

COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

On 20 November 2014, the Chapter of Emergency Physicians (originally formed on 13 November 2007) was transformed to the College of Emergency Physicians under the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS). The College will continue to organise continuing education programmes for her members and undertake projects for the further advancement of professional development among Emergency Physicians in Singapore, which will in turn translate to enhanced care for emergency patients.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Year 2015 had been a very exciting year for us. Following our College Inauguration in November 2014, we organised our 1st College Lecture which was delivered by Dr Paul Ho Hiu Fai, President of Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine on 31 March 2015. Dr Ho was also the External Visiting Lecturer of the Preparatory Course for Master of Medicine (Emergency Medicine) Parts B & C Examinations.



Prof V Anantharaman

A very successful and well-attended symposium on '*Point-of-Care Testing in the Emergency Department*' was organised on 16 April 2015.

We also organised a symposium on the '*State of Emergency Medical Care in Singapore*', in collaboration with Society for Emergency Medicine in Singapore (SEMS) on 22 April 2015. During this event, we presented the findings and recommendations that members of our fraternity had put together in the massive report entitled the same name. We are confident that this document would serve as a useful reference tool to provide direction and guidance in our moves for further improvement in the development of our discipline in Singapore.

On 21 May 2015, the College organised a lecture by Prof Matthew Ma, Professor of Emergency Medicine, National Taiwan University on the topic, '*ECPR in the Modern Management of Cardiac Arrest in the Community*'.

A Section of Clinical Toxicologists has been formed and this section, chaired by A/Prof R Ponampalam held their inaugural meeting on 5 June 2015. On 16 July 2015, a newly created Workgroup on Disaster Medicine organised a Disaster and Humanitarian Response Symposium with active participation by those who attended.



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We also participated in two symposia on 31 July 2015 at the 49th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM) which was held at the Academia-SingHealth, Singapore, with two lectures being delivered by Prof Latha Ganti, the Visiting Academician of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. One was the symposium on '*Neurological Emergencies*' and the other on '*Initial Management of Sepsis*'.

The College is also collaborating with the Residency Advisory Committee (Emergency Medicine) and the M Med (Emergency Medicine) Examinations Committee of NUS to work towards organising and setting up conjoint examinations with the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine and will provide the initial secretariat support for this collaboration.

We look forward to working together in creating opportunities for our emergency physicians in Singapore to actively influence the development of our clinical practice. On behalf of the members of the Council, I wish all members of the College the very best for 2016. We look forward to working closely with our membership and to more good things for the future.

THE 2015 - 2016 COUNCIL

President	Prof V Anantharaman
Vice President	Prof Goh Siang Hiong
Secretary	A/Prof Lim Swee Han
Treasurer	Dr Lee Wee Yee
Committee Members	Dr Peng Li Lee A/Prof Eillyne Seow A/Prof Mohan Tiruchittampalam

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 1st Annual General Meeting on 31 March 2015 at Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital (SGH).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

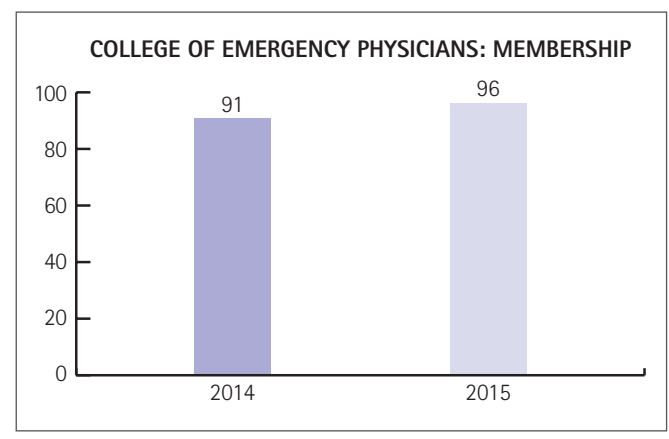
The Council had met to consider the business and affairs of the College. It held two meetings in 2015.

MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2015, the total membership of the College stood at 96, consisting of 86 Local Fellows, 7 Overseas Fellows, 1 Ordinary Member and 2 Associate Members.

A total of 5 members joined the College in 2015. They are:

Fellows (Local)	Ordinary Member
Dr Chan Wai Ho	Dr Tan Shi Ying Serene
Dr Khan Faheem Ahmed	
Dr Lee Ching Ching	
Dr Phuah Wei Ling Madeline	

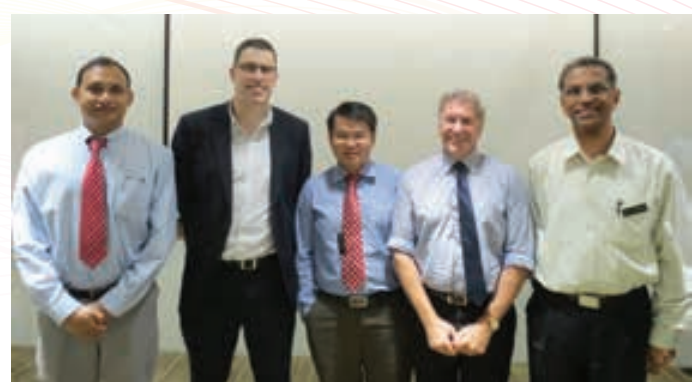


ACTIVITIES

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The College organised the following CME sessions in 2015:

Event	A Symposium on "Point-Of-Care Testing In The Emergency Department"	
Date	16 April 2015, Thursday	
Topics	Speakers	
Highly Sensitive Troponins: Their Role in Initial Assessment of Chest Pain Patients at the Emergency Department	Prof A Mark Richards Director, Cardiovascular Research Institute, National University Health System (NUHS)	
Highly Sensitive Troponins: Boon or Bane for the Cardiologist	Adj Asst Prof Tan Wei Chieh Jack Deputy Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Cardiology, National Heart Centre Singapore	
Best Practices in Emergency Departments for Point-of-Care Testing	A/Prof Mohan Tiru Chairman, Singapore Residency Advisory Committee of Emergency Medicine	
POCT for Rapid Assessment in the ED	Dr Paul Jarvis Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Lead for Innovation at Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust, UK	
Chairperson	Prof V Anantharaman President, College of Emergency Physicians	



From left to right: A/Prof Mohan Tiru, Dr Paul Jarvis, Adj Asst Prof Tan Wei Chieh Jack, Prof A Mark Richards and Prof V Anantharaman.

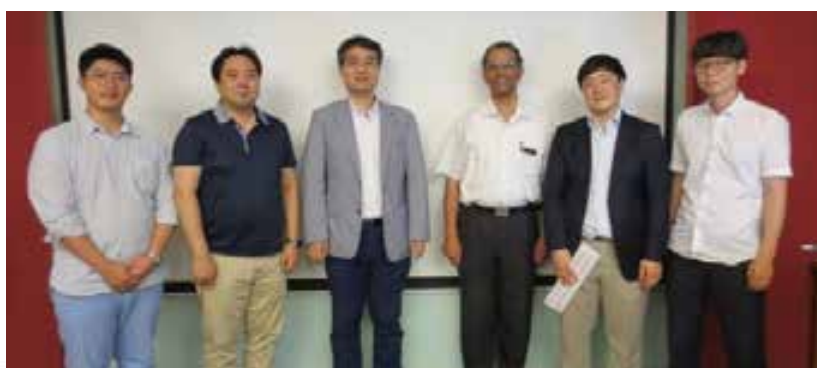
Event	ECPR in the Modern Management of Cardiac Arrest in the Community
Date	21 May 2015, Thursday
Topics & Speakers	"ECPR in the Modern Management of Cardiac Arrest in the Community" Prof Matthew Ma Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Chairperson	Prof V Anantharaman President, College of Emergency Physicians



Prof V Anantharaman (right) presenting a token of appreciation to Prof Matthew Ma (left).

Event	Disaster & Humanitarian Response Symposium – "How Can We Improve?"
Date	16 July 2015, Thursday
Topics & Speakers	Discussion of Key Topics in Disaster Response Guiding Topics for Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Sharing • A Unified Responder Database or Response Network • Better Team Composition and Inventory • Involving The Next Generation of Responders
Moderator	Adj Asst Prof Rahul Goswami Consultant Emergency Physician, Changi General Hospital

Event	Emergency Medicine Update	
Date	8 September 2015, Tuesday	
Topics	Speakers	
MERS – Lessons from Korea	A/Prof Hyun Soo Chung Department of Emergency Medicine, Yonsei University, South Korea	
Discussion on Managing New Infectious Diseases in the ED	Prof V Anantharaman Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, SGH President, College of Emergency Physicians	
Professional Development in Emergency Medicine in College of Emergency Physicians	Prof V Anantharaman Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, SGH President, College of Emergency Physicians	
Professional Development in Emergency Medicine in SingHealth	Dr Annitha Annathurai Consultant Emergency Physician, Department of Emergency Medicine, SGH	
Discussion on Professional Development	Prof V Anantharaman Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, SGH President, College of Emergency Physicians	
Chairperson	Prof V Anantharaman President, College of Emergency Physicians	

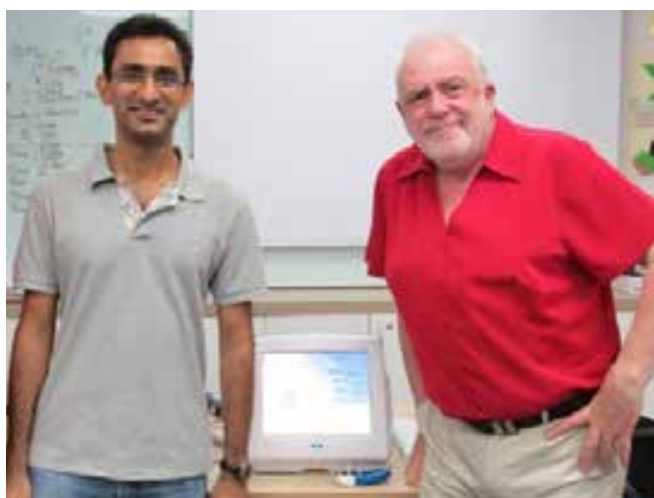


Prof V. Anantharaman (third from right) and A/Prof Hyun Soo Chung (second from right) with his team.



Prof V Anantharaman (left) presenting a token of appreciation to Dr Annitha Annathurai (right).

Event	Non-Invasive Hemodynamic Monitoring (USCOM) Workshop
Date	15 September 2015, Tuesday
Topics & Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Inotropes? Vasopressors? Fluid? – What to Do When You Don't Know?" • "Own Goals or Winning Goals? The BUSH Protocol in Sepsis" Prof Brendan Smith Specialist in Anaesthetics and Director of Intensive Care, Bathurst Base Hospital, Bathurst, Australia • Hands-On Session of USCOM
Chairperson	Dr Sohil Pothiwala Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital



Dr Sohil Pothiwala (left) with Prof Brendan Smith (right).

1ST COLLEGE LECTURE

The College held its 1st College Lecture on 31 March 2015 and invited Dr Paul Ho Hiu Fai to deliver this lecture. Dr Ho was also the External Visiting Lecturer of the Preparatory Course for Master of Medicine (Emergency Medicine) Parts B & C Examinations.

Topic	Speakers
Future Development of Emergency Medicine – Perspectives from Hong Kong	Dr Paul Ho Hiu Fai President, Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine, HK SAR Consultant, A & E Department, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, HK SAR
Chairperson	Prof V Anantharaman President, College of Emergency Physicians

STATE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IN SINGAPORE - A SYMPOSIUM

In collaboration with Society for Emergency Medicine in Singapore (SEMS), the College organised a symposium on the "State of Emergency Medical Care in Singapore" at the Auditorium of Academia – SingHealth on 22 April 2015. There was a large turnout of emergency medicine physicians, nurses and allied health personnel. The findings and recommendations from the report were presented to help address the need to plan for and guide the emergency medicine care in Singapore for the next few years.

Topics	Speakers
Emergency Medical Care Continuum and the Burden of Emergencies	Dr Steven Lim Hoon Chin Chief & Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, CGH
Our Ageing Population	Prof V Anantharaman Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, SGH
Services at EDs	Dr Quek Lit Sin Head, Emergency Medicine, JHS
Manpower	Dr Phua Dong Haur Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, TTSH
Education and Research	Dr Tiah Ling Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, CGH
Emergency Nursing	Ms Joelle Yap Immediate Past Chairperson, Emergency Nurses Chapter
Prehospital Emergency Care	Dr Benjamin Leong Sieu-Hon Senior Consultant, Emergency Medicine, NUH
Chairperson	Prof V Anantharaman President, College of Emergency Physicians



Back (from left to right): A/Prof Lim Swee Han, Dr Steven Lim Hoon Chin, Prof V Anantharaman, Dr Benjamin Leong Sieu-Hon, Dr Phua Dong Haur and Dr Tiah Ling.

Front (from left to right): Ms Joelle Yap and Dr Annitha Annathurai.

Not in Photo: Dr Quek Lit Sin

PREPARATORY COURSE - MASTER OF MEDICINE (EMERGENCY MEDICINE) PARTS B & C EXAMINATIONS

This Preparatory Course was held from 30 March to 4 April 2015 at 5 hospitals: Singapore General Hospital, Changi General Hospital, National University Hospital, KK Women's and Children's Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The Organising Committee were:

Convener & Chairperson	Dr Sohil Equbal Pothiwala
Hospital Coordinators	Dr Cheah Si Oon (Alexandra Hospital, Jurong Health Services)
	Dr Ang Pek Har (Changi General Hospital)
	Dr Mong Rupeng (Changi General Hospital)
	Dr Sanjay Anilkumar Patel (Khoo Teck Puat Hospital)
	Dr Mahendran Abiramy (KK Women's and Children's Hospital)
	Dr Kanwar Sudhir Lather (National University Health System)
	Dr Fua Tzay-Ping (Singapore General Hospital)
	Dr Lee Ching Ching (Tan Tock Seng Hospital)

The course was a success, attracting 18 participants. The External Visiting Lecturer was Dr Paul Ho Hiu Fai, who was the President of Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine as well as Consultant of A & E Department at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Hong Kong SAR. Dr Ho delivered the following lectures :

- Update & Revision on Resuscitation Guidelines
- Therapeutic and Diagnostic ED Procedures
- Essential Concepts in Trauma Care

An Appreciation Dinner was held on 31 March 2015 at Margarita's Restaurant.

PARTICIPATION AT THE 49TH SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE

The College participated in two symposia at the 49th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM) which took place from 31 July to 2 August 2015 at The Academia-SingHealth, Singapore. These two symposia were held on 31 July 2015 and two of the lectures were delivered by Prof Latha Ganti, Visiting Academician of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Here are the highlights:

Symposium 1 – Neurological Emergencies Update

Topics	Speakers
Evaluating Transient Ischaemic Attacks in the Emergency Department	Prof Latha Ganti Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Central Florida - College of Medicine, USA
Update on Initial Stroke Management	Dr Ang Shiang-Hu Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Changi General Hospital, Singapore
Role of Biomarkers in Evaluation of Traumatic Brain Injury	Prof Latha Ganti Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Central Florida - College of Medicine, USA
Chairperson	Prof V Anantharaman President, College of Emergency Physicians

Symposium 2 – Initial Management of Sepsis

Topics	Speakers
Making A Diagnosis of Sepsis in the Emergency Department	Dr Sohil Pothiwala Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore
Initial Management of Sepsis in the Emergency Department – The Evidence	Dr Irwani Bte Ibrahim Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, National University Hospital, Singapore
Sepsis Care Bundles in the Emergency Department	Dr Kuan Win Sen Associate Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, National University Hospital, Singapore
Chairperson	Dr Kuan Win Sen Associate Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, National University Hospital, Singapore



From left to right: Dr Sohil Pothiwala, Prof V Anantharaman, Dr Irwani Bte Ibrahim, Prof Latha Ganti, Dr Kuan Win Sen and Dr Ang Shiang-Hu.



Prof V Anantharaman (right) presenting the certificate awarded by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore to Prof Latha Ganti (left) for being the Visiting Academician.

SECTION OF CLINICAL TOXICOLOGISTS - ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity
5 June 2015	Inaugural Annual General Meeting

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME

Diploma in Emergency Medicine

Entry Interview (9th Intake)			
Date	11 March 2015, Wednesday		
Panel of Interviewers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof V Anantharaman A/Prof Tay Seow Yian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Francis Lee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Steven Lim Hoon Chin
Applicants Accepted <i>(Note: 12 applications were received.)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Christina Arroyo Dr Rsii Santander Matanguihan Dr Gary Inocencio II Peros Dr Marrie Vyne Shakya 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Preetha Elangovan Dr Chris Cortex Dr Christopher Brian Tambo 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Fatih Delovino Dr Franklin Magbitang Dr Gil Alizer
Year 1 Assessment (8th Intake)			
Candidates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Michelle Perez Alcantara Dr Bryan Martinez Dr Edgar Salندانan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Pravin Thiruchelvam Dr Arnold San Antonio Dr Lokesh Kolhe 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Carlo Santella Dr Kyaw Htet Aung Dr Maria Pamela Averilla
Year 2 Assessment (7th Intake)			
Candidate	Dr Gabriel Arciaga		
Examiners (Year 1 & 2 Assessment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Amila Punyadasa Dr Rabind Charles Dr Juliana Poh Dr Elaine Tan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Sheth Sujata Kirtikant Dr Zulkarnain Bin Ab Hamid Dr Ong Pei Yun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Nausheen E. Doctor Dr Lim Chin Siah Dr Steven Lim
Completed SRS Diploma			
Candidate	Dr Gabriel Arciaga (7th Intake)		

AMERICAN BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE IN-TRAINING EXAMINATION (ABEM-ITE)

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore had conducted the

American Board of Emergency Medicine In-Training Examination (ABEM-ITE) for 82 registered emergency medicine residents in Singapore on 26 February 2015, at the East Asia Institute of Management (EASB).

PROFESSIONAL REQUEST

The College had submitted opinions to the Ministry of Health on the "Review of MOH National Medication Reconciliation Guidelines".