

CHAPTER OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

The Pro-term Committee of the Chapter of Emergency Physicians was first elected by a group of 15 emergency physicians on 20 July 2006. The elected Office-bearers were: Dr V Anantharaman (Chairman), Dr Eillyne Seow (Vice Chairman), Dr Goh Siang Hiong (Secretary), Dr Francis CY Lee, Dr Shirley Ooi Beng Suat and Dr Evelyn Wong (Committee Members).

Message from the Chairman

Dr V Anantharaman

“ 2013 has been an exciting year for the Chapter. Chapter membership increased from 49 to 78, a 60% jump. By end of 2013, 75% of specialty-certified emergency physicians were Fellows of the Academy. The Chapter is relevant to the lives and professional practices of her members. In addition to the State of Emergency Medicine workgroup and the M Med (Emergency Medicine) Preparatory courses initiated by the Chapter two years ago, three professional workgroups staffed by members have been initiated (on Sepsis, Disaster Medicine and Injury Prevention). The first structured Examiners' Course in Emergency Medicine has been launched and we are initiating the first Continuing Professional Development programme locally in conjunction with the College of Emergency Medicine (UK). The strong message to our members is that membership has its privileges. In 2014, we look forward to more professional workgroups and to the launch of the College of Emergency Physicians. On behalf of the Chapter, I wish all members the best for 2014. ”



The 2013-2014 Executive Committee

Chairman:	Dr V Anantharaman
Vice Chairman:	Dr Goh Siang Hiong
Secretary:	Dr Lim Swee Han
Treasurer:	Dr Lee Wee Yee
Committee Members:	Dr Peng Li Lee Dr Eillyne Seow Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam



From left: Dr Goh Siang Hiong (Vice Chairman), Dr Eillyne Seow (Member), Dr V Anantharaman (Chairman), Dr Lim Swee Han (Secretary)

Not in Photo: Dr Lee Wee Yee (Treasurer), Dr Peng Li Lee & Dr T Mohan (Committee Members)

Annual General Meeting

The 7th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Chapter was held on 4 July 2013 at the Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital.

Membership

A total of 29 local emergency physicians had joined the Chapter in 2013, bringing the Chapter's membership figure to 78, as of 31 December 2013. The following Fellows were admitted under the Chapter of Emergency Physicians during the Academy's Induction Comitia on 23 August 2013: Drs Chia Yih Chong Michael, Kua Phek Hui Jade, Lai Shieh Mei, Lee Shu Woan, Juliana Poh and Sohil Equbal Pothiawala.

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The Chapter submitted a letter (that was accompanied with a petition bearing the signatures of 72 Fellows) to AMS for the proposed formation of a College of Emergency Physicians. It was approved by the Council on 7 October 2013.

Continuing Medical Education

The Chapter had organised various lectures, discussions and scientific updates in 2013.

Date: 15 February 2013	
Co-organiser: Toxicological Society (Singapore)	
Chairperson: A/Prof R Ponampalam	
Topics	Presenters
Botanical Use for Recreation	Dr Phua Dong Haur, Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Aspects of Botanical Toxicities and Studies, Opportunities for Collaboration and Sharing of Resources	Ms Jennis TT Tan, Ms Tham Mun Yee (Regulatory Specialists) & Ms Belinda MM Tan (Senior Regulatory Specialist), Adverse Event Management Unit, Vigilance Branch, Health Products Regulation Group; Dr Zhang Qian (Senior Regulatory Specialist, Chinese Proprietary Medicines Unit, Complementary Health Products Branch
Brief Introduction on Adverse Event Monitoring System of Health Products	Dr Ge Xiaowei, Senior Analytical Scientist, Pharmaceutical Division, Applied Sciences Group, Health Sciences Authority, Singapore
Enquiries Received by TMIS Related to Herbal Toxicities & Some Challenges Faced in Providing this Service	Ms Kun Mei Ching, Resource Executive, Traditional Medicine Information Service, Department of Pharmacy Dr Linn Yeh Ching, Senior Consultant, Department of Haematology
EMERGENCY MEDICINE SCIENTIFIC UPDATE	
Date: 28 February 2013	
Chairperson: Dr V Anantharaman	
Topics	Presenters
Developing Leadership Skills in Emergency Medicine Building an Educational Ecosystem for the EM Physician that Works	Dr Taj Hassan, private practice, Singapore
Newer Upper Airway Management Techniques	Dr Evelyn Wong, Senior Consultant & Head, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital
Date: 15 July 2013	
Facilitator: Mr Jules Flach	
Chairperson: Dr V Anantharaman	
Topic	Presenter
Non-Invasive Hemodynamic Monitoring	Mr Jules Flach, private practice, Australia
Date: 16 August 2013	
Chairperson: Dr Charles Rabind Antony	
Topic	Presenter
Thoracic Trauma Update	A/Prof Mark Fitzgerald, Director of Trauma Services, The Alfred Hospital, Australia

M Med (Emergency Medicine)/MCEM (UK) Parts B & C Preparatory Course

The 2013 Preparatory Course for the Master of Medicine (Emergency Medicine)/MCEM (UK) Parts B & C took place from 22 to 27 July at: Alexandra Hospital, Jurong Health Services, Changi General Hospital, KK Women's & Children's Hospital, National University Health System and Singapore General Hospital. A total of 23 candidates had registered (15 local Basic Specialist Trainees/Residents and 8 overseas participants). An Appreciation Dinner was held on 26 July 2013 at Margarita's Restaurant.