

Brief Bio

Dr. Patsy Tan is an American Board Certified as well as Australian Registered Music Therapist. She is also certified in Neurologic Music Therapy and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Music Therapy. Dr. Tan is a pioneer in medical music therapy in Singapore whereby she introduced music therapy into acute medical setting in 2005. In 2013, she became an Honorary Fellow of the University of Melbourne, Australia.

For the past 20 years, Dr. Tan worked in the United States, Taiwan and Singapore as a music therapist. She has worked with a variety of populations in various settings. She has served patients with Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, cancer, traumatic brain injury, stroke, special needs, burns as well as heart and lung transplant. She has also lectured in Taiwan and given talks in China, Japan, Korea and Malaysia. She has published in scholarly journals and presented in various professional conferences.

Dr. Tan came back to Singapore and joined the Singapore General Hospital (SGH) in 2005 whereby she established the first music therapy program specifically for hearing impaired children in aural/oral habilitation in SE Asia. By 2007, she managed to get medical music therapy recognized as an allied health profession and thus the Music and Creative Therapy Unit at SGH was established. The unit serves not only the hearing impaired population but to various populations in the inpatient wards. Dr. Tan also established a training program whereby music therapy students can do their internship/practicum at SGH.

As a founding member of the International Association for Music and Medicine (IAMM) and the Association for Music Therapy (Singapore), she is currently serving in the editorial board and conference committee of the IAMM.