



Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists College of Surgeons, Singapore Annual Report 2009

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists was held on Thursday, 23 April 2009 at 6.30pm at Lee Kong Chian Boardroom (Level 12), Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 81 Kim Keat Road, NKF Centre, Singapore 328836.

CHAPTER SPECIALTY BOARD

The following Chapter Specialty Board Members have served their office from 2009-2010:

Chairman:	Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yeo Seng Beng
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Mok Kan Hwei, Paul
Members:	Dr Chan Kwai Onn
	Dr Adrian Saurajen Siew Ming
	Dr Lee Cheow Yew, Julian

For the year ending December 2009, the 2009-2010 Chapter Board had met two times to conduct the business and affairs of the Chapter for year 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2009 under the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists now stands at 58 Fellows comprising of 55 Local Fellows and 3 Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Monthly Otology Board Meeting

Announcements of the monthly Otology Board Meeting which are usually being held on the last Friday of the month and jointly organized by the National University Hospital (NUH) and the Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) were circulated to Chapter Members via email blast.

CME Schedule 2010

With the joint participation of the NUH, TTSH, Singapore General Hospital (SGH), Alexandra Hospital (AH), Changi General Hospital (CGH) and the KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH), the Chapter had collated the CME activities of each hospital and integrated them into a master CME schedule for 2010 for ease of reference. The CME schedule for 2010 is viewable at the College of Surgeons' website at www.css.edu.sg under "CME Activities" – Otorhinolaryngology.

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES (CPG) FOR RHINITIS & SINUSITIS

By the invitation of the Ministry of Health (MOH) through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) in seeking suggestions of topics necessary for the development of CPGs, the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists had proposed for the development of CPG on Rhinitis & Sinusitis and it had been accepted by MOH to prioritize the development of this set of CPGs. A committee of ten doctors from restructured hospitals had been formed as a workgroup (including two paediatricians) to develop the CPG on Rhinitis & Sinusitis. The CPG is expected to finalise by end 2009 and the MOH-approved CPG will be published and launched. Further details will be announced in due progress.

1ST SINGAPORE VERTIGO MASTERCLASS

The Chapter had organized the 1st Singapore Vertigo Masterclass on Saturday, 10 January 2009 at the TTSH. The objective of the Vertigo Masterclass was to provide a holistic approach in training the trainees and practicing clinicians to be capable in managing patients with Vertigo. Participants comprising of trainees, members of the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists and the members of the Chapter of Neurologists gave overwhelming response to this Masterclass and the targeted number of 30 participants to give exclusivity to the Masterclass was fully filled before registration closed. Invited faculty included ENT Surgeons, Neurologists and a Physiotherapist who performed a clinical demo on *Vestibular Rehabilitation*. The Organising Chairman was A/Prof Siow Jin Keat.

ENDORSEMENT OF EVENT

The Chapter has endorsed the following event in 2009:

1. Head & Neck Cancers: Taking Control of the Silent Killer Public Forum of the Singapore Cancer Society held on 5 September 2009 at the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore's Auditorium.

PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC)

All Specialty Chapters under the College of Surgeons, Singapore were invited by MOH through the AMS in June 2009 to participate in the Review of Levels of Medical Capability (LMC) to provide feedback on the existing LMC manual on the medical capabilities at level 1 and 2 that are currently performed at regional hospitals versus teaching hospitals. Review and feedback included the following:

1. Proposed additional of new services or removal of obsolete services
2. Proposed changes in terminology or description of services and/or changes in level of services
3. Identification of services which can only be performed under a tertiary setting
4. Identification of essential support services required for adequate provision of services

The Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists submitted its inputs and a letter of its position statement to the MOH through AMS in July 2009.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

2nd Singapore Vertigo Masterclass

Following the success of the 1st Vertigo Masterclass, the Chapter is planning to organize a 2nd Masterclass on 30 January 2010 with the invitation of Professor Michael Strupp from the Department of Neurology of the University of Munich, Germany. Core topics such as the Peripheral and Central Vestibular Disorders and the causes of dizziness will be covered. A clinical course on the examination of the vestibular and ocular motor system as well as a video quiz on nystagmus and eye movement is also included in the programme. Invited panel of speakers would include ENT surgeons, Neurologists and Neuro-ophthalmologists. Details will be disseminated in due course.

Inaugural Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists Dinner Lecture

The Chapter plans to organize its Inaugural Dinner Lecture in 2010 in conjunction with its 4th Annual General Meeting, and inviting a senior ENT surgeon who is also a member of the Chapter, Prof Kunaratnam Nallatamby, as its Inaugural Chapter Lecturer. Information of this event will be disseminated once finalized.

Subscription of Online Journals and Awarding of Book Prize to Top Exit Trainee

The Chapter is looking into the possibility of subscribing to institutional login access rights to some popular online Journals of the specialty, as well as, awarding a book prize to the best exit trainee in the specialty. The Chapter will look into funding for these activities.

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 2009

Dr Paul Mok

Honorary Secretary

On behalf of 2009-2010 Board, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists