



Chapter of General Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2011

5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 5th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Surgeons was held on Tuesday, 26 April 2011 at 6.00pm at Boardroom (Level 3), Gleneagles Hospital, 6A Napier Road, Singapore 258510.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2011-2012:

Chairman:	Dr Wong Soong Kuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ranjiv Sivanandan
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Immediate Past Chairman:	Dr I Swaminathan
Board Members:	Dr Stephen Chang
	Dr Tan Kok Yang (Co-opted)
	Dr Shankar Pasupathy (Co-opted)
	Dr Seow Choon Sheong (Co-opted)
	Dr Jaideep Raj Rao (Co-opted)

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2011-2012 Chapter Board had met four times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2011.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2011 under the Chapter of General Surgeons now stands at 174 Fellows comprising of 164 Local Fellows and 10 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Combined Surgical Meeting Calendar for 2012

The calendar for monthly combined surgical meetings for the year 2012 is available on the College of Surgeons' website at www.css.edu.sg under *CME Activities – General Surgery* for reference purpose. Monthly combined surgical meetings are conducted in the restructured institutions on a rotation basis.

Surgical Calendar

The Surgical Calendar was conceptualised and produced by the Board of the Chapter of General Surgeons with the objectives of information dissemination to our members, in particular, the announcement of the dates of combined surgical meetings and residency courses. The Calendar was supported by Covidien.

Dinner & Lunch Lecture

The Chapter of General Surgeons organised a Specialty Dinner Lecture on Tuesday, 19 July at the Pan Pacific Hotel supported by Nestle Nutrition. The Lunch Lecture was held on Saturday, 12 November at the Sheraton Towers supported by Karl Storz. Attendees were members from the Chapter of General Surgeons, trainees and nurses. The Organising Chairman was Dr Wong Soong Kuan.

Informed Consents

The Chapter of General Surgeons is in the process of developing procedural-specific complication check-list to augment the process of Informed Consent in the local context and practice. The collation of the complication check-list for the various sub-specialties has been assigned as follows:-

- Upper GI/Bariatric by Dr Jaideep Raj Rao & Dr Shankar Pasupathy
- Breast by Dr Mona Tan & Dr Tan Yah Yuen
- HPB by Dr Ho Choon Kiat
- Hernia/Lumps & Bumps by Dr Shankar Pasupathy & Dr I Swaminathan
- Head & Neck by Dr Ranjiv Sivanandan

These checklists should be ready for circulation by March/April followed by uploading to the College website.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2011 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organized its 4th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 29 June to 3 July 2010 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to aid the ASTs to better prepare their exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, National University Hospital, Singapore General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The course comprised of interactive lectures, clinical discussions and mock VIVA of similar format as the real exit examinations, and covered core modules such as Breast, Endocrine, Upper Gastrointestinal, Vascular, Trauma, Colorectal, Hepato-pancreato-biliary, General Surgery, Head & Neck, Minimally-Invasive Surgery and Emergency Surgery & Critical Care. This year, the course was further refined to define broad topics assigned to each host institution in preparation for the clinical cases of the clinical segment so as to offer a varied exposure to the ASTs during the clinical discussion. The mock VIVA conducted by the 6 appointed examiners on 2 July 2011 was still the most well received segment in the course where ASTs were able to have an interactive learning experience with the examiners.

Based on the positive feedback received from the past four preparatory courses, the Chapter hopes to continue organising this event for the benefits of the ASTs, and not forgetting that the course needs to be fine-tuned accordingly so as to stay aligned to the changes of the training curriculum as necessary.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH) INITIATIVES

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were invited by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) to participate in the following:

Feedback on Credentialing in Laparoscopy

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in March 2011 to provide feedback on the credentialing in Laparoscopy. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in April 2011.

Feedback on Proposed Standards for Medisave Accreditation for Screening Colonoscopy

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the Regulatory Compliance Division of MOH in April 2011 to provide feedback on the proposed standards for Medisave accreditation for screening colonoscopy. The Chapter submitted its reply to MOH through AMS in May 2011.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Surgical Calendar

The Chapter will continue to publish its Surgical Calendar for the objectives of information dissemination to our members, in particular, the announcement of the dates of combined surgical meetings and residency courses. Chapter Members are most welcome to contribute their ideas and suggestions on additional uses of this forum.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2012 for Advanced Specialist Trainees (ASTs)

The Chapter will continue to pivot its role in training the ASTs by organising the preparatory course annually. This course will be part of the Chapter's highlights as long as the need for it remains. Course contents and format will also be looked into when planning for the subsequent course. Details will be announced in due course.

Annual Combined Surgical Meeting

The Chapter of General Surgeons together with Society of Colorectal Surgeons (Singapore), Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia and Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of Singapore will be organising the Annual Combined Surgical Meeting on 4 August 2012 at Grand Corphorne Waterfront Hotel.

For more information of the event, please go to www.css.edu.sg

APPRECIATION

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows for their support rendered in the past year and look forward to their ongoing support for future projects.

December 2011
Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2011-2013 Board
Chapter of General Surgeons