



Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2008

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Monday, 12 May 2008 at 6.35pm at Meeting Room (Level 1), Tan Tock Seng Medical Centre, ENT Clinic 1B, 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng, Singapore 308433.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members continued to serve their office from 2008-2009:

Chairman:	Dr Siow Jin Keat
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Leong Hoo Kwong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan
Members:	Dr Chee Wang Cheng, Nelson
	Dr Lim Hsueh Yee, Lynne
	Dr Yeo Seng Beng

For the year ending December 2008, the 2008-2009 Chapter Board had met three times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2008.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2008 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists now stands at 48 Fellows comprising of 47 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellow.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Announcements of the monthly Otology Board Meeting jointly organized by the National University Hospital and Tan Tock Seng Hospital were circulated via email to the Chapter Members.

BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Chapter has introduced part 2 of the Best Practice Guidelines which showcased the common ENT procedures namely Endoscopic Sinus Surgery and Tympanoplasty on 12 May 2008 at its 2nd Chapter Annual General Meeting and the Chapter Members present at the meeting have received and adopted these guidelines. A copy of the Best Practice Guidelines part 1 and 2 can be accessed at the College of Surgeon website at www.css.edu.sg under "Who We Are" – "Specialties – Otorhinolaryngology".

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter has endorsed the following event in 2008:

1. Singapore-Malaysia Combined ENT Scientific Meeting of the Society of Otolaryngology
– Head & Neck Surgery, Singapore and the Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists
– Head & Neck Surgery held on 17 August 2008 at Sheraton Towers Hotel.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH's) INITIATIVES

Study on the Determination of the Minimum Standards Required for the Provision of Paediatric ENT Services

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was invited to give expert opinions to the study by MOH through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) on the provision of paediatric ENT services in the clusters, including determining the minimum standards and capabilities which hospitals must attain for the provision of paediatric ENT services. The Chapter has recommended AMS on few ENT surgeons who are experts in paediatric ENT to assist in this study.

Study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs)

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were being invited by MOH through AMS in January 2008 to participate in the study of National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSCs), mainly to provide feedback on the feasibility of establishing a NMSC for the individual specialty, as well as, the Chapter's view on the mission and roles of a NMSC. The Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres of MOH was chaired by Prof Goh Chee Leok and the Chapter has submitted its reply to MOH on 31 January 2008.

Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) Review

In the Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) review exercise called by MOH in 2007, the Chapter has submitted its proposal to revise tables for some current codes, as well as, proposing the creation of new codes in congruence with the up-to-date development of surgical procedures of Otorhinolaryngology. The Chapter has also reviewed the TOSP returns from MOH in October 2008 and has submitted its feedback to MOH. The Chapter will continue to assist MOH in finalising the TOSPs.

Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) on Rhinitis & Sinusitis

By the invitation of MOH through AMS in seeking suggestions of topics necessary for the development of CPGs, the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists has proposed for the development of CPGs on Rhinitis & Sinusitis and it has been accepted by MOH to prioritize the development of this set of CPGs. A committee of ten doctors from restructured hospitals has been invited to form the workgroup for the purpose of developing the CPG on Rhinitis & Sinusitis and two paediatricians have also been invited to sit in this committee to provide inputs on paediatric ENT and common cold. The CPGs on Rhinitis & Sinusitis is slated to complete and publish in May 2009.

ACTIVITY IN THE PIPELINE

Vertigo Masterclass

The Chapter is planning to organize the 1st Singapore Vertigo Masterclass on 10 January 2009 at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The objective of the Vertigo Masterclass is to provide a holistic approach in training the trainees and practicing clinicians to be capable in managing patients with Vertigo. The Chapter has plans to organize a series of this masterclass amongst the various public hospitals if positive responses are received for the 1st masterclass of 10 January 2009. Publicity of this event has been disseminated and registration closes on 30 December 2008.

APPRECIATION

The Chapter wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows for their support rendered in the past year and we look forward to your ongoing support for future projects and activities.

December 2008

Dr Huang Shou Chyuan

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2008-2009 Board, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists