

Dr Wendy Pameh



Dr Wendy Pameh died on May 8th 2018 at the age of 47, three years after she was diagnosed with breast cancer. After qualifying as a Paediatrician with Master of Medicine in Child Health in 2005, Wendy provided child health services at two provincial hospitals in PNG, before joining the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) as a Lecturer in 2009. In 2014 she completed a Masters of Epidemiology at the University of Melbourne, and was appointed as Senior Lecturer at UPNG in 2016. She was an outstanding academic general paediatrician with a special interest in adolescent health and community child health. Dr Pameh was a much loved and respected mentor to medical and nursing students and to paediatric trainees, and a wonderful role model for women paediatricians of her generation, and to all of us. Her presence, commitment, spirit, patience, wisdom and humour lifted people and raised standards. These qualities shone through during the last three difficult years when she continued her commitment to her students and colleagues. The Paediatric family in Papua New Guinea is saddened by Dr Pameh's passing but deeply grateful to have had such an inspirational friend and colleague.



Dr Wendy Pameh teaches nurses neonatal resuscitation in 2016