava Nakorn Industrial Estate, Pathumthani Province, Thailand. *J Med Assoc Thai*, 98(suppl 6), S73–80.
11. Ployleumsaeng, Ch., **Soonthorn, S.**, Thiankanitikul, K., & Choppradit, Ch. (2015). Development and Implementation of Medicine List Program for Screening and Reducing Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Thai Elderly Patients and Response of Physicians and Pharmacists on Implementation in Hospitals. *the Health System Research*.

D. POSITIONS & EMPLOYMENT

1995-1997	Pharmacist & Head of the Pharmacy Department, Nong Sung Hospital, Mukdaharn, Thailand
1997-1999	Pharmacist & Head of the Pharmacy Department, Pangmapha Hospital, Maeongson, Thailand
1999-2002	Pharmacist & Head of the Pharmacy Department, Prachatippat Hospital, Pathumthani, Thailand
2002-2008	Awarded the Royal Thai Government Scholarship to study in the UK (Masters up to Ph.D.)
2008-2021	A pharmacist and an instructor at Sirindhorn College of Public Health Suphanburi, Thailand
2021-2022	Global Health Program Director and Lecturer in Health Policy, Global Health Program, Faculty of Public Health, Thammasat University (Rangsit Campus), Pathumthani, Thailand

E. OTHER EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Interprofessional Education Training (IPE)

22-26 August 2022 Having been selected from the 9th Gunma IPE Training (Japan) to be the only trainee from Thailand (online training) to join the short-course training with other participants globally

Professional Licensure

1995-current A member of Thailand's Pharmacy Council

Editorial & Reviewer Experience

2014-current Journal of the Thai Nursing Council

2014-current International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing

2018-current The Southern College Network Journal of Nursing and Public Health

2018-current Journal of Health Science Research

Honors & Awards

1995 The Faculty of Pharmacy, Chulalongkorn University Alumni Scholarship

2002-2008 The Royal Thai Government Scholarship (Masters up to Ph.D.)