



**COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE**  
**Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2018**

The College was set up on 6 Aug 2008 as a Company Limited by Guarantee. It was registered under the Charities Act on 27 June 2014.

**Unique Entity Number (UEN)** : 200815442W

**Registered Address** : 81 Kim Keat Road # 11-00 NKF Centre  
Singapore 328836

**Banker** : UOB Bank

**Auditor** : Fiducia LLP  
(For FY2017)

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS 2018-2020:**

The following council were appointed as the governing board members:

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Dr Andrew Ow</b><br>President<br>(Director from 23 May 2012)   | <b>Dr Poh Yu Jin</b><br>Vice President<br>(Director from 7 May 2014)                              | <b>Dr Lui Jeen Nee</b><br>Honorary Secretary<br>(Director from 22 May 2013)                              |
| <b>Dr Chang Kok Meng</b><br>Honorary Treasurer<br>(Director from 24 May 2016)                               | <b>Dr Andrew Aw</b><br>Council Member<br>(Director from 20 Apr 2015 )                             | <b>Dr Lai Ye Choung</b><br>Council Member  |
| <b>Dr Henry Ho</b><br>Council Member<br>(Director from 22 May 2013)   | <b>Dr Toh Siew Luan</b><br>Council Member<br>(Director from 22 May 2013)                          | <b>Dr Tay Li Chye</b><br>Chairman, Chapter of<br>Endodontists<br>(Director from 20 April 2015)           |
| <b>Dr Shawn Goh</b><br>Chairman, Chapter of Oral &<br>Maxillofacial Surgeons<br>(Director from 25 May 2017) | <b>Dr Geraldine Lee</b><br>Chairman, Chapter of<br>Orthodontists<br>(Director from 25 May 2017)   | <b>Dr Bien Lai</b><br>Chairman, Chapter of<br>Paediatric Dentists<br>(Director from 25 May 2017)         |
| <b>Dr Wong Li Beng</b><br>Chairman, Chapter of<br>Periodontists<br>(Director from 25 May 2017)              | <b>Dr Elvin Leong</b><br>Chairman, Chapter of<br>Prosthodontists<br>(Director from 20 April 2015) | <b>Dr Gabriel Chong</b><br>Chairman, Chapter of Public<br>Health Dentists<br>(Director from 25 May 2017) |



Front Row (from Left to Right): Dr Geraldine Lee, Dr Toh Siew Luan, Dr Chang Kok Meng, Dr Andrew Ow, Dr Poh Yu-Jin, Dr Bien Lai  
 Back Row (from Left to Right): Dr Lai Ye Choung, Dr Tay Li Chye, Dr Wong Li Beng, Dr Gabriel Chong, Dr Elvin Leong, Dr Henry Ho

### SPECIALTY CHAPTERS

In accordance to the Constitution of the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, the specialty chapters are to serve a 2 year term. The Committee Members of the Seven Chapters of the College (2018 – 2019) are as follows:

#### Chapter of Endodontists

| Name              | Designation      |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Dr Tay Li Chye    | Chairman         |
| Dr Lui Jeen Nee   | Vice Chairman    |
| Dr Kuah Hong Guan | Secretary        |
| Dr Benny Goh      | Committee Member |
| Dr Wu Siwen       | Committee Member |

#### Chapter of Orthodontists

| Name              | Designation      |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Dr Geraldine Lee  | Chairman         |
| Dr Sylvia Tan     | Vice Chairman    |
| Dr Vicpearly Wong | Committee Member |
| Dr Patricia Yeong | Committee Member |
| Dr Marina Teh     | Committee Member |

#### Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

| Name                   | Designation        |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Dr Shawn Goh           | Chairman           |
| Dr Lye Kok Weng        | Vice Chairman      |
| Dr Wee Tze Haur        | Honorary Secretary |
| Dr Winston Tan         | Committee Member   |
| Dr Clement Lye Poh Wah | Committee Member   |

### **Chapter of Periodontists**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Designation</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Dr Wong Li Beng  | Chairman           |
| Dr Tan Wah Ching | Vice Chairman      |
| Dr Yang Jingrong | Honorary Secretary |
| Dr Daylene Leong | Committee Member   |
| Dr Jonathan Foo  | Committee Member   |

### **Chapter of Paediatric Dentists**

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Designation</b> |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Dr Bien Lai      | Chairman           |
| Dr Terry Teo     | Vice Chairman      |
| Dr Tang Kok Siew | Committee Member   |

### **Chapter of Prosthodontists**

| <b>Name</b>               | <b>Designation</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Dr Elvin Leong Woei Jian  | Chairman           |
| Dr Simon Ng Dih Hann      | Vice Chairman      |
| Dr Seetoh Yoong Liang     | Honorary Secretary |
| Dr Kelvin Khng Kwang Yong | Committee Member   |

### **Chapter of Public Health Dentists**

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Designation</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Dr Gabriel Chong    | Chairman           |
| Dr Hemalatha Nathan | Vice Chairman      |
| Dr Holy Koh Jr      | Committee Member   |

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Charity are as follows:

The College will improve and co-ordinate professional development with Specialty Societies and like bodies, locally, regionally and internationally

Through the representative(s) in the Chapters, Specialist Societies will be able to contribute to the development of clinical practice guidelines, recommendation of clinical indicators to the relevant authorities, drafting of consensus/position statements, certification and recertification of specialists, etc. The College may also provide secretariat support to societies who need such support.

The College will help to fulfil the professional development of dental specialists by conducting several continuing professional education activities every year for dental specialists.

In addition to carrying out continuing education for specialists, the College also plans to work towards the conduct of educational activities for non-dental professionals & lay publics, thus strengthening its "social role" for dental specialists.

The College will also collaborate with other Dental Colleges internationally and contribute to dental specialist organisations regionally.

The College will aim to be proactive and take leading roles in the professional development and self-regulation of the dental fraternity.

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a professional association that represents the seven dental specialties in Singapore, the College of Dental Surgeons Singapore (CDSS) has strived to be a leader in professional development for our dental specialists. Being the only Dental Specialist College in the Academy of Medicine Singapore (AMS), we are also highly appreciative of our affiliation to the AMS and for the tremendous support that the Academy has provided thus far.

The year began in January with our CDSS Annual New Year Get Together session with current fellows and the welcoming of our newly exited dental specialists to the fraternity. These sessions have always been an enjoyable time of catching up with old friends and over food and drinks, and have also provided an opportunity to present the role of the college and AMS to our new dental specialists. Following on from this, CDSS activities in 2018 have been a continuation of our previous educational initiatives. These have included our study club meetings, development of clinical practice guidelines and the provision of professional opinions.



A highlight in 2018 was the '3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Collegiate Scientific Meeting', held in Adelaide, Australia in September 2018, which was hosted by the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS). This biennial meeting is jointly hosted between CDSS, RACDS and the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong. CDSS was represented by 3 members of the council, Dr Yu-Jin Poh, Dr Henry Ho and myself. The meeting boasted a robust scientific program as well as eminent speakers, with our very own Chief Dental Officer, Dr Chng Chai Kiat, delivering an excellent lecture on orthognathic surgery. Our delegation was kindly hosted by President RACDS, Dr Patrick Russo, and we are grateful for the hospitality extended towards us. These times were also great opportunities to affirm inter-college relationships and exchange new ideas. As such, I do encourage our fellows to sign up for the next JCSM which is to be next held in Hong Kong.

On this same note, CDSS will be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary and as part of our celebrations, we will be hosting a CDSS Scientific Symposium in October 2019. The theme of this symposium is "Controversies in Dentistry" and it will prove to be an exciting and enriching program, with a line-up of eminent local speakers. I would like to thank our Organising Chairman, Dr Poh Yu-Jin, and his committee members, who have been working hard towards making this a successful event. I do hope all our fellows will be able to attend this meeting and give our dental specialists their fullest support.

The Joint Committee for Dental Specialist Accreditation (JCDSA) is an integral part of the CDSS, and reinforces the commitment by the CDSS in ensuring the highest standards of professional education and training for our dental specialists. On behalf the Dental Specialist Accreditation Board (DSAB), two successful exam diets were held in March and September 2018. Much credit has to be given to our JCDSA Chairperson Dr Henry Ho, and all the Dental Specialist Accreditation Committee Chairmen and committee members, who have worked tirelessly in ensuring the successful conduct of these exam diets. CDSS, with JCDSA, will continue to uphold the standards of these exams and further streamline the conduct of these assessments.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my council members and Chapter committee members for their significant contributions to the college as we carry on this good work for our dental profession. I would also like to thank all our Fellows for your support over the years and hope that we will be able to serve you better in your professional career. Finally, I would like to especially thank Master AMS, Dr S R E Sayampanathan, Council and staff of AMS for their continued support and invaluable advice.

Wishing all Fellows a Happy 2019!

Dr Andrew Ow  
President  
College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore  
Academy of Medicine Singapore

## **POLICIES**

### **Funding Sources**

The College is financially supported by donations, income from conducting the specialist accreditation examinations and income generated from activities organised by the College.

### **Memberships**

The total number of members in the College stood at 288 as at 31 December 2018. There were 273 Local Fellows, 10 Overseas Fellows and 5 Ordinary Members.

### **New Fellows**

The following persons were admitted into the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in the year 2017:

- 1) *Dr Chay Pui Ling*
- 2) *Dr Lum Jing Li*
- 3) *Dr Saigo Leonardo*
- 4) *Dr Elaine Wong*
- 5) *Dr Wu Siwen*
- 6) *Dr Yang Jingrong*

The College would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Fellows.

### **MANAGEMENT AND AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The elected council members are required to present their disclosure of their interests and any potential conflicts of interest in a Director's Disclosure to the council every year.

## **REVIEW OF YEAR 2018**

### **Staffing**

As at 31 December 2018, there is one full-time administrative staff allocated on a shared basis from Academy of Medicine, Singapore to help with the administrative work.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The College held its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 24 May 2018 in conjunction with the 9<sup>th</sup> Conferment Ceremony at the Hotel Jen Tanglin Singapore.

### **Council Meetings**

The council held meetings in 2018 on 18 July and 10 October.

## PROGRAMMES / EVENTS

### CDSS Study Club

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS) holds Study Clubs for its members for the different specialities. The list of this year's Study Clubs are as follows:

| Date            | Chapter              | Topic  | Speaker  |
|-----------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 5 February 2018 | Periodontists        | An Evening of Periodontal & Implant Surgery Case Sharing   | Dr Jonathan Foo Kee Yin;<br>Dr Goh Xian Jun, Edwin |
| 4 April 2018    | Paediatric Dentistry | 1. Paediatric Speech Language Therapy Services<br>2. Common feeding and swallow difficulties in children<br>3. Speech sounds disorders in children | Miss Goh Siew Li                                   |
| 11 April 2018   | Endodontists         | Autotransplantation- The alternative to Prosthetic Replacements  | Dr Chan Pei Yuan                                   |
| 3 July 2018     | Orthodontists        | Orthodontic Management of impacted mandibular second molars  | Dr Michael Mah                                     |
| 4 July 2018     | Paediatric Dentistry | Montgomery test and implication on dental/paediatric cases   | Mr PE Ashokan                                      |

We would like to thank Dr Tay Li Chye for coordinating and organising these sessions.

### CDSS NEW YEAR GET-TOGETHER 2018

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS) held a New Year Get-Together session on 11th January 2018 at the NKF Centre Singapore. The networking event aimed to give non-Fellows an opportunity to meet, interact and share with the Fellows of The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore.

### College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore 9<sup>th</sup> Conferment Ceremony 2018

The College held its 8<sup>th</sup> Conferment Ceremony on 24 May 2018 at the Hotel Jen Tanglin Singapore. The College was privileged to have Prof Patrick Finbarr Allen, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at National University Hospital as the CDSS Distinguished Guest Orator. Tokens of appreciation were also presented to DSAB chair A/Prof Patrick Tseng, outgoing JCDSA Chair Dr Loh Poey Ling, outgoing CDSS Immediate President Dr Bryce Lee and DSAC Examiners in attendance: Dr Andrew Ow, Dr Go Wee Ser, Dr Hwang Yee Cheau, Dr Koh Chay Hui, Dr Ong Eng Yau, Dr Ong Meng Ann Marianne, Dr Tan Hui Ling Vivien and Dr Sim Poh Choo, Dr Christina Sim.

The College conferred Fellowship certificates and collar pins bearing the College's logo to a total of 5 Fellows of the College: Prof Patrick Finbarr Allen, Dr Hong Kanglun, Dr Khng Kwang Yong Kelvin, Dr Wu Siwen, and Dr Yang Jingrong.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Collegiate Scientific Meeting**

The College was invited to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Collegiate Scientific Meeting held in Adelaide, Australia in September 2018, which was hosted by the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS). CDSS was represented by 3 members of the council, Dr Yu-Jin Poh, Dr Henry Ho and Dr Andrew Ow. The meeting included a robust scientific program as well as eminent speakers, with Chief Dental Officer, Dr Chng Chai Kiat, delivering a lecture on orthognathic surgery.



*Dr Poh Yu-Jin (Vice-President CDSS), Dr Andrew Ow (President CDSS), Dr Chng Chai Kiat (Chief Dental Officer), Dr Robert Ng (President CDSHK)*



*Dr Chng Chai Kiat (Chief Dental Officer), Dr Patrick Russo (President RACDS), Dr Andrew Ow (President CDSS)*

### **Joint Committee for Dental Specialist Accreditation Exams**

The Joint Committee on Dental Specialist Assessment conducted its exit examination in the months of March and September in 2018 at the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Four specialities were involved with the candidate assessments of their respective specialities with a total of 15 candidates sitting for the assessments.

### **Professional Consultation**

The College furnished a total of 3 professional opinions on various topics requested by various external parties. The professional opinions are listed below.

| <b>Dates</b>     | <b>Topics</b>   | <b>Organisation</b> |
|------------------|---|---------------------|
| 14 December 2017 | SDC Request on Evidence Based Treatment                                     | SDC                 |
| 2 March 2018     | MOH's Dental Regulatory Standards Working Committee                         | MOH                 |
| 18 June 2018     | "MYOFUNCTIONAL TREATMENT" & "HEADACHES IN CHILDREN DUE TO MISALIGNED TEETH" | MOH                 |
| 8 October 2018   | SDC Request Seeking Feedback on Non- Evidence Based Treatment               | SDC                 |

### **Future Plans and Commitments**

The College will continue to conduct activities that meet its objectives as stated earlier in this annual report.

### **APPRECIATION**

The College wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to all Fellows.

December 2018

Dr Lui Jeen Nee

Honorary Secretary (2018 – 2019 College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore)