

Dr. Chaiwat Palawatvichai



Dr. Chaiwat Palawatvichai was born in 1944. He has been devoting his life to work as a surgeon in the Northeastern part of Thailand. After completing his training in general surgery at Siriraj Hospital, he started working as a Surgical Staff at Maharat Nakhon Ratchasima Hospital in 1973. His past positions include Head of Trauma and Outpatient Department, Head of Emergency and Forensic Department, Deputy Director for Special Activities, Advisor to the Director, and also Head of Department of Surgery. He was one of the pioneer surgeons in the region. He set up various specialties at the Surgical Department, i.e. General Surgery, Urological Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery. In addition, he also developed mass casualty plan for Maharat Nakhorn Ratchasima Hospital in 1979 and set up training in basic life support as well as patient transfer course for traffic police and highway officers in 1986. He improved the trauma care at Maharat Nakorn Ratchasima Hospital and other hospitals in the surrounding area. He started the trauma registry program and set up the trauma unit, trauma ward and the trauma intensive care unit at Maharat Nakorn Ratchasima Hospital. He has been executive committee member of various associations such as the Trauma Association of Thailand, committee on tertiary trauma care under “Health for All” budget and subcommittee on Advance Trauma Life Support Training. In 1989 he was elected the President of the Society of Surgeons of the Northeast Thailand. He is an author of nearly thirty publications and original articles. He received many outstanding awards from different associations, such as the Trauma Association of Thailand, the International College of Surgeons, Thailand Section under the Patronage of His Majesty the King, the Association of General Surgeons of Thailand under the Patronage of His Majesty the King and the Ministry of Public Health. Although Dr. Chaiwat Palawatvichai has been retired since 2005, he still continues to work as a good surgeon and a consultant until now.