

COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH, SINGAPORE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR LEE YUNG SENG

The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented global crisis, the resulting restrictions and social distancing requirement posing great challenges to the College's activities. Despite these challenges, the College persevered in our mission to improve the health and well-being of children through advocacy, and promote professional standards in child health through education. Even in difficult times, there are opportunities in crises. The COVID-19 crisis has accelerated the adoption of virtual meetings, and provided opportunities for the College to continue to engage our Fellows in Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions, dialogues, and Annual General Meetings through online platforms. The College continues to keep fellows up to date with available online CME activities from the local healthcare organizations through regular CME bulletins. One highlight last year was an online CME on COVID-19 in children by our local experts in August 2022 so as to enable our Fellows to provide better care for their patients. The College was able to engage with the Ministry of Health regarding the expert committee's recommendations on COVID-19 primary vaccination for children below 5 years and booster vaccination for children 5-11 years. This was a timely session for clarification as well as provision of on-the-ground feedback from our fellows.

As the COVID-19 pandemic abated and restrictions eased, the 10th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (10th SiPPAC) as well as our 15th College Lecture were conducted in-person on 19 November 2022 after a two-year hiatus. The College has developed a consensus statement on '*Singapore Integrated 24-hour Activity Guidelines for Early Childhood*', and a committee is currently updating the '*Autism Clinical Practice Guidelines*'. We are also pleased to share that the Council of the Academy of Medicine has approved the formation of the Section of Paediatric Allergy and Immunology (PAI) under the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, which will be effected at the 2023 Annual General Meeting. This will give us focus and purpose in the development of practice standards and training in this field over the next few years, and we look forward to working closely with the community of paediatricians to improve the health of our children in Singapore.

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 that the company 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.

COMPANY SECRETARY AND AUDITORS OF THE COLLEGE

Stone Forest CorpServe Pte Ltd was engaged as the Company Secretary to provide corporate secretarial services to the College. Messrs Geetha A & Associates was appointed as the Auditors for the accounts of the College. As at 31 December 2022, the College does not employ any staff. The staff supporting the College's work is employed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

VISION AND MISSION

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 of the College is to promote and maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in paediatrics and its subspecialties.

OBJECTIVE

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 2022 – 2023 COUNCIL

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS



DR LEE YUNG SENG
President

Director (from 14 May 2016)

Head, Khoo Teck Puat-National University Children's Medical Institute, National University Hospital and Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Endocrinology, National University Hospital



DR TAY KIAT HONG STACEY
Honorary Secretary

Director (from 19 August 2021)

Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Neurology and Division of Paediatric Genetics and Metabolism, Department of Paediatrics, Khoo Teck Puat-National University Children's Medical Institute, National University Hospital



DR NG CHIN YUEN STEVEN
Council Member

Director (from 19 August 2021)

Senior Consultant, Steven's Baby & Child Clinic Mount Alvernia Hospital



DR CHUA MEI CHIEN
President-Elect

Director (from 19 May 2018)

Head & Senior Consultant Neonatology, KK Women's and Children's Hospital and Director, KK Human Milk Bank, KK Women's and Children's Hospital



DR FU XINGHAN KRISTY
Honorary Treasurer

Director (from 20 August 2022)

Consultant, Division of Paediatric Critical Care, Department of Paediatrics, Khoo Teck Puat – National University Children's Medical Institute, National University Hospital



DR YEO WEE SONG
Vice President

Director (from 16 May 2020)

*Consultant Paediatrician, KidsNexus
Paediatric Centre*



DR CHOO TZE LIANG JONATHAN
Council Member

Director (from 19 August 2021)

*Head & Senior Consultant
Cardiology Service, KK Women's and
Children's Hospital*

APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER



DR DAISY CHAN KWAI LIN
Chair, Chapter of Neonatologists

Director (from 19 August 2021)

*Senior Consultant, Neonatal and
Developmental Medicine, Singapore
General Hospital*

CO-OPTED MEMBERS



DR LIEW WOEI KANG

*Consultant Paediatrician
Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital,
Singapore.*



DR LIM CHING WEN DARRYL

*Consultant Paediatrician
Kinder Clinic Pte Ltd*



DR LOW KAH TZAY

*Consultant Paediatrician, Anson
International Paediatric & Child
Development Centre*

SPECIALTY CHAPTERS

CHAPTER OF NEONATOLOGISTS

THE 2022 – 2023 BOARD

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS



DR DAISY CHAN KWAI LIN
Chairman

*Senior Consultant, Neonatal and
Developmental Medicine, Singapore
General Hospital*



DR LEE LE YE
Board Member

*Senior Consultant, Department
of Neonatology, Khoo Teck Puat -
National University Children's Medical
Institute, National University Hospital*



DR SURESH CHANDRAN
Board Member

*Senior Consultant, Department
of Neonatology, KK Women's and
Children's Hospital*



DR KHOO POH CHOO
Vice Chairman

*Deputy Head and Senior Consultant,
Department of Neonatology, KK
Women's and Children's Hospital*



DR LOW KAH TZAY
Board Member

*Consultant Paediatrician
Anson International Paediatric & Child
Development Centre*



DR KRISHNAMOORTHY NIDUVAJE
Honorary Secretary

*Senior Consultant, Department
of Neonatology, Khoo Teck Puat -
National University Children's Medical
Institute, National University Hospital*



DR ONG ENG KEOW
Board Member

*Consultant Paediatrician
International Child & Adolescent Clinic*

CO-OPTED MEMBERS



DR ABDUL HAIUM ABDUL ALIM
Senior Consultant, Department
of Neonatology, KK Women's and
Children's Hospital



DR IKSHUVANAM MALATHI
Consultant Paediatrician, Happy Baby
& Child Clinic Pte Ltd, Parkway East
Hospital

18TH 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 Annual General Meeting was held by electronic means on 20 August 2022. It was attended by 33 Fellows.

COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

A total of four Council meetings were held for the year to discuss the business and affairs of the College. The Council met on the following dates: 16 February 2022, 22 April 2022, 3 August 2022 and 15 November 2022. The attendance record of the meetings is as follows:

NAME	DESIGNATION	ATTENDANCE
Dr Lee Yung Seng	President	4
Dr Chua Mei Chien	President-Elect	4
Dr Yeo Wee Song	Vice-President	4
Dr Tay Kiat Hong Stacey	Honorary Secretary	4
Dr Fu Xinghan Kristy**	Honorary Treasurer	1
Dr Ng Chin Yuen Steven	Council Member	4
Dr Ong Hian Tat*	Council Member	3
Dr Choo Tze Liang Jonathan	Council Member	4
Dr Daisy Chan Kwai Lin*	Chairman, Chapter of Neonatologists	4

*Retired on 20 August 2022

**Joined on 20 August 2022

MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 2022, the total membership of the College stood at 235, comprising 230 Fellows (Local), 4 Fellows (Overseas) and 1 (Associate Member). There are 47 members in the Chapter of Neonatologists.

The following were admitted into the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore:

- Dr Alison Marion Snodgrass
- Dr Chan Shi Hua
- Dr Chong Kok Wee
- Dr Hugo Philemon Van Bever
- Dr Tan Ee Shien



STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY TO SHAPE AND INFLUENCE HEALTHCARE POLICIES

PROFESSIONAL OPINION

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

S/N	Description	Requested By
1	Endorsement of National Guidelines on Clinical Transfusion	HSA
2	Advice on Off-Label Prescription of Fluimucil to 3-Month-Old Child	MOH
3	Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act	MOH
4	MOH Requirements for Acute Hospitals with Neonatal Intensive Care under the Healthcare Services Act	MOH



ADVANCING PROFESSIONALISM AND UPHOLDING COMPETENCY STANDARDS

10th Singapore Paediatrics & Perinatal Annual Congress (SiPPAC)

The 10th Singapore Paediatric & Perinatal Annual Congress (SiPPAC) 2022 was a three-day event held from 18 – 20 November 2022 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore.

The theme was *‘Enhancing Multidisciplinary Care of Mothers & Children through Collaborative Models & Innovations’*. This Congress was organised by the Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) with support from College of Paediatrics and Child Health (CPCHS), Singapore and Perinatal Society of Singapore (PSS). The event attracted close to 300 delegates comprising paediatricians, neonatologists, medical students, nurses, allied health staff, residents and trainees as well as overseas delegates.

The scientific programme comprised 13 symposia (Paediatric, Perinatal and Neonatal tracks), 2 nursing symposia, 3 lunch symposia and 1 oral presentation.

A total of 45 abstracts were accepted, of which 9 were selected for Oral Presentations and 10 were selected for Poster Presentations. A total of 36 abstracts were displayed on poster panels at the event.

Here are the prizes awarded:

2 Prizes – Oral Presentation	
1 st Prize:	Quantitative Analysis of Left Ventricular Energetic Performance by Vector flow Mapping in Children Receiving Anthracycline Chemotherapy <i>Presenting Author: Mr Varen Tan</i>
2 nd Prize:	Risk-specific Glucose Profiles of Healthy Infants At-risk of Hypoglycemia in Singapore: The GLEAN Study <i>Presenting Author: Dr Eric Ma</i>

2 Prizes – Poster Presentation	
1 st Prize:	Identifying the Best Discriminating Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in High-Risk Siblings in Singapore <i>Presenting Author: Dr Wong Chui Mae</i>
2 nd Prize:	Birth Anthropometry Among Three Asian Ethnic Groups in Singapore – New Growth Charts <i>Presenting Author: Dr Khadijah Kader</i>

15th College of Paediatrics & Child Health Lecture

In conjunction with 10th SiPPAC, the 15th College Lecture was held on 19 November 2022 at the Galleria Ballroom, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore.

A/Prof Allen Yeoh, Associate Professor, Viva-Goh Foundation Professor in Paediatric Oncology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, delivered this year's lecture which was titled '*Finding Chemo: Improving outcomes of childhood ALL through Malaysia-Singapore (Ma-Spore) collaboration*'.



Prof Lee Yung Seng (left) presenting a plaque to A/Prof Allen Yeoh.

Continuing Medical Education Activities

Activity: **[Live Webinar] The Long and Short of Covid-19 In Children**

Date: 20 August 2022, Saturday

Chairperson: **A/Prof Chua Mei Chien**

Topics & Speakers: **Telehealth for COVID-19 in Singapore**
Dr Darryl Lim
Paediatrician, Kinder Clinic Pte Ltd

Post-COVID-19 Follow-up and Management in Singapore

Dr Chan Si Min

Head and Senior Consultant, Division of Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Department of Paediatrics, Khoo Teck Puat - National University Children's Medical Institute
National University Hospital, Singapore

Long COVID-19 – What We Know So Far

Dr Li Jiahui

Head And Consultant, Paediatric Infectious Disease Service, Kk Women's and Children's Hospital

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Chapter of Neonatologists organised/supported the following activities in 2022:

Date	Activity
16 August 2022	10th Annual General Meeting

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

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.