



Chapter of Hand Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2009

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons was held on Wednesday, 22 April 2009 at 6.35pm at Centre for Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, 10 Sinaran Drive, #11-17 Novena Medical Centre @Square 2, Singapore 228510.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2009-2010:

Chairman:	Dr Tay Shian Chao, Vincent
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Chong Khin Sze, Alphonsus
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Chin Yuan Hui, Andrew
Board Members:	Dr Lim Beng Hai
	Dr Tan Puay Ling
	Dr Tan Ter Chyan
	Dr Yam Kean Tuck, Andrew (Co-opted)

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2009-2010 Chapter Board had met two times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2009 under the Chapter of Hand Surgeons now stands at 17 Fellows who are all Local Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Quarterly Review Sessions – Specialty Conference

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons was pleased to participate in the combined Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA) and Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) speciality conference on Saturday, 7 March 2009 at the National University Hospital (NUH) on the theme of *Hand Resurfacing*. Invited panel of discussants were Dr Peng Yeong Pin, Dr Winston Chew and Dr Tan Soo Heong, and the panel reviewed complex clinical cases with the audience comprising of trainees, members from the Chapter of Hand Surgeons, members of SOA as well as members of SSHS. The Organising Chairman was A/Prof Lim Beng Hai.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons had submitted the module on *Ulnar-Sided Wrist Pain: Evaluation and Treatment of Triangular Fibrocartilage Complex Tears, Ulnocarpal Impaction Syndrome, and Lunotriquetral Ligament Tears* authored by Dr Kavi Sachar to the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) who is hosting the Distance Learning Programme (DLP) website. Fellows who wish to access the DLP may do so by accessing the AMS website at www.ams.edu.sg under "Continuing Professional Development" and using their MCR number and password to login at the DLP site.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter had endorsed the following events in 2009:

1. 18th Comprehensive Hand Review Course of the SSHS held from 16-17 January 2009 at NUH.
2. The Wrist, Forearm & Elbow Dissection Course of the Department of Hand Surgery of the Singapore General Hospital (SGH) held on 27 March 2009 at the SGH Clinical Skill Laboratory, Experimental Medicine Centre

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME (SRS)

With reference to the Ministry of Health's (MOH's) paper in early 2007 introducing the initiative of conducting a structured diploma programme with on-the-job training as previously proposed by the AMS 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 Chapter had rolled out its SRS Programme in July 2008. There was no potential candidate for the SRS Diploma in Hand Surgery as at 2009. The SRS Programme will ultimately award a *Diploma in Hand Surgery* conferred jointly by the AMS and the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS).

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC)

All Specialty Chapters under the CSS were invited by the MOH through the AMS in June 2009 to participate in the Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC) to provide feedback on the existing LMC manual on the medical capabilities at level 1 and 2 that are currently performed at regional hospitals versus teaching hospitals. Review and feedback included the following:

1. Proposed additional of new services or removal of obsolete services
2. Proposed changes in terminology or description of services and/or changes in level of services
3. Identification of services which can only be performed under a tertiary setting
4. Identification of essential support services required for adequate provision of services

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons submitted its inputs to MOH through AMS in July 2009.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Second Dinner Lecture of the Chapter of Hand Surgeons

The Chapter plans to organize its Second Dinner Lecture around the 3rd quarter of 2010 by inviting a regional speaker of good standing and expert in the specialty in its 2nd Chapter Lectureship. Event information will be disseminated when available.

Publishing of Simple Guidelines or Reference Books

The Chapter plans to write and publish simple guidelines or reference books on the Hand Surgery practice to provide accurate information about the practice to the public. The Chapter will plan for this project.

Master Series in Hand Surgery Lectures

The Chapter plans to organize a master series of hand surgery lectures in an effort to improve postgraduate teaching. This event is subject to further planning and will be informed when available.

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 2009
Dr Andrew Chin
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2009-2010 Board, Chapter of Hand Surgeons