

# COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, SINGAPORE

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**Continuing Medical Education Activities** (presented in chronological order)

Date	Event/Organiser	Title/Speaker
11 January	<b>2nd Update Session on Cardiothoracic Surgery Updates</b> Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Eugene Sim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surgery for Atrial Fibrillation - <i>Dr Lim See Lim</i></li> <li>Stem Cell Therapy for Heart Failure - <i>Dr Eugene Sim</i></li> </ul>
18 January	<b>Glaucoma Symposium – Moving Pressure</b> Co-organisers: Chapter of Ophthalmologists and Singapore Society of Ophthalmology (SSO) Chairman: Dr Francis Oen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advance in Glaucoma Management - <i>Dr Harvey Dubiner, US.</i></li> <li>Efficacy &amp; Safety of a Systemic Switch from Latanoprost to Travaprost in Patients with Glaucoma - <i>A/Prof Aung Tin</i></li> <li>Strategies in the Management of Glaucoma - <i>Dr Steve Seah</i></li> </ul>
30 January	<b>Inaugural Dinner Lecture of Chapter of Hand Surgeons</b> Chapter of Hand Surgeons Chairman: A/Prof Lim Beng Hai Citation: Dr Alphonsus Chong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complex Forearm and Elbow Fracture - <i>A/Prof Tu Yuan-Kun, Director of Orthopaedics of E-Da Hospital, Professor I-Shou University, Taiwan</i></li> </ul>
18 April	<b>OCT Symposium – What Lies Beneath?</b> Co-organisers: Chapter of Ophthalmologists and Singapore Society of Ophthalmology (SSO) Chairman: A/Prof Lim Tock Han	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Role of OCT in the Diagnosis &amp; Treatment of Retinal Diseases—<i>Dr Adrian Koh</i></li> <li>Beyond Standard Time-Domain OCT - <i>Dr Nikolle Tan</i></li> <li>OCT “Hands-On” Reading – Pearls and Pitfalls - <i>A/Prof Lim Tock Han</i></li> </ul>
2 May	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Update Session on Lung Cancer Updates</b> Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Agasthian Thirugnanam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjuvant Therapy for Lung Cancer - <i>Dr Tay Miah Hiang</i></li> <li>Surgery for Lung Cancer - <i>A/Prof Koong Heng Nung</i></li> </ul>
25-28 June	<b>Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2008 for Advanced Surgical Trainees in General Surgery</b> Organiser: Chapter of General Surgeons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course Convener: A/Prof Cheah Wei Keat</li> <li>Hospital conveners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A/Prof Cheah Wei Keat (National University Hospital)</li> <li>A/Prof Pierce Chow (Singapore General Hospital)</li> <li>A/Prof Chia Kok Hoong (Tan Tock Seng Hospital)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
23 June	<b>Chapter of General Surgeons - Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma: Pathways &amp; Precursors</b> Co-organisers: Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine and Chapter of General Surgeons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Jennifer L. Hunt</li> </ul>
11 July	<b>Third Dinner Lecture of Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons</b> Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman/Citation: Dr Chua Yeow Leng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valve Repair or Replacement: The Thai Experience - <i>Dr Taweesak Chotivatanapong, Head, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chest Disease Institute of Thailand</i></li> </ul>
12 July	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Update Session on Mitral Valve Surgery Updates</b> Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Ooi Oon Cheong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Techniques in Mitral Valve Reconstruction - <i>Dr Taweesak Chotivatanapong</i></li> <li>Indications &amp; Decision-Making in Mitral Valve Surgery - <i>Dr Saw Huat Seong</i></li> <li>Case discussion moderator: Dr Chua Yeow Leng</li> </ul>
22-24 August	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology – Current Trends in Ophthalmology</b> Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Ophthalmology (SSO), Chapter of Ophthalmologists and Malaysian Medical Association Ophthalmological Society	
5 September	<b>Inaugural Dinner Lecture of Chapter of Neurosurgeons</b> Organiser: Chapter of Neurosurgeons Chairman/Citation: A/Prof Ang Beng Ti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rationale and Strategies for Enhancing Oxygen Delivery to the Injured Brain - <i>Prof Ross Bullock, Clinical Director of Neurotrauma, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami</i></li> </ul>
11 October	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Update Session on Surgery of the Aorta</b> Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Christie Tan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imaging of Aortic Disease &amp; Percutaneous Aortic Valve Replacement - <i>Dr Victor Chao</i></li> <li>Open Surgery of the Aorta &amp; Organ Protection - <i>Dr Kenny Sin</i></li> <li>Elephant Trunks, Innovations &amp; Complications in Aortic Surgery - <i>Prof Uwe Klima</i></li> <li>Endovascular Solutions, Hybrids &amp; the Future - <i>A/Prof Peter Robless</i></li> </ul>
14 November	<b>Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons Symposium – Specialist Training &amp; Accreditation</b> In conjunction with the 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA) jointly organised by SOA and the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons  Chairmen: Dr Low Cheng Ooi and A/Prof Low Yin Peng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry's Perspective of the Role of the Singapore Medical Council and Singapore Accreditation Board - <i>Dr Lau Hong Choon, Director of Manpower Standards &amp; Development, Ministry of Health (MOH)</i></li> <li>Role of the Joint Committee on Specialist Training and Division Graduate Medical Studies—<i>Prof Lee Eng Hin, Co-Chairmen, Joint Committee on Specialist Training &amp; Director, Division of Graduate Medical Studies</i></li> <li>The Role of the Specialist Training Committee - <i>Prof Shamal Das De, Chairman of Specialist Training Committee of Orthopaedic Surgery</i></li> <li>The Role of the Academy of Medicine Singapore - <i>Dr Tan Kok Chai, Scribe, Academy of Medicine</i></li> </ul>

### College of Surgeons Dinner 2008

The college celebrated its inaugural College of Surgeons dinner on 19 September at the Regent Singapore. Programme highlights of the dinner were the presentation of awards to outstanding advanced surgical trainees (ASTs) and named lectureships by renowned surgeons:

- **13<sup>TH</sup> Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship**

Dr Sathappan SS (Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons) presented "Clinical Outcome of Total Hip Arthroplasty using the Normalized Proportionalized Femoral Stem with a Minimum 20-Year Follow-Up\*."

\*Full paper will be published in the Annals of the Academy of Medicine

- **3<sup>RD</sup> College of Surgeons Lectureship**

Dr Ong Siew Chey, a renowned surgeon in the general surgery community, presented the prestigious 3<sup>rd</sup> College of Surgeons Lectureship: "Bringing Up Surgeons".\*

\*Full paper will be published in the Annals of the Academy of Medicine. An excerpt of the paper will be published in the 5<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Chapter Connection - a quarterly newsletter published by the Chapter of General Surgeons.

- **College of Surgeons Gold Medal Award 2008**

The annual College of Surgeons Gold Medal was established to recognise and encourage outstanding ASTs in the surgical specialties. A total of 11 awards were presented at the dinner as follows:

<b>Dr Mark Wong Te Ching</b> , Singapore General Hospital (SGH)	- General Surgery
<b>Dr Amitabha Lahiri</b> , National University Hospital (NUH)	- Hand Surgery
<b>Dr Anette Ang</b> , SGH	- Otorhinolaryngology
<b>Dr Ong Yew Kwang</b> , NUH	
<b>Dr Tan Chyn Hong</b> , NUH	- Orthopaedic Surgery
<b>Dr Ong Lin Yin</b> , KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH)	- Paediatric Surgery
<b>Dr Marcus Wong Thien Chong</b> , Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH)	- Plastic Surgery
<b>Dr Ong Yee Siang</b> , SGH	
<b>Dr Ong Chin Hu</b> , Alexandra Hospital (AH)	- Urology

### Fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery

The Fellowship was established in 1976 by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore through generous donations from the Lee Foundation, Shaw Foundation and the World Orthopaedic Concern. The Fellowship, transferred to the College in 2005, provides eligible surgical registrars from the developing countries the opportunity to receive advanced orthopaedic training in Singapore.

2008 Fellowship recipients

- **Dr To Manh Tuan**, Department of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, NUH
- **Dr Achmad Fauzi Kamal**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, SGH
- **Dr Usman Saleem**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, SGH
- **Dr Abdulfajar Zikriya Modak**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH
- **Dr Rizki Rahmadian**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH

### College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship

Established in 1997 by Dr V K Pillay from his own donations as well as donations from the World Orthopaedic Concern, Lee Foundation, Shaw Foundation, it provides funding to members of the College for their participation at conferences/seminars/workshops/teaching programmes to have further understanding of the surgical problems in the developing world and gain knowledge on the development/advancement of the surgical specialties. The Travelling Fellowship Recipients of the 2008 College of Surgeons were:

**Prof Adrian Leong**

International Conference on Surgical Education & Training of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Melbourne, Australia  
4-5 March 2008

**Dr Chan Heng Thye**

11th Congress of the Asian Association of Endocrine Surgeons & Annual Scientific Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia, 20-22 March 2008

**Dr Chua Yeow Leng**

Conjoint Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, 12-16 May 2008 on behalf of the College President

**A/Prof Siow Jin Keat**

33rd Annual Scientific Congress of the Japanese College of Surgeons in Tokyo, Japan, 1-13 June 2008 on behalf of the College President

**Dr Chan Heng Thye**

33rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in Pattaya, Thailand from 17-20 July 2008.

**Dr Chan Heng Thye**

42nd Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia & Academy of Medicine, Singapore in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 31 July to 3 August 2008.

**A/Prof Low Yin Peng**

94th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco, California from 12-16 October 2008 on behalf of the College President.

**Dr Chan Heng Thye**

64th Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons in Mandaluyong City, Philippines from 7-10 December 2008.

Full meeting report from the individual recipient is available at [www.css.edu.sg](http://www.css.edu.sg) under "Other Medical Events".

## Sponsorship of Events

In 2008, the College is proud to be a nominal sponsor for the following events:

### **26 January - 1 February 2008**

Lecture series and teachings by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Health Manpower Development Plan (HMDP) Visiting Expert in Craniofacial Surgery, Dr Eric J. Arnaud, organized by KKH.

### **1-2 February 2008**

17<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Hand Review Course of the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) at NUH.

### **3 March 2008**

Lecture on *Pediatric Surgical Oncology: The Challenge* by the MOH HMDP Visiting Expert in Pediatric Surgical Oncology, Dr Stephen J. Shochat, organized by KKH.

### **3-7 March 2008**

Lecture Series by the MOH HMDP Visiting Expert in Colon and Rectal Surgery, Dr Jeffrey W. Milsom, jointly organized by AH, Changi General Hospital (CGH), NUH, SGH and TTSH.

### **13-16 March 2008**

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore.

### **5 April 2008**

1<sup>st</sup> Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus Symposium, National Neuroscience Institute, Tan Tock Seng campus.

### **24-25 May 2008**

1<sup>st</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Combined Breast Surgeon Conference 2008 of the Novartis Oncology, Prince Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### **17 August 2008**

Singapore-Malaysia Combined ENT Scientific Meeting of the Society of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, Singapore and Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists – Head & Neck Surgery, Sheraton Towers Hotel.

### **1 August 2008**

Combined Journal Club Meetings of KKH and NUH—*Is Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Children with Vesicoureteral Reflux Effective in Preventing Pyelonephritis and Renal Scars? A Randomized, Controlled Trial*, KKH.

### **26 September 2008**

Combined Journal Club Meetings of KKH and NUH -*Biliary Atresia with Extrahepatic Biliary Cysts – Cholangiographic Patterns Influencing the Prognosis*, KKH and *Is Excision of a Choledochal Cyst in the Neonatal Period Necessary?*, NUH.

### **15-16 November 2008**

Workshop on Paediatric Laparoscopic Surgery of the South-East-Asia Paediatric Endoscopic Group (SEAPEG), NUH.

### **27-29 November 2008**

1st Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session in conjunction with 4th Asia-Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium of the Singapore Cardiac Society, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore.

### **28 November - 5 December 2008**

Lecture series and teachings by the MOH HMDP Visiting Expert in Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Dr Randolph Sherman, organized by KKH.

## Distance Learning Programme (DLP)

The Chapter of Plastic Surgeons contributed the module on *Blepharoplasty* authored by Dr Andrew P Trussler and Dr Rod J Rohrich. The article was first published in the *Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Journal*.

## Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

During the year, Chapters under the College successfully implemented four diplomas:

- Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery - Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Diploma in Hand Surgery - Chapter of Hand Surgeons
- Diploma in Neurosurgery - Chapter of Neurosurgeons
- Diploma in Orthopaedic Surgery - Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Upon successful completion of the SRS programme and exit examination, the candidates will be awarded a Diploma conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine and the College of Surgeons. The candidates will also have the opportunity to work as a Staff Registrar in a public institution under the supervision of the hospital's consultants.

## Professional Opinions

During the year, the College contributed feedback and recommendations to the Ministry of Health on the following topics:

- The feasibility of establishing National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSC) for the individual specialty and the mission and roles of the NMSC to the Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres
- Guidelines on Exposure-Prone Procedures
- Study on the Determination of the Minimum Standards Required for the Provision of Paediatric ENT Services
- Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) on Rhinitis & Sinusitis
- Review on the Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) returned by MOH

More information on the College and the 2008 financial statements are available at [www.css.edu.sg](http://www.css.edu.sg)