

Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2010

4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the *Chapter of Plastic Surgeons was held on Tuesday, 4 May 2010 at 6.30pm at Meeting Room 2U84 (Level 2), Paediatric Clinical Office, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Children's Tower, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899.

*Note: the Chapter was formerly known as "Chapter of Plastic Surgeons" before the effective name change to "Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons" with effect from 31 August 2010.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have completed their term of office from 2010-2011 by the date of the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

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 2010-2011 Chapter Board had not conducted any board meetings in year 2010. The first board meeting is scheduled to be held in January 2011 to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2010 under the Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons now stands at 40 Fellows comprising 39 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CHANGE OF CHAPTER NAME

Further to the proposed resolution to change the name of "Chapter of Plastic Surgeons" to "Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons" that was tabled at the 6th Annual General Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS) on 21 May 2010 and at the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) on 19 June 2010, this special resolution to alter Article 50 of the College's constitutions carried at the said annual general meetings respectively, had been approved by the regulatory authorities to effect the requested amendment. With effect from 31 August 2010, the "Chapter of Plastic Surgeons" is known as "Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons".

MAINTENANCE OF SPECIALTY PRACTICE STANDARDS

The Chapter continued to adopt the role as the gatekeeper for the maintenance of practice standards in its specialty, and together with the Singapore Association of Plastic Surgeons (SAPS) and the Singapore Society for Cosmetic (Aesthetic) Surgery (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 Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Singapore Medical Council (SMC).

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were invited by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) to participate in the following:

Specific Licensing Conditions for Credentialling Medical Practitioners

The review exercise called in June 2010 was intended to gather feedback on the specific licensing conditions to determine whether the proposed licensing conditions were adequate to ensure patient safety, and whether there were any additional conditions to be included.

Review of Framework & Categorization of Screening Tests

The Screening Test Review Committee, formed by the Academy of Medicine and chaired by Prof Lee Hin Peng, was tasked to formulate a report on the recommendations and categorization of screening tests provided in Singapore. The objective was to develop a screening test framework and to make recommendations on the categorization of commercially available screening tests within the framework. Feedback was invited from all Specialty Chapters in June 2010 to assist in developing the screening test framework.

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.

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 2010
Dr Tan Ying Chien
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2010-2011 Board,
Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons