

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 its members and undertake projects for the further advancement of professional development of Emergency Physicians in Singapore so as to enhance the care given to emergency patients.



THE 2017-2018 COUNCIL

President	Dr Goh Siang Hiong
Vice-President	Dr Eillyne Seow
Secretary	Dr Lim Swee Han
Treasurer	Dr Francis Lee Chun Yue
Council Members	Dr Lee Wee Yee
	Dr Mark Leong Kwok Fai
	Dr Tham Kum Ying
	Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 3rd Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2017 at the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council had met to consider the business and affairs of the College. It held two meetings in 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 2017, the total membership of the College stood at 110, consisting of 101 Fellows (Local), six Fellows (Overseas), one Ordinary Member and two Associate Members.

A total of nine members had joined the College in 2017:

- Dr Khalid Mohammed Ali
- Dr Chan Jing Jing
- Dr Gary Choa Peng Hui
- Dr James Kwan
- Dr Lee Chan Yu
- Dr Ranjeev Kumar Nanta Kumar
- Dr Ng Wei Xiang
- Dr Daniel Quek Yong Jing
- Dr Tang Dilin

“ I wish all members of the College the very best for 2018. We look forward to more good things for the future.

Dr Goh Siang Hiong

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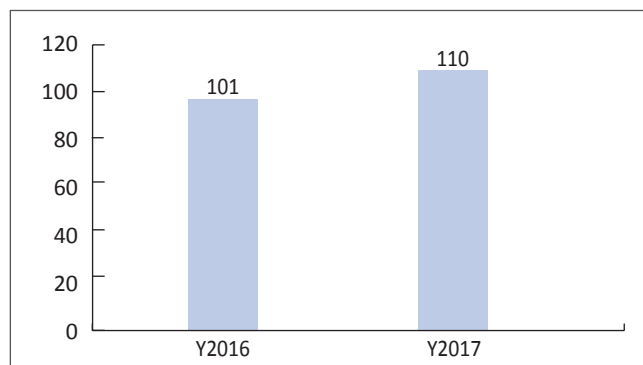
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been an exciting year for us. Besides the yearly Preparatory Course for Master of Medicine (Emergency Medicine) Parts B & C Examinations, the College also conducted its first Emergency Medicine Exit Examination Preparatory Course. The response was encouraging and we hope to organise more of such courses in future. We would like to thank Dr Gregory Cham (the Organising Chair) and the rest of the Organising Committee for their efforts in making this course possible. It will be a welcome addition to the academic landscape and is an example of how the College can contribute to the residency programmes.

Besides the usual CME activities organised for College members, the College also organised the 'MCQ Writing Workshop for Emergency Physicians' which aims to share the knowledge of writing high quality MCQs in a hands-on approach. This is increasingly important as we seek to collaborate with the Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine in future examinations across both countries.

2017 saw the Academy host the 51st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine, as well as celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. In celebration of these occasions, the College collaborated with other Colleges in organising various symposia as part of the scientific programme for the congress.

On behalf of the members of the Council, I wish all members of the College the very best for 2018. We look forward to more good things for the future.



ACTIVITIES

SECTION OF CLINICAL TOXICOLOGISTS

DATE	ACTIVITY
3 February	2nd Annual General Meeting
3 February	1st Meeting for Section's 2017-2018 Executive Committee
30-31 August	Basic Clinical Toxicology Course 2017
22 September	Talk/Discussion on 'Hazmat Emergency Preparedness: Are Our Public Hospitals Ready?'
22 September	2nd Meeting for Section's 2017-2018 Executive Committee

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

LECTURE: 'USE OF BIOMARKERS IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE HEART FAILURE'

Date	23 February
Chairperson	A/Prof Lim Swee Han <i>President, Society for Emergency Medicine in Singapore</i>
Speaker	Prof Salvatore Di Somma <i>Professor of Medicine, Director Emergency Medicine, Chairman Postgraduate School of Emergency Medicine, Department of Medical-Surgery Sciences and Translational Medicine, University La Sapienza Rome, Sant'Andrea Hospital, President GREAT Network, Rome, Italy</i>



Prof Goh Siang Hiong (middle) presenting tokens of appreciation to Prof Salvatore Di Somma (left), with A/Prof Lim Swee Han (right).



Some of the participants at the talk.

TALK: 'DO WE REALLY UNDERSTAND MAJOR TRAUMA? – A TALK IN 9 ½ QUESTIONS'

Date	11 April
Chairperson	A/Prof Eillyne Seow <i>Vice President, College of Emergency Physicians</i>
Speaker	Prof Colin Robertson <i>Professor in Accident and Emergency Medicine and Surgery, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland</i>



Prof Colin Robertson (middle) receiving the tokens of appreciation with A/Prof Eillyne Seow (right) and A/Prof Lim Swee Han (left).

LECTURE THEME: 'TALK ON HMDP EXPERIENCES'

DATE	20 MAY
Chairperson	Prof Goh Siang Hiong <i>President, College of Emergency Physicians</i>
Topic 1	A Year in Poison: Journey from East to West
Speaker 1	Dr Mong Rupeng <i>Consultant, Accident & Emergency Department, Changi General Hospital</i>
Topic 2	Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS), the Canadian Experience
Speaker 2	Dr Juan Sze Joo <i>Consultant, Emergency Medicine Department, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital</i>
Topic 3	Trauma Fellowship for the Emergency Physician in Toronto, Ontario Canada
Speaker 3	Dr Teo Ying Xin <i>Consultant, Emergency Medicine Department, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital</i>



From left: Dr Teo Ying Xin, Prof Goh Siang Hiong, Dr Juan Sze Joo and Dr Mong Rupeng.

MCQ WRITING WORKSHOP FOR EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Date	5 September
Faculty Members	Prof V Anantharaman <i>Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital</i>
	Clinical A/Prof Tham Kum Ying <i>Senior Consultant, Emergency Department, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>



Participants with Clinical A/Prof Tham Kum Ying (front, second from left) and Prof V Anantharaman (front, third from left).

STAFF REGISTRAR SCHEME: DIPLOMA IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

DATE	13 MARCH	
ENTRY INTERVIEW (11TH INTAKE)		
Panel of Interviewers	Prof Goh Siang Hiong Dr Sohil Pothiwala	Prof V Anantharaman
Applicants Accepted	Dr Charisa Calling Juangco Dr Ma Crispina Nocon Luna Dr Rhoda Bonifacio Franco Noriega Dr Michael Panganiban De Dios	Dr Lwin Maung Oo Dr Phyo Thuta Dr Sherryl De Sagun Mercado
YEAR 1 ASSESSMENT (10TH INTAKE)		
Candidates	Dr Jayvilyn Paat Bacud Dr Shiela Bermundo Salunga Dr Cheriane Canlas Tanhueco Dr Anna Marie Cabrera Garcia	Dr Michelle Cabanag Nagayo Dr Sam Salem Bag-Ao Dr Michelle Dizon Cruz Dr Kyaw Thet Aung
YEAR 2 ASSESSMENT (9TH INTAKE)		
Candidates	Dr Christina Arroyo Dr Rsii Santander Matanguihan Dr Gary Inocencio II Peros Dr Marrie Vyne Shakya Dr Preetha Elangovan	Dr Christian Cortez Dr Christopher Brian Tambo Dr Fatih Delovino Dr Franklin Magbitang Dr Gil Alizer
(YEAR 1 & 2 ASSESSMENT)		
Examiners	A/Prof Amila Punyadasa Dr Kelvin Kuan Dr Shobhit Swarup Dr Lee Wei Feng	Dr Ng Wei Ming Dr Ong Pei Yui Dr Sohil Pothiwala Dr Charmaine Manauis
COMPLETED SRS DIPLOMA		
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PREPARATORY COURSE – MASTER OF MEDICINE (EMERGENCY MEDICINE) PARTS B & C EXAMINATIONS

Well-attended by 15 participants, this Preparatory Course was held from 27 March to 1 April 2017 at the following hospitals: Singapore General Hospital (SGH), Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH), Khoo Teck Puat Hospital (KTPH), KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKH), Changi General Hospital (CGH) and National University Hospital (NUH).



Participants of the Preparatory Course.

The Organising Committee comprised:

Convener & Chairperson	Dr Sohil Equbal Pothiwala
Committee Members and Hospital Coordinators	Dr Ivan Chua Si Yong (SGH) Dr Ranjeev Kumar (KTPH) Dr James Kwan Wei-Yung (TTSH) Dr Geraldine Leong Bao Yu (CGH) Dr Tam Howen (NTFGH) Dr Yau Ying Wei (NUH) Dr Zaw Lwin (KKH)

EMERGENCY MEDICINE EXIT EXAMINATION PREPARATORY COURSE 2018

For the first time, the College conducted the Emergency Medicine Exit Examination Preparatory Course. Led by Dr Gregory Cham, a committee had been formed to organise the course.

This course was created for participants to prepare for the Singapore Exit Examination in Emergency Medicine. It comprised a mixture of teaching and a predominant focus on a mock examination with active participation from candidates. The following series of courses were conducted at Ng Teng Fong General Hospital.

DATE	COURSE
24 March	Emergency Department Administration Viva
12 May	Mock Exam in Critically Appraised Topics
12-13 June	Mock Exam in Short Answer Questions and Clinical Viva in Emergency Medicine



Some of the faculty members for 'Emergency Department Administration Viva' course. From left: A/Prof Francis Lee, Dr Gregory Cham and Dr Jimmy Lee.



Participants of the 'Emergency Department Administration Viva' course, with some of the faculty members. Faculty members: Dr Jimmy Lee (standing, first from left) and A/Prof Eillyne Seow (seated, fourth from left).



Participants of the 'Mock Exam in Critically Appraised Topics' course with faculty members. Faculty members: Dr Kuan Win Sen (standing, first from left), A/Prof Tiah Ling (standing, second from left), Dr Sohil Pothiwala (standing, third from left) and Dr Lim Beng Leong (standing, first from right).

PARTICIPATION AT THE 51ST SINGAPORE-MALAYSIA CONGRESS OF MEDICINE

The College participated at the 51st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine (SMCM) which was held from 21 to 23 July 2017 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. It had collaborated with other Colleges in organising the following symposia for the scientific programme.

- Same Same, But Different – Controversies in Adult and Paediatric Resuscitation (Same Resuscitation, Different Approach)
- Preparing the ED for An Ageing Population
- Medical Response to Terrorist Mass Casualty Incident
- The Trauma Systems
- Emergency Trauma Care
- Emerging Infectious Diseases – Traversing Boundaries and Borders
- Heart to Heart Talk: A Case-Based Discussion
- My Heart Will Go On: Advances in Acute Coronary Care



Participants at symposium on 'My Heart Will Go On: Advances in Acute Coronary Care'. Chairperson: Dr Nausheen Edwin Doctor (middle). Speakers: Asst Prof Chin Chee Tang (first from left), Dr Kenneth Tan Boon Kiat (second from left), Dr Ng Yih Yng (first from right) and Dr Benjamin Leong Siew Hon (second from right).



Participants at symposium on 'Emerging Infectious Diseases - Traversing Boundaries and Borders'. Chairperson: Dr Kuan Win Sen (third from left). Speakers: A/Prof Jeffery Cutter (fourth from left), Dr Siti Suhaila Hamzah (middle), Dr Karen Chan Kin Ling (fourth from right) and Adj A/Prof Tay Seow Yian (third from right).

PROFESSIONAL OPINION

The College had received professional requests on the following issues/topics:

- Invitation to Focus Group Discussion on Penalties Framework and Delinking of Inspection from Licensing under the new HCSA
- Clinical Cases Requiring Review by Hospital Ethics Committees
- Invitation to Engagement Session on Proposed Changes to PHMC (Publicity) Regulations
- Online Policy Consultation on Proposed Amendments to PHMC (Publicity) Regulations