



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

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Plastic Surgeons was held on Tuesday, 28 April 2009 at 6.30pm in Meeting Room 2U84 (Level 2), Paediatric Clinical Office, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Children's Tower, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

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

Chairman:	Dr Lim Jiun, Ivor
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Wu Tze-Liang, Woffles
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Tan Ying Chien
Members:	Dr Ang Sze Wee, Erik
	Dr Tham Hsien Jen, Colin
	Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2009-2010 Chapter Board had met one time 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 Plastic Surgeons now stands at 36 Fellows comprising 35 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE (COC) COURSE

With the implementation of the guidelines on Aesthetic Practices by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC), jointly with the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and the College of Family Physicians, Singapore (CFPS) effective 1 November 2008, the Chapter of Plastic Surgeons will undertake the planning and organisation of Certificate of Competence (COC) courses for all invasive procedures listed under List A Aesthetic procedures in the guidelines. The Aesthetic Practices Guidelines are under the supervision of the SMC Aesthetic Practice Oversight Committee.

The Chapter is currently looking into organizing a COC course in Liposuction, as requested and invited by the Accreditation Committee on Liposuction under the Ministry of Health (MOH) through the AMS in October 2008. All COC courses under the purview of the Chapter will be jointly organized with the AMS, the Singapore Association of Plastic Surgeons (SAPS) and the Singapore Society for Cosmetic (Aesthetic) Surgery (SSCAS).

MAINTENANCE OF SPECIALTY PRACTICE STANDARDS

The Chapter has adopted the role as gatekeeper for the maintenance of practice standards in its specialty, and together with the SAPS and SSCAS, will not hesitate to surface errant doctors who are not permitted to perform any of the invasive aesthetic procedures in accordance with the Aesthetic Practice Guidelines to the MOH and SMC.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Professional Input on the Updated Guidelines for Aesthetic Practices

By invitation of the Aesthetic Practice Oversight Committee (APOC) through the AMS in September 2009, the Chapter of Plastic Surgeons was requested to review updates and revisions to the guidelines originally issued in October 2008. The Chapter returned its feedback to the APOC through the AMS in October 2009.

Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC)

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS) were invited by 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 levels 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 Plastic Surgeons submitted its inputs to MOH through AMS in July 2009.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Certificate of Competence (COC) Courses for Invasive Aesthetic Procedures

The Chapter will work closely with the MOH and APOC to look into planning and conducting COC courses for invasive Aesthetic procedures in accordance to the Aesthetic Practices Guidelines, starting with Liposuction.

Proposed Change of Chapter Name

The Chapter is proposing to change its Chapter name from "Chapter of Plastic Surgeons" to "Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons" to be in synchrony with the names of Singapore hospital Plastic Surgical departments as well as to be in line with the names adopted by international Journals of the specialty. With the reply from the SMC that the registered specialty name and the Chapter name need not be uniform, the Chapter will be re-proposing this special resolution for a change in its Chapter name at the Annual General Meetings (AGMs) of the CSS and the AMS respectively in 2010, after this same resolution was lost at the AMS AGM in 2009.

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 Tan Ying Chien
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2009-2010 Board, Chapter of Plastic Surgeons