Prof Leo Yee Sin is the Executive Director of the National Centre for Infectious Diseases, Singapore.

As an adult Infectious Disease specialist, Prof Leo has led her team through multiple outbreaks in Singapore. These include Nipah in 1999, SARS in 2003, the pandemic influenza in 2009, Zika in 2016 and multiple surges of Dengue. She successfully managed Singapore’s first imported case of the Monkeypox in May 2019. Her current priority is now in the fight against Covid-19.

Prof Leo has published more than 300 scientific papers. Her experience and expertise in outbreak management is frequently called upon as advisor and conference speaker at national, regional and international level. Apart from her clinical and administrative duties; she is also heavily involved in research and teaching. Topics of her research interest include dengue, influenza, emerging infections, HIV and Covid-19.

She has won many awards among which are three National Day Awards, one is the most prestigious Public Service Star in recognition for her outstanding battle against SARS in 2003 and two others for The Public Administration Medal in Silver and Bronze, for the year 2020 and 2012 respectively. Other awards include the Excellence Star Award 2005, Red Ribbon Award 2014 and the National Healthcare Group (NHG) Distinguished Senior Clinician Award 2016.

Prof Leo is also named in BBC’s 100 women list in 2020.

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