



Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2014

8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Friday, 25 April 2014 at 6.00pm at Conrad Centennial Singapore.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members are serving their term of 2013-2015 by the date of the 8th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman:	Dr Peter Lu Kuo Sun
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Mok Kan Hwei, Paul
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam
Members:	Dr Kenneth Oo
	Dr Ian Loh
	Dr Toh Song Tar
	Dr Raymond Ngo

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2013-2015 Chapter Board had met twice to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for the year 2014.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of November 2014 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists stands at 76 Fellows comprising 75 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Monthly Otology Board Meeting

The monthly Otology Board Meeting is usually held on the last Friday of the month and jointly organized by the National University Hospital (NUH) and the Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH). Notices of these meetings are circulated to Chapter Members via email blast.

CME LECTURE

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised the following CME Lectures:

- Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam, Director at The ENT Practice, Mount Elizabeth Novena Specialist Centre delivered the lecture entitled 'Are You Treating Allergic Rhinitis Comprehensively?' on 19 March 2014 at Si Chuan Dou Hua, UOB Plaza.
- Dr Chua Ai Ping, Respiratory Consultant at Jurong General Hospital delivered the lecture entitled "Not All Sleepy Patients Have OSA" and Dr Toh Song Tar, ENT Consultant at the Singapore General Hospital delivered the lecture entitled "Sleep

Surgery is Not Recommended For OSA” on 26 September 2014 at Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital Conference Room 2.

- Prof Michael Rutter lectured on "Endoscopic Airway Surgery State of the Art 2014" on 6 February 2014 at The Academia, SGH.

SPECIAL FEEDBACK SESSION FOR OTOLARYNGOLOGY TRAINEES

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists organised a special meeting with the Heads of the various ENT departments on 24 February 2014 at Lee Kong Chian Boardroom, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

This meeting was convened as a follow up to the earlier Special Feedback Session for Otorhinolaryngology Trainees held on the 3 September 2013. The concerns from the Feedback Session were highlighted to the Heads of the Departments.

NOMINATIONS FOR JCST EXAM COMMITTEE

JCST invited AMS to nominate members from Chapters and Colleges to be member of the JCST Exam Committee for RACs' consideration on 31 October 2014. The Chapter has submitted three Fellows for consideration as Nominees for the JCST Exam Committee.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Chairman of the Chapter was invited by MOH to participate in the workgroups as follows:

Feedback on the Proposed Guidelines on Aesthetic Practices (for Doctors)

The Chairman for the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists represented the fraternity in the Working Committee for the Review of the Guidelines on Aesthetic Practices (for Doctors). The Workgroup's recommendations have been submitted to the relevant authorities for approval.

Feedback on Expansion Pharyngoplasty

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited by the Ministry of Health to give views on whether expansion pharyngoplasty is an acceptable procedure and if it is considered part of the comprehensive approach in the medical and surgical management of patients with obstructive sleep apnea. The Chapter has submitted its reply via the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in October 2014.

Feedback on Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) Review 2014/2015

MOH formed a Standing TOSP Review Committee in 2013 to regularly review the Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) codes on an annual basis. The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited to provide feedback on the Review of the Table of Surgical Procedures for the 2014/2015 review cycle. The Chapter has submitted the feedback collected from members to the Ministry of Health through the College of Surgeons, Singapore before the deadline on 15 October 2014.

19TH YAHYA COHEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

The College of Surgeons, Singapore awarded the 19th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture Award to Dr Gan Eng Cern (Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists) for his paper entitled "Five-degree, 10-degree, and 20-degree reverse Trendelenburg position during functional

endoscopic sinus surgery: a double-blind randomized controlled trial". The Lecturer received a College gold medal and certificate.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

ENT Subspecialty Updates

The Chapter will organize a series of subspecialty updates in 2015. Details will be announced in the near future.

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 and activities.

December 2014
Dr Jeevendra Kanagalingam
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2013-2015 Board
Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists