



COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, SINGAPORE

Council 2012-2013



Seated (from left to right):

A/Prof Vijayan Appasamy, Dr Ravishankar K Diddapur, Dr Sayampanathan S.R.E, Prof Kesavan Esuvaranathan, Dr Bertha Woon, Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam

Standing (left to right):

Dr Wong Soon Kuan, Dr Lim Chong Hee, Dr Chui Chan Hon, Dr Liau Kui Hin, Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan, Dr Marcus Wong

Not in picture:

Dr Tay Shian Chao Vincent, A/Prof Christopher Ang Beng Ti, A/Prof Inderjeet Singh Rikhranj

8th Annual General Meeting

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Singapore was held on 17 May 2012 at 6:00 pm at Lecture Theatre (Level 3) at Gleneagles Hospital.

The following Council Members were elected to the 2012-2013 Council at the 8th Annual General Meeting:

President	Dr Sayampanathan, Sarvaselan R.E
Vice-President	Dr Ravishankar K Diddapur
President-Elect	Prof Kesavan Esuvaranathan
Honorary Secretary	A/Prof Vijayan Appasamy
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Ikshuvanam Swaminathan
Council Members	Dr Liau Kui Hin Dr Bertha Woon
Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	Dr Lim Chong Hee
Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons	Dr Wong Soong Kuan
Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons	Dr Tay Shian Chao, Vincent
Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons	A/Prof Christopher Ang Beng Ti
Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists	Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan
Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons	A/Prof Inderjeet Singh Rikhranj
Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons	Dr Chui Chan Hon
Chairman, Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons	Dr Marcus Wong
Chairman, Chapter of Urologists	Prof Kesavan Esuvaranathan

Board of Specialty Chapters

The Board of the various Specialty Chapters has been elected into office for a two-year term from 2011-2013 after the 5th Annual General Meeting of the respective Chapters in 2011. The Specialty Chapter Boards as follows continued their term of office:

Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Lim Chong Hee
 Vice-Chairman: Dr Wong Woon Wai, James
 Honorary Secretary: Dr Lim See Lim
 Board Members: A/Prof Chua Yeow Leng
 Dr Christie Tan
 Dr Sim Kwang Wei, Eugene

Chapter of General Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Wong Soong Kuan
 Vice-Chairman: Dr Ranjiv Sivanandan
 Honorary Secretary: Dr Ho Choon Kiat
 Board Members: Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam
 Dr Stephen Chang
 Co-opted Members: Dr Tan Kok Yang
 Dr Shankar Pasupathy
 Dr Seow Choon Sheong
 Dr Jaideepraj Rao

Chapter of Hand Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Tay Shian Chao, Vincent
 Vice-Chairman: Dr Andrew Yam
 Honorary Secretary: Dr Tan Puay Ling
 Board Members: Dr Lim Beng Hai
 Dr Jonathan Lee (co-opted)

Chapter of Neurosurgeons

Chairman:	A/Prof Ang Beng Ti, Christopher
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Tan Kheng Kooi
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Seow Wan Tew
Board Members:	A/Prof Ng Hua Bak, Ivan Dr Tang Kok Kee (co-opted)

Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Chairman:	A/Prof Inderjeet Singh Rikhraj
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Sathappan SS
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Arjandas Mahadev
Board Members:	Dr Fareed Husain Yusuf Kagda Dr Kevin Lim

Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

Chairman:	Dr Huang Shouu Chyuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yeo Seng Beng
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Toh Song Tar
Board Members:	Dr Peter Lu Dr Euan Murugasu Dr Paul Mok

Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons

Chairman:	Dr Chui Chan Hon
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Mali Vidyadhar
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Low Yee
Board Members:	Dr Anette Jacobsen Dr Ong Lin Yin Dr Caroline Ong

Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic

Chairman:	Dr Marcus Wong
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ong Yee Siang
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Por Yong Chen
Board Members:	Dr Tan Ying Chien Dr Colin Tham Dr Karen Sng Dr Cheong Ee Cherk (co-opted)

Chapter of Urologists

Chairman:	Prof Kesavan Esuvaranathan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Sim Hong Gee
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Heng Chin Tiong
Board Member:	Dr David Consigliere
Co-opted Members:	Dr Ng Foo Cheong Dr Toh Khai Lee Dr Chia Sing Joo

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2012 under the College now stands at 489 Fellows comprising 468 Local Fellows and 21 Overseas Fellows.

Local and Overseas Fellows are grouped under the Chapters as follows:

Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	31
Chapter of General Surgeons	160
Chapter of Hand Surgeons	21
Chapter of Neurosurgeons	21
Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists	64
Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons	73
Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons	17
Chapter of Plastic Surgeons	41
Chapter of Urologists	54
Others (applied as Specialty of Anatomy & not recognised as one of the 36 Specialties)	7

Council Meetings

The Council met once every two months to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2012-2013 Council had met four times.

Chapter Board Meetings

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the Board of the various Specialty Chapters have met a total of 10 times.

Events of Continuing Medical Education
*(presented in chronological order)***CTS Retreat**

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organized the CTS Retreat on 7 April 2012 at the National University Health System. The event was well attended by members from the Chapter, trainees, nurses and perfusionists.

15th Asian Research Symposium in Rhinology

The 15th Asian Research Symposium in Rhinology (ARSR), organised by Asian Research Symposium in Rhinology and hosted by the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists, was held on 24-26 May 2012 at Orchard Hotel. The event was supported by the Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Singapore and ASEAN Rhinology Society. The organising chairman was A/Prof Siow Jin Keat.

Chapter Dinner Lecture

The Chapter of General Surgeons together with the Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons organised the Dinner Lecture on 19 July 2012 at Four Seasons Hotel. The invited speaker, Dr Greg Chernoff, gave a lecture on 'Multimodality Scar Therapy – the Path to Meticulous Results'.

4th Chapter Dinner Lecture

The Chapter of Neurosurgeons organised the 4th Dinner Lecture on 1 August 2012 at the Carnivore. The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Guy Rosenthal from the Department of Neurosurgery, Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital, Israel &

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University of California, San Francisco, USA to speak on 'Blast Injury to the Brain and Coping with Mass Casualty Scenarios – A Neurosurgical Perspective'.

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons organised the 4th Chapter Dinner Lecture on Thursday, 2 August 2012 at Sheraton Towers, Singapore in conjunction with the Hand, Wrist and Distal Radius Cadaveric Course Dinner. The Chapter was pleased to invite Prof Alexander Shin from Mayo Clinic, USA to deliver the lecture on 'History of Hand Surgery at Mayo Clinic'.

Hand, Wrist and Distal Radius Cadaveric Course

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons organised the Hand, Wrist and Distal Radius Cadaveric Course from 2-3 August 2012 at the Advanced Surgical Training Centre (ASTC), National University Hospital and Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI), Singapore General Hospital. Prof Alexander Shin from Mayo Clinic, USA was the International Faculty. The course was well attended and was a great success.

Annual Combined Surgical Meeting 2012

The Chapter of General Surgeons organised the Annual Combined Surgical Meeting on 4 August 2012 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. The Opening Ceremony was held in conjunction with the College of Surgeons Dinner & Lecture on 3 August 2012 and the Guest-of-Honour was Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister of Health. The Meeting was well attended and was a great success.

7th Chapter of Cardiothoracic Dinner Lecture

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised the 7th Dinner Lecture on Friday, 24 August 2012 at the Peach Garden @33. The Chapter was pleased to invite Dr Thomas Pezzella, Cardiothoracic Surgery United States of America, who delivered an insightful lecture on 'Global Aspects of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Asia'.

Valve Seminar in Singapore

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons organised a mini Valve Seminar supported by Edwards Asia on 25 August 2012 at National Heart Centre.

CME Lecture

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised a CME Lecture on 11 October 2012 at Gleneagles Medical Centre and was pleased to invite Prof Christian Guilleminault from Stanford University Medical School, USA, to deliver the lecture on 'Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome: Medical and Surgical Treatment'.

Introductory Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course 2012

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised the Introductory Thyroid & Parathyroid Ultrasound Course on 9 September 2012 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The aim was to impart practical knowledge and essential information of

ultrasound usage in the treatment of thyroid and parathyroid conditions. The participants were ENT surgeons, General surgeons, Endocrinologists, trainees and other clinicians. The Chapter was pleased to have Prof Anil T Ahuja, Department of Imaging & Interventional Radiology, Chinese University of Hong Kong as the invited expert faculty. The course was well attended and the Organising Chairperson was Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam.

CME Lecture

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised a CME Lecture on 8 November 2012 at Summer Place Restaurant, Regent Hotel and was pleased to invite Prof Christopher Goh, Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Otolaryngology, Singapore General Hospital to deliver the lecture on 'The New ENT Residency Programme'.

Conferment Ceremony – Distinguished Surgeon Award

The Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons specially organised the conferment ceremony to present the recipients with the College Certificate, a College tie and a plaque. The Conferment Ceremony was held on 24 November 2012 at Grand Salon, Conrad Centennial Singapore. The College invited Prof Lim Shih Hui, Master, Academy of Medicine, Singapore as the Guest-of-Honour, to grace the ceremony.

The five individuals of the Distinguished Surgeon Awards were:-

- i. **Prof Malcolm John Underwood**
Professor and Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Department of Surgery, Prince of Wales Hospital
Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ii. **Dr Robert R Jeffrey**
Consultant
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary NHS Trust
Aberdeen
- iii. **Dr Pala Babu Rajesh**
Consultant
Regional Department of Thoracic Surgery
Birmingham Heartlands Hospital
Birmingham
- iv. **Dr Richard D Page**
Consultant
Thoracic Surgeon
Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital
United Kingdom
- v. **Dr Timothy R Graham**
Consultant
Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Senior Lecturer in Clinical Surgery
Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham
University of Birmingham and Royal Centre for Defence Medicine
United Kingdom

Examinations

The College organised the following examinations that were led by respective Specialty Chapters:

Exit Examination for Hand Surgery 2012

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons co-organized the Hand Surgery exit examination that was conducted on 31 March 2012 at the Singapore General Hospital. The panel of examiners consisted of:

1. Exam Convener – Dr Andrew Yam
2. Chief Examiner – A/Prof Lim Beng Hai
3. External Examiner – Dr Ho Pak Cheong
4. Examiners
 - E/Prof Robert Pho
 - Clinical A/Prof Teoh Lam Chuan
 - Adjunct A/Prof Lim Beng Hai
 - A/Prof Aymeric Lim
 - Dr Winston Chew
 - Dr Yong Fok Chuan
 - Dr Peng Yeong Pin
 - Dr Tan Ter Chyan
 - Dr Andrew Chin
 - Dr Alphonsus Chong
5. Observer – Dr Amithabha & Dr Sandeep Sebastin

The clinical examination was facilitated by the Registrars from SGH who assisted in the exam organisation. The Chapter also organised the MCQ component.

Three candidates were Dr Yeo Chong Jin, Dr Sreedharan Sechachalam and Dr Gan Wei Tat Aaron (all from Singapore). Dr Yeo Chong Jin and Dr Gan Wei Tat Aaron had scored a pass in this diet of the exit examination.

College of Surgeons Dinner 2012

The 7th College Dinner was held on 3 August 2012 at The Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel in conjunction with the Annual Combined Surgical Meeting Opening Ceremony. The College invited Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Health as the Guest-of-Honour, to grace the ceremony.



Dr Sayampanathan presenting a token of appreciation to the Guest-of-Honour, Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong (left).

The Dinner was attended by 150 participants comprising of College members and invited guests. The College hosted the Named Lectureships: 7th College of Surgeons and 17th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture. The College dinner, supported by surgeons from the different surgical disciplines, provided for a pleasant evening of camaraderie and networking.

The College of Surgeons Gold Medal 2012 for the best performing Advanced Surgical Trainees was also presented at the Dinner. The Master-of-Ceremony was A/Prof Ivor Lim.

7th College of Surgeons Lectureship

The College was honoured to have Dr Saw Huat Seong, a renowned surgeon with a passion for teaching as its prestigious 7th College of Surgeons Lecturer. He delivered a thought-provoking lecture on 'The Making of a Surgeon: From good to great' on 3 August 2012 at The Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel. Dr Saw Huat Seong, honoured as the 7th College of Surgeons Lecturer, received a College gold medal and certificate. This lectureship was chaired by Dr Lim Chong Hee, Chairman of Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons.

17th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship

The College awarded the 17th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to Dr Edmund Chiong (Chapter of Urologists) for his paper entitled 'NRAMP1 and hGPX1 Gene Polymorphism and Response to Bacillus Calmette-Guerin Therapy for Bladder Cancer'. The presentation of the winning paper and the award ceremony took place at the College of Surgeons Dinner 2012 held on 3 August 2012 at The Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel and was chaired by Prof E Kesavan, Chairman of the Chapter of Urologists. Dr Edmund Chiong, as the 17th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecturer, received a College gold medal and certificate. The co-authors of the winning paper for the 17th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship also received a certificate of recognition each.

College of Surgeons Gold Medal Award 2012

In recognition of the best performing Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in the surgical specialties, as well to encourage the ASTs to excel in their exit examinations, the College of Surgeons has established the College of Surgeons Gold Medal as an annual award. The College of Surgeons Gold Medal for 2012 was awarded to the following ASTs at the College of Surgeons Dinner 2012 on 3 August 2012:

Specialty	Award Recipient
Cardiothoracic Surgery	Dr Koh Puay Theng Tina
Otorhinolaryngology	Dr Han Hong Juan
Orthopaedic Surgery	Dr Antony Gardner

Award recipients were nominated by their respective Chairman of the Specialist Training Committee of the relevant specialty.

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College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship

The College awarded the College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship for the Year 2012 to the following Council Members who attended meetings / events representing the College:

Meeting / Conference	Dates	Venue	Award Recipient
Annual Scientific Meeting of The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	6-10 May	Malaysian	Dr Sayampanathan
ASEAN Surgical Summit	12-13 May	Philippines	Dr Ravishankar (<i>on behalf of President</i>)
37 th ASM of Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand	2-5 Aug	Thailand	A/Prof A Vijayan (<i>on behalf of President</i>)
RCSEd/CSHK Conjoint Scientific Congress 2012	22-23 Sep	Hong Kong	Prof Tan Kok Chai (<i>on behalf of President</i>)
68 th Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippines College of Surgeons	2-3 Dec	Philippines	Dr Sayampanathan

Endorsement of Events

The College and its Chapters endorsed the following events in Year 2012:

Event	Date	Venue	Organiser
GP Symposium on 'Understanding the different type of Rhinitis'	16 Nov	Tung Lok Classics	Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists
GP Symposium on 'Rhinitis and Sinusitis – Evidence based practice simplified'	20 Nov	Jurong Country Club	Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

Staff Registrar Scheme

Following the Ministry of Health's (MOH's) paper in early 2007 on introducing the Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS), a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training (as previously proposed by the Academy of Medicine for foreign doctors whose specialist degrees are not recognised by the Singapore Accreditation Board and whose medical schools are not recognised by the Singapore Medical Council), the following Specialty Chapters under the College have implemented the Scheme:

- Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in April 2008. The second intake has one (1) trainee currently and still ongoing until August 2015.
- Chapter of Hand Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in July 2008. First intake was on November 2011 and still ongoing until October 2014.
- Chapter of Neurosurgeons rolled out its SRS programme in January 2008. This is a three-year programme with two (2) trainees who will be completed the programme in year 2013 & 2014.
- Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in April 2008. This is a three-year programme and the fourth intake will be in year 2013.
- Chapter of Urologists Surgeons rolled out its SRS programme in August 2011. The first intake on August 2011 has one (1) trainee and will run till July 2014.

Candidates successfully completing the SRS Programme will receive a Diploma jointly awarded by the Academy of Medicine and the College of Surgeons.

Participation in MOH's Initiatives

Feedback on Sub-specialty Credentialing

The College of Surgeons, Singapore was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the Sub-specialty Credentialing. The College has submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in July 2012.

Feedback on Channel News Asia Report – Lower Likelihood of Post Surgery complication at Specialist Centres

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in September 2012 to provide feedback on the Channel News Asia Report – Lower Likelihood of Post Surgery complication at Specialist Centres. The Chapter is in the process of submitting a reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on Self- Administered Coffee Enema

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in December 2012 to provide feedback on the Self -Administered Coffee Enema. The Chapter is in the process of submitting a reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on Further clarification on Khan Kinetic Treatment (KKT) and Device

The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in October 2012 to provide feedback on the further clarification on Khan Kinetic Treatment (KKT) and Device. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on Screening Tests Review (further inputs clarification)

The Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in November 2011 to provide feedback on the Screening Tests Review (further inputs clarification). The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on the Opinion on Woffles Lift

The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in May 2012 to provide feedback on the opinion on Woffles Lift. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on the Opinion on Consultation by Foreign Medical Doctors

The Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in September 2012 to provide feedback on the opinion on Consultation by Foreign Doctors. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS.

Single Joint Expert (Medical) For Legal Issues

The Subordinate Courts of Singapore recently initiated a new practice directive for personal injury claims likely to be less than \$20,000 (the bulk of cases) with the intention of stream-lining work-flow, cutting down on unnecessary (and prolonged) documentation and red-tape and reducing costs. The Academy of Medicine was consulted on the matter of medical reports for such claims. The College President and the Chairman from Chapter of Emergency Physicians were actively involved in assisting the Subordinate Courts with this new scheme.

The cost of providing medical evidence can be high and sometimes involves the participation of multiple medical practitioners. Under the new scheme, where possible and mutually acceptable, instead of having separate medical witnesses for the claimant and the defendant (for cases where the claim amount is likely to be less than \$20,000), a single joint expert (SJE) would be admitted. The duty of the medical witness will be to the Court, and not to any individual (especially not to the person who is paying for calling the witness).

In addition, a new Medical Report Form (Form 5A) was introduced. In the past, it was felt that some medical reports did not have the required information, were too brief, and were inadequate for the courts to adequately determine claim amounts. The new form standardizes the format of the medical report. It would require designated fields to be completed, and therefore 'guides' the writer to produce information which would be useful to the Court.

In considering the proposals from the Subordinate Courts, the Academy has moved towards a simple format that would not only be useful for cases involving a SJE for claims below \$20,000, but also for all medical reports involving personal injury claims. This is because the information (about the medical condition) can be provided in a very user-friendly manner by members of the medical profession to our legal colleagues, thus facilitating court procedures.

The new Form 5A is down-loadable from the website in PDF or Word format from this URL: http://app.subcourts.gov.sg/civil/page.aspx?pageid=54106#Lawyers_Forms (please go to the section on 'Forms and Protocols' close to the end of the URL). The advantage of the Word Format is that you could type directly onto an expandable page, and then print it out later.

President of College of Surgeons, Singapore and Chairman of Chapter of Emergency Physicians participated in the briefing of lawyers and doctors. Master and President of College of Surgeons, Singapore also briefed MOH (including Director of Medical Services).

The scheme started on 22 November 2012. President of College of Surgeons, Singapore was also involved in the Workplan 2012 for the Subordinate Courts (held on 1 March 2013).

Company Secretary

Ms Ho Wui Mee Marian and Ms Chew Bee Leng are the appointed Company Secretaries of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

Lawyer

Messrs Rodyk and Davidson LLP are the appointed Lawyers of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

Banker

DBS Bank Ltd and Malayan Banking Berhad are the authorised banks of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

Auditor

Messrs Geetha A & Associates have been re-appointed as the Auditors of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

College Update

All Fellows of the College are advised to contact the College Secretariat if there are any changes to their personal particulars especially in their practice or residential address so that the College could continue to maintain contact with all its members. Kindly email changes (if any) to css@ams.edu.sg.

Events / Activities in 2013

The College's planned events/activities in 2013 are as follows:

Events

- i. 18th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship and 8th College of Surgeons Lectureship.
- ii. College of Surgeons Gold Medal Award 2013.
- iii. The College Dinner to be held on 11 October 2013 at Conrad Centennial, Singapore.

Activities

- i. Nomination and election exercise for College Council Members & Chapter Board Members.
- ii. Annual General Meetings of the College and its Specialty Chapters.

Fellows will also be informed of any events/activities planned by their respective Specialty Chapter in due course.