



Chapter of General Surgeons College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2017

11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 11th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of General Surgeons was held on 7 April 2017 at 6.00pm at Lee Kong Chian Boardroom, Academy of Medicine, 81 Kim Keat Road, #12-00 NKF Centre, Singapore 328836.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members were duly elected to serve their term of office from 2017-2019 starting from the date of the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Chapter:

Chairman: Dr Lim Yon Kuei Bernard

Vice-Chairman: Dr Cheng Shin Chuen

Honorary Secretary: Dr Lee Ser Yee

Board Members: Dr Kow Wei Chieh Alfred

Dr Ng Kheng Hong

Dr Seow Choon Sheong

At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2017-2019 Chapter Board had conducted one board meeting in the year 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of December 2017 under the Chapter of General Surgeons now stands at 197 Fellows comprising 190 Local Fellows and 7 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) EVENTS

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2017 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

The Chapter of General Surgeons organized its 9th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 19 to 22 June 2017 for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to help in their preparations for the exit examinations. The preparatory course was hosted by the Changi General Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, National University Hospital, Ng Teng Fong

General Hospital, Singapore General Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The four-day course comprised of intensive mini lectures, tutorials, mock VIVA and clinical bedside.

Dr Bernard Lim, on behalf the Chapter Board, thanked Dr Seow Choon Sheong for his serving as the Course Convenor for the past few years, and for continuously fine-tuning the curriculum so as to stay relevant to the changes in the profession.

Dinner Lectures

The Chapter organised the following dinner lectures:

- 19 July 2017, Prof Mark Harvey (Wilcox, Medical Microbiology, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust & University of Leeds) to share on use of Ceftaroline in multiple settings, such as suitable patient profile/value proposition for Ceftaroline, latest data on Ceftaroline & real world use including case studies on experience sharing, the UK perspective on infectious disease management (CSSTI cases) with Ceftaroline.
- 4 August 2017, lectures on “Anaesthesia and Laparoscopy: Innovative Approaches in the Modern Perioperative Environment” was given by the following doctors:
 - o Dr Phillip Tseng, Specialist Anaesthetist Mount Elizabeth Hospital
 - o Dr Rajesh Brijball, Specialist Anaesthetist Wesley Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine
 - o Dr David Cavallucci, General Surgeon Wesley Medical Centre

Essential Laparoscopic Suturing Course

The Chapter supported the Essential Laparoscopic Suturing Course held at The Academia, Procedural Skills Lab 1A, Singapore General Hospital on 15 April 2017, and had 17 participants. Participants had requested for more suturing courses including those with advance practical contents.

Combined Surgical Meeting Calendar for 2017

The monthly combined surgical meetings were conducted in the restructured institutions on a rotational basis. The schedule is appended in the table below:

Month	Date	Venue
January	14 Jan 2017	Khoo Teck Puat General Hospital
February	25 Feb 2017	Singapore General Hospital – Colorectal Surgery
April	22 Apr 2017	Changi General Hospital
May	27 May 2017	KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital – Breast Department
July	29 July 2017	Ng Teng Fong General Hospital
August	26 Aug 2017	National University Hospital
September	23 Sep 2017	Tan Tock Seng Hospital
October	28 Oct 2017	Singapore General Hospital – General Surgery

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENTS

The Chapter endorsed the following programs:

- 1) 3rd Singapore Breast Oncoplastic Surgery Symposium (SBOSS) organised by KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital held on 10 Feb 2017.
- 2) 2nd Masterclass on Surgical Techniques in Endocrine & General Surgery (MOSTES) & 1st Advanced Hemostatic Workshop on 5 July 2017 organised by the Division of

Endocrine Surgery, National University Hospital (NUH) and Ng Teng Fong General Hospital (NTFGH).

- 3) 3rd POEM, Advanced Endoscopy & ANBIG Workshop 2017 held from 6 to 7 June 2017 organised by Department of Surgery, National University Hospital Systems.
- 4) 2nd Singapore Postgraduate Advanced Course in Endocrine Surgery 2017 (SPACES) held from 6 to 7 July 2017 organised by Department of Surgery, National University Hospital Systems.
- 5) Advanced Laparoscopic Workshop on Upper GI Surgery organised by Department of Surgery, National University Hospital Systems from 17 to 18 July 2017.
- 6) SingHealth Duke-NUS Surgical & Anaesthesia Congress 2017 held from 28 July to 6 August 2017 comprising of more than 40 plenary sessions and multi-disciplinary symposiums organised by SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre.
- 7) Laparoscopic HPB Workshop in conjunction SingHealth Surgical Congress organised by the Department of Hepatopancreatobiliary and Transplant Surgery, Singapore General Hospital and Hepatopancreatobiliary Association of Singapore (HPBA-S) on the 3 August 2017.
- 8) IASGO Single Topic Symposium on Pancreatic Surgery in Singapore Congress organised by the Department of Hepatopancreatobiliary and Transplant Surgery, Singapore General Hospital, was held in conjunction with the Singhealth Duke-NUS Surgical & Anaesthesia Congress 2017 from 4 to 5 August 2017.
- 9) Cadaveric Surgical Anatomy Course for General Surgery Surgeons held from 4 to 5 August 2017 organised by Department of Anatomy and Surgery, Yong Soo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore.
- 10) 17th Congress of the Asian Society for Vascular Surgery and the 11th Asian Venous Forum held from 20 to 23 October 2017 organised by Asian Society of Vascular Surgery.
- 11) "SHOW (Simulated inguinal Hernia (Open) Operation workshop" for surgeons in training (Residents/MOs/ Registrars) held on 9 September 2017 organised by Department of General Surgery, Tan Tock Seng Hospital.
- 12) 15th Asian Breast Diseases Association (ABDA) Annual Scientific Meeting held from 4 to 5 November 2017.

SPONSORSHIP OF EVENT

The Chapter sponsored the "Chapter of General Surgeons, College of Surgeons, Best Trauma Free Paper" (S\$200) and "Chapter of General Surgeons, College of Surgeons, Best Trauma poster Prize" (S\$100) during the Singapore Trauma Conference organised by Tan Tock Seng Hospital from 8 to 9 April 2017.

PILOT AMS SELF-LEARNING MODULES

The Chapter submitted their input of papers and MCQs for the specialty's SLM module with the Council, College of Surgeons, Singapore contributing to the general MCQs applicable across all surgical specialties.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT

In 2017, the Chapter provided independent medical expert advice in 13 court cases.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH), SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL (SMC), HAS and HPB INITIATIVES

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

(A) Procedures Considered to be 'Specialised Interventional Procedures'

Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Chapter professional opinion(s) with regards to procedures considered to be 'Specialised Interventional Procedures'. The Chapter provided the feedback on 11 May 2017.

(B) Clinical Cases Requiring Review by Hospital Ethics Committees

Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Chapter for professional opinion(s) with regards to a list of clinical cases which requires review by Hospital Ethics Committees. The Chapter provided the feedback on 26 May 2017.

(C) Developing a Calibrated Approach to Non-Evidence Based Medicine

Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Chapter for professional opinion(s) with regards to the development of a calibrated approach to non-evidence based medicine. The Chapter provided the feedback on 30 June 2017.

(D) New evidence from Link between abortion and breast cancer

Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Chapter for professional opinion(s) with regards to new evidence from link between abortion and breast cancer. The Chapter provided the feedback on 13 Nov 2017.

(E) Provision of Circumcision Services by Non-Medical Practitioners

Ministry of Health (MOH) has requested the Chapter for professional opinion(s) with regards to the provision of circumcision services by non-medical practitioners. The Chapter provided the feedback on 28 Dec 2017.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

The Chapter will continue organizing Continuing Medical Educational events for the coming year and details will be made known at a later date.

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 2017

Dr Lee Ser Yee
Honorary Secretary
On behalf of 2017-2019 Board
Chapter of General Surgeons