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Research Interests:

- Neurodevelopmental disorders especially ADHD
- Emotional disorders especially Depression
- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
- Digital Mental Health
- Child and adolescent mental disorders

Biography

Dr Daniel Fung is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with a strong track record in clinical research, innovation, and health system transformation. He serves as Chief Wellness Officer at NHG Health and Senior Consultant at the Institute of Mental Health (IMH), where he previously held the role of Chief Executive Officer from 2011 to 2026.

His research spans neurodevelopmental and emotional disorders in young people, with particular emphasis on early identification, scalable interventions, and population-based mental health strategies. He has led and contributed to multiple nationally funded studies, including large-scale epidemiological and intervention research supported by the National Medical Research Council and other major funders. A key feature of Dr Fung's work is the translation of research into practice. He has been instrumental in developing community-based and school-linked mental health services, including Singapore's REACH programme, and has contributed to the evolution of tiered and stepped care models for child and adolescent mental health. Dr Fung is also a pioneer in digital mental health innovation, with work spanning web-based cognitive behavioural therapy, mobile applications, and brain-computer interface-based interventions for ADHD. His research reflects a broader interest in how technology, neuroscience, and behavioural science can be integrated to improve access, precision, and outcomes in mental healthcare.

Internationally, he has played a leadership role in advancing the field, serving as President of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP). His work continues to bridge clinical care, research, education, and policy, with a focus on building sustainable, person-centred mental health systems for children and families.

Selected Publications

- **Levis, B., Sun, Y., He, C., Wu, Y., Krishnan, A., Bhandari, P. M., ... Fung, D., ... & Thombs, B. D. (2020).** "Accuracy of the PHQ-2 Alone and in Combination With the PHQ-9 for Screening to Detect Major Depression: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis." *JAMA*, *323*(22), 2290-2300.
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- **Raine, A., Ang, R. P., Choy, O., Hibbeln, J. R., Ho, R. M-H., Lim, C. G., Lim-Ashworth, N. S. J., Ling, S. C., Liu, J. C. J., Ooi, Y. P., Tan, Y. R., & Fung, D. S. S. (2018).** "The ω -3 and social skills interventions for reactive aggression and childhood externalizing behavior problems: a randomized, stratified, double-blind, placebo-controlled, factorial trial." *Psychological Medicine*, *1-10*.
- **Broekman, B. F. P., Chan, Y. H., Chong, Y. S., Quek, S. C., Fung, D. S. S., Low, Y. L., & Saw, S. M. (2009).** "The influence of birth size on intelligence in healthy children." *Pediatrics*, *123*(6), 1011-1016.

Notable Research Awards & Grants from Past 5 Years

Name of Awards & Grants	Year Obtained
Co-investogator on study "Suicide and suicide-related behaviours amongst youths in Singapore: Analysis of suicide attempters and completers" Ministry of Health – MH 34:17	2021
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry E James Anthony IACAPAP Presidential Travel Award	2022
Co-investogator on study "Mental health study of children and adolescents in Singapore." Temasek Foundation – TFC-APP-3-154	2022
The Ministry of Social and Family Development Friends of MSF Award	2024

Translating Research Into Healthcare

Dr Fung has published more than 30 books across his career and the notable publications since 2020 include:

1. **Fung D**, Goh S, Ong SH (2020) The Stress Wars: How many psychiatrists does it take to raise a child. [Marshall Cavendish Singapore](#).
2. Vasudevan K, Wong ZJ, Kwan C, **Fung D** (2021). Finding your Voice. Helping children with selective mutism. [Marshall Cavendish Editions Singapore](#)
3. **Fung D**, Tan G, Liew SH, Heymans S (2023). Polderstein 13: School of the Amazing Brain. [World Scientific Education](#).
4. Lim CG, Faber H, **Fung D**. Living with Dyscalculia. Marhsall Cavendish Singapore 2025.