

COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH, SINGAPORE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020 has truly been an extraordinary year. Despite safe distancing and the circuit breaker, we continued to gather together as a College, albeit virtually, to learn and grow through webinars and online meetings. Our College held one of the Academy's first scientific webinars on COVID-19 in paediatrics at the start of DORSCON Orange and we continued our regular CME sessions leveraging on webinars.

In May 2020, we held our College's 16th Annual General Meeting virtually for the first time and we had a very strong attendance. We have updated our CPCHS AMS Self-Learning Module (SLM) and have developed specialty-specific consent taking guidelines, focusing for a start on 'Lumbar Puncture' and 'BCG Vaccination'.

During the last quarter of 2020, we started engaging with the Ministry of Health (MOH) on the changes to the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule. With the strengthening of family medicine practice in the community and the setting up of 'Primary Care Networks', integrating both the public and private GP sectors, we are working with MOH to re-shape and develop 'Community Paediatrics' for Singapore. The College is also planning to co-create a shared care model with MOH and other stakeholders moving into 2021.

We had planned to hold the first joint RCPCH-CPCHS Scientific Meeting in conjunction with the 9th Singapore Paediatric & Perinatal Annual Congress in September 2020. This RCPCH Conference with the theme of 'Learning Together to Improve Child Health' will instead be held in March 2021 via a Webinar platform.

COVID-19 has brought with it tremendous changes in the way we functioned as clinicians and interacted as a community in 2020, with telemedicine being more widely practiced as a key example. As we continue to adjust and adapt to a new 2021 norm, we will continue to work together as a community of paediatricians to improve the health of our children in Singapore.



DR NG KEE CHONG

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore was incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap 50), on and from 17 August 2004 and is a Public Company Limited by Guarantee. The College is registered and domiciled in Singapore with its registered office and primary place of business at 81 Kim Keat Road, #11-00 and #12-00, NKF Centre, Singapore 328836.

The College was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the College and is governed under its Articles of Association. Stone Forest CorpServe Pte Ltd was engaged as the Company Secretary to provide corporate secretarial services while Fiducia LLP was re-appointed as the auditor. As at 31 December 2020, the College does not employ any staff. The staff supporting the College's work is employed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

The vision of the College is to be the recognised leader in training, education, advocacy and enhancement of professional standards for paediatrics and its subspecialties. The mission is to promote and maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in paediatrics and its subspecialties.

The objectives of the College are as follows:

- To advance the art and science of paediatrics and neonatology and its subspecialties
- To promote study and research into medical and scientific problems
- To sustain and foster postgraduate education; to conduct higher professional examinations and to award diplomas

THE 2020 – 2021 COUNCIL



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Director (from 14 May 2016)



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Director (from 6 May 2017)



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DR LOW KAH TZAY
Co-Opted Member



DR NG YONG HONG
Co-Opted Member

CHAPTER OF NEONATOLOGISTS (THE 2020 – 2021 BOARD)

Chairman	Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill, passed in Parliament on 7 April 2020, has allowed for alternative arrangements for companies in Singapore to conduct meetings by electronic means.

The Constitution of the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore does not provide for its Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be conducted by electronic means. In view of the current COVID-19 situation where a physical meeting is not possible and with the provision provided in Part 4 of the Bill (Temporary Measures for the Conduct of Meetings), the 16th AGM was held by electronic means on 16 May 2020. It was attended by 68 Fellows. The Chapter of Neonatologists, the sole Chapter of the College, also organised its 8th AGM on 9 May 2020.

COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

A total of four Council meetings were held for the year to discuss the business and affairs of the College. It met on the following dates: 29 April, 24 June, 18 August and 6 November. The attendance record of the meetings is as follows:

NAME	DESIGNATION	ATTENDANCE
Dr Ng Kee Chong	President	4
Dr Liew Woei Kang*	Immediate Past President	1
Dr Lee Yung Seng	President-Elect	4
Dr Chua Mei Chien	Vice-President	4

NAME	DESIGNATION	ATTENDANCE
Dr Khoo Poh Choo	Honorary Secretary	4
Dr Yeo Wee Song**	Honorary Treasurer	4
Dr Goh Yam Thiam, Daniel	Council Member	4
Dr Ong Hian Tat	Council Member	4
Dr Varsha Atul Shah*	Council Member	1
Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai	Chairman, Chapter of Neonatologists	2
Dr Lim Kwang Hsien	Co-Opted Member	4
Dr Low Kah Tzay	Co-Opted Member	3
Dr Ng Yong Hong	Co-Opted Member	4

*Retired on 16 May 2020

**Joined on 16 May 2020

MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 2020, the College membership stood at 223, comprising of 219 Local Fellows and four Overseas Fellows. There are 44 members under the Chapter of Neonatologists.

The following were admitted as Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (FAMS) and welcomed into the College:

- Dr Chin Hui-Lin
- Dr Chow Chu-Tian Cristelle
- Dr Lee Le Ye
- Dr Loo Kai Guo Benny
- Dr Low Jia Ming
- Dr Ng Beng Hui Nicholas
- Dr Oh Lingzhi Bernice
- Dr Ooi Pei Ling

MAKING AN IMPACT: OUR WORK IN 2020



STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY TO SHAPE AND INFLUENCE HEALTHCARE POLICIES

Engagement with Ministry of Health (MOH) on Changes on National Childhood Immunisation Schedule (NCIS)

On 13 July 2020, the Ministry of Health announced updates for NCIS that *'from 1 November 2020, Singaporean children will receive full subsidy for all NCIS vaccinations where the vaccine utilised is found on the Subsidised Vaccine List (SVL). These subsidies will be available at polyclinics and will be extended to all CHAS GP clinics.'*

On behalf of the private paediatrician community, the College has written a letter to A/Prof Kenneth Mak, Director of Medical Services in August 2020 highlighting their concerns and feedback on the updated NCIS, as well as to arrange for a discussion with the Ministry.

The College had two fruitful meetings with MOH in September and October 2020, with proposals to extend the NCIS vaccination subsidies to Community Paediatricians and for the College to co-create a shared care model with the Ministry and other stakeholders. Talks are ongoing and there will be more updates in 2021.

MOH Child and Maternal Health Wellbeing Taskforce

In December, MOH set up the Child and Maternal Health

Wellbeing Taskforce to ensure that women and children are well supported in their journey to attain good health and well-being, so as to maximize their human development potential. The three workgroups (WG) in the taskforce are:

- WG1: Child and Maternal Development and Wellbeing
- WG2: Child/Maternal Health and Services Integration
- WG3: Public Education and Stakeholder Engagement

Dr Low Kah Tzay represents the College for this taskforce in WG2 - Child/Maternal Health and Services Integration.

The Workgroup will focus on the following initiatives to achieve good health, social and educational outcomes for the children:

- Increase uptake of preventive health services and support services;
- Strengthen early detection and intervention of risk factors;
- Optimise care through building up sustainable community child/maternal health care and support models, and
- Enhance better service integration for child and maternal health and support services across settings/sectors

Terms of Reference of WG2:

Review maternal and child service integration and care/support models at the national level:

1. Identify gaps and opportunities to enhance service integration across settings & domains
2. Formulate and oversee the implementation of a work plan to enhance service integration on child and maternal health and support services
3. Propose indicators to monitor the progress and impact of the work plan

Professional Opinion Requests

The College provided professional opinions on various topics requested by external parties. They are listed below:

TOPICS	ORGANISATION
Use of Hyperbaric Chamber in a Special Needs kindergarten to treat cerebral palsy and autism spectrum disorder	MOH
Collaboration on Specialty-Specific Guidance for Telemedicine	MOH
Review/Endorsement of the ACE Clinical Guidance on Asthma	MOH



ADVANCING PROFESSIONALISM AND UPHOLDING COMPETENCY STANDARDS

Continuing Medical Education (CME) – Live Webinars

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PAEDIATRICIANS	
DATE	26 FEBRUARY
Topics & Speakers	COVID-19: A Paediatric Update Dr Kam Kai-Qian <i>Associate Consultant, Infectious Diseases Service, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
	Q&A Session on COVID-19 Adj. A/Prof Thoon Koh Cheng <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases Services Service, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
	Dr Chan Si Min <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Infectious Diseases KTP-NUCMI, National University Hospital</i>
	Dr Yung Chee Fu <i>Consultant, Infectious Diseases Service, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
Chairperson	A/Prof Ng Kee Chong <i>President, College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore</i>
COVID-19 IN PAEDIATRIC PATIENTS: THE SINGAPORE EXPERIENCE	
DATE	16 MAY
Topic & Speakers	COVID-19 in Paediatric Patients: The Singapore Experience Adj. A/Prof Thoon Koh Cheng <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases Service, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
	Dr Li Jiahui <i>Consultant, Infectious Diseases Service, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
	Dr Chan Si Min <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Infectious Diseases KTP-NUCMI, National University Hospital</i>
Chairperson	A/Prof Ng Kee Chong <i>President, College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore</i>
WHICH PATIENTS SHOULD HAVE GH TREATMENT?	
DATE	2 JUNE
Topic & Speaker	Which Patients Should have GH Treatment? Dr Warren Lee Wei Rhen <i>Senior Consultant, Paediatrician, Paediatric Endocrinologist Dr Warren Lee's, Paediatrics, Growth & Diabetes Centre</i>
Chairperson	Dr Yeo Wee Song <i>College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore</i>
TELEMEDICINE FOR PAEDIATRICIANS	
DATE	15 AUGUST
Topics & Speakers	Brief Introduction to Telemedicine Dr Lim Kwang Hsien <i>Consultant Paediatrician, Kinder Clinic, Mt Alvernia Medical Centre</i>
	Rules & Regulations Dr Raymond Chua <i>Group Director, Health Regulation Group, Ministry of Health</i>

TELEMEDICINE FOR PAEDIATRICIANS**DATE 15 AUGUST**

Topics & Speakers	Setting up Telemedicine A/Prof Ong Hian Tat <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Neurology</i> <i>KTP-NUCMI, National University Hospital</i>
	Paediatric Video Teleconsult – Sharing the SBCC Experience Dr Jenny Tang <i>Paediatrician, Asthma, Lung, Sleep and Allergy, SBCC Baby & Child Clinic</i>
	The Future of Telemedicine Dr Mark Koh <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Dermatology Service, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
Chairperson	Dr Lim Kwang Hsien <i>College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore</i>

CLINICAL GENETICS IN THE MILLENNIUM**DATE 7 NOVEMBER**

Topics & Speakers	MOH Code of Practice & Standards on Genetics/Genomics Testing – Implications on the Ground A/Prof Denise Goh Li Meng <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Genetics & Metabolism</i> <i>KTP-NUCMI, National University Hospital</i>
	The Expanded Newborn Screening – Our Local Experience Adj. A/Prof Tan Ee Shien <i>Head & Senior Consultant, Genetics Services, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
	Gene Therapy in Neurogenetics Dr Furene Wang <i>Consultant, Division of Paediatric Neurology</i> <i>KTP-NUCMI, National University Hospital</i>
	Technological Advancements in Genomics & BRIDGES Dr Saumya Shekhar Jamuar <i>Senior Consultant, Genetics Services, KK Women's and Children's Hospital</i>
Chairperson	A/Prof Ng Kee Chong <i>President, College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore</i>

AMS Self-Learning Modules (SLM)

The College has contributed one Paediatric Medicine module, consisting of 20 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) per module and participants will be eligible for five CME points upon satisfactory completion of each module.

Access to the SLM is exclusive to Fellows and Members of the Academy.

Development of Specialty-Specific Consent Taking Guidelines

It was the recommendation of the Workgroup (that looks into Consent and Disciplinary Processes of SMC) that Specialty Specific Colleges and Chapters under the Academy develop their respective Specialty Specific Guidelines to deal with standard common place treatments and procedures.

With the proposed departure from the Modified Montgomery Test, there will be emphasis given to the opinion of a responsible body of doctors as the minimum safe standard for doctors' duty to advise. Hence, the

development of informed consent guidelines from the various Chapters will be critical to set this minimum benchmark.

The College Council has identified the commonest procedures/treatments in Paediatrics/Neonatology and formulated appropriate consent forms and patient information leaflets which have been submitted to the Academy.

Live Webinar by the Chapter of Neonatologists

The Chapter organised a live Webinar on 'COVID-19 Infection in Pregnancy & Newborn' on 5 June 2020.

**ENHANCING SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SELF-REGULATION****Independent Medical Expert (IME) Reports**

The Chapter of Neonatologists provided two IME reports to Singapore Medical Council.

FUTURE PLANS

The College is committed to further and enhance continuing medical education for the paediatric fraternity in Singapore, by organizing workshops, annual scientific meetings and courses that will benefit paediatricians at large.

APPRECIATION

The College records its note of appreciation to all Fellows for their unfailing support and efforts rendered in the past year for ongoing projects and activities.