



Chapter of General Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2015

9TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 9th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Surgeons was held on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 at 6.30pm at Board Room, Basement 1, Oasia Hotel Singapore, 8 Sinaran Drive, Singapore 307470.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members were duly elected to serve their term of office from 2015-2017 starting from the date of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman:	Dr Lim Yon Kuei Bernard
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Foo Chek Siang
Board Members:	Dr Rao Jaideepraj
	Dr Lim Jit Fong
	Dr So Bok Yan Jimmy
	Dr Wong Te Ching Mark
	Dr Seow Choon Sheong (Co-opted)
	Dr Shelat Vishalkumar (Co-opted)
	Dr Kow Wei Chieh Alfred (Co-opted)
	Dr Wong Siang Yih Andrew (Co-opted), SRS Program Director
	Dr Tan Wei Leong Glenn (Co-opted)
	Dr Lee Ser Yee (Co-opted)

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2015-2017 Chapter Board had conducted four board meetings in the year 2015.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of December 2015 under the Chapter of General Surgeons now stands at 181 Fellows comprising 173 Local Fellows and 8 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) EVENTS

Dinner Lectures

- Prof Jeffrey Ponsky, Professor of Surgery, Professor of Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA, lectures on “Surgical Metamorphosis: preparing for change” on 25 March 2015 held at Oasis Hotel organised by the Chapter of General Surgeons.
- The Chapter organised a dinner lecture on 25 September 2015. Prof Joseph Solomkin, Professor Emeritus, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, gave a lecture on “Optimizing Surgical Outcomes: The Role of Antibiotics”.

Combined Surgical Meeting Calendar for 2015

The monthly combined surgical meetings were conducted in the restructured institutions on a rotation basis.

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2015 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons had organized its 8th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 22 to 25 June 2015 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to help the ASTs in their preparations for their exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by the National University Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore General Hospital and Jurong Health. The course comprised of bedside teaching and mock VIVA of similar format as the actual exit examinations and covered core modules such as Breast, Endocrine, Upper Gastrointestinal, Vascular, Trauma, Colorectal, Hepato-pancreato-biliary, General Surgery, Head & Neck, Minimally-Invasive Surgery and Emergency Surgery & Critical Care.

Dr Seow Choon Sheong, the Course Convenor for the successful course continuous fine-tuned accordingly so as to stay relevant to the changes in the training curriculum. Dr Bernard Lim and the Board would like to thanks Dr Seow Choon Sheong for his tireless efforts as the Course Convenor the very successful course.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The Chapter endorsed the following programs:

- “Parathyroid, Bone and Kidney Seminar” on 28 May 2015, organised by Osteoporosis and Bone Metabolism Unit, Department of Endocrinology, SGH; Department of Surgery, NUH and Department of Surgery, SGH.
- “Annual Scientific Meeting of Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of Singapore” organised by the Department of Surgery, NUH on 24 July 2015 at the National University of Singapore, University Cultural Centre.
- “Thoracic Outlet Syndrome & Advanced Surgical Techniques in Thoracic Surgery (TOS) & (ASTTS) Course” held from 24 to 28 August 2015 organised by the Department of General Surgery, Tan Tock Seng Hospital.
- “Master the Cross Lower Limbs Peripheral Intervention Workshop” organised by Changi General Hospital from 8 to 9 October 2015.

- “IASGO (HPB and GI Oncology Postgraduate Course”, Singapore from 24 to 25 October 2015 organised by SingHealth and Duke-NUS.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH’S (MOH) AND SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES

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

Feedback on Specific LTCs on Medical Records For Healthcare Institutions

MOH invited feedback from the Chapter through the College of Surgeons, Singapore for opinion on Specific LTCs on Medical Records For Healthcare Institutions. The Chapter provided the feedback on 17 February 2015.

Feedback on Invasive Surgical Procedures in Medical Clinics

The Chapter of General Surgeons responded to the “Invasive Surgical Procedures in Medical Clinics” feedback requested by MOH on 26 February 2015.

Feedback on Request for Names of Experts

The Chapter of General Surgeons was invited by the SMC to provide feedback on Request for Names of Experts. The Chapter submitted its reply to SMC through Academy of Medicine, Singapore on 4 March 2015.

Feedback on Banking of Adipose-derived Stromal Vascular Fraction (SVF) Cells

The Chapter of General Surgeons provides feedback to MOH on Banking of Adipose-derived Stromal Vascular Fraction (SVF) Cells on 4 May 2015 through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

Feedback on TOSP Request from AMS - Sacral Nerve Stimulation

The Chapter of General Surgeons participated in the Feedback on TOSP Request from AMS - Sacral Nerve Stimulation. Their feedback was submitted on 26 October 2015.

Feedback on Surgeries that cannot be performed in ambulatory surgical centres

The Chapter of General Surgeons participated in the Feedback on “Surgeries that cannot be performed in ambulatory surgical centres” Their feedback was submitted on 3 November 2015.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2016 for Advanced Specialist Trainees (ASTs)

The Chapter will continue to play a pivotal role in training the ASTs by organising the annual preparatory course. This course will be part of the Chapter’s highlights, and hence a regular item in the Chapter’s calendar, for as long as the need for it remains. Course contents and format will also be looked into when planning for the subsequent course. Details will be announced in due time.

Annual Combined Surgical Meeting 2016

The Annual Combined Surgical Meeting 2016 has been scheduled to be held on Saturday, 27 August 2016 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The Organising Committee members are as follows:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Name</u>
Chairman	Dr Bernard Lim
Vice-Chairman	Dr Ho Choon Kiat
Hon Secretary	Dr Foo Chek Siang
Hon Treasurer	Dr Shelat Vishalkumar
Chair, Publication & Marketing Sub-Committee	Dr Seow Choon Sheong
Chair, Sponsorship & Exhibition Sub-Committee	Dr Rao Jaideepraj
Chair, Scientific Sub-Committees	Dr Alfred Kow

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 2015
Dr Foo Chek Siang
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2015-2017 Board
Chapter of General Surgeons