



Chapter of General Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2012

6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 6th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Surgeons was held on Wednesday, 16 May 2012 at 6.00pm at Pavilion, Swiss Club, 36 Swiss Club Road, Singapore 288139.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2012-2013:

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 of this Annual Report, the 2012-2013 Chapter Board had met twice to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2012.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2012 under the Chapter of General Surgeons now stands at 160 Fellows comprising of 154 Local Fellows and 6 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Combined Surgical Meeting Calendar for 2013

The calendar for monthly combined surgical meetings for the year 2013 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 were conducted in the restructured institutions on a rotation basis.

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organised a Continuing Medical Education event on:-

- Multimodality Scar Therapy -The Path to Meticulous Results by Dr Greg Chernoff on 19 July 2012 at Four Seasons Hotel

Informed Consent

The Chapter of General Surgeons has deliberated on the process of obtaining an informed consent in the local context and practice, and to find ways to improve the process. The Board piloted a project in late 2011 where a risk assessment proforma was designed for each of the more common general surgical procedures. This pro-forma is intended as an aide memoire to be used as an adjunct to the informed consent process. The risk assessment proforma has been launched at the 5th Annual General Meeting on 16 May 2012. This project was also featured on the local print media. It was published in the Straits Times on 4 June 2012 titled “**Better process for 'informed consent'**”. These proforma have since been uploaded on the College of Surgeons website.

Dr Wong Soon Kuan gave a note of thanks to the committee for their work in getting the risk assessment proforma in place.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2012 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organized its 5th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 26 to 29 June 2012 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to help the ASTs in their preparations for their exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by the National University Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore General Hospital, Changi General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The course comprised of bedside teaching and mock VIVA of similar format as the actual 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.

Based on the positive feedback received from the past four preparatory courses, the Chapter hopes to continue to organise this event for the benefit of the future batches of AST. The Chapter is however mindful that the course needs to be reviewed regularly and fine-tuned accordingly so as to stay relevant to the changes in the training curriculum. Dr Wong Soon Kuan gave a note of thanks to Dr Stephen Chang for his efforts as the Course Convenor for the successful course.

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 Leong, Minister of Health. The event was well attended with local and overseas delegates. Dr Wong Soon Kuan gave a note of thanks to the committee for organising the successful event.

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 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 progress of submitting a reply to MOH through AMS.

Feedback on Sub-specialty Credentialing

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

Feedback on Self Administer 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 Administer Coffee Enema. The Chapter is in the progress of submitting a reply to MOH through AMS.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2013 for Advanced Specialist Trainees (ASTs)

The Chapter will continue to play a pivotal role in training the ASTs by organising the annual preparatory course. This course will be part of the Chapter's highlights, and hence a regular item in the Chapter's calendar, for 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 time.

Annual Combined Surgical Meeting 2013

The Chapter of General Surgeons will be organising the Annual Combined Surgical Meeting on 12-13 October 2013 at Conrad Centennial, Singapore. The details of the meeting will be disseminated when they are finalised.

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 2012
Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2011-2013 Board
Chapter of General Surgeons