**Title** – ***Singapore's Health Technologies Innovation Ecosystem***

**Abstract** – This talk will briefly discuss a topic of paramount importance in today's rapidly advancing world of healthcare: the Singapore Health Technology Innovations ecosystem. Singapore, known for its unwavering commitment to excellence, has not only established itself as a global healthcare hub but also as a pioneering force in adopting and developing health technologies. I will introduce Singapore Health Technologies Consortium (HealthTEC.SG) and the role we play to build this ecosystem both locally and regionally. Together, we will journey through the interconnected realms of research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and policy-making that contribute to Singapore's vibrant health technology ecosystem. By understanding the role of various stakeholders, from research institutions and startups to healthcare providers and governmental agencies, we can gain valuable insights into how this ecosystem is propelling healthcare into the future.

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