



**COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE**  
**Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2019**

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 2019-2021:**

The following council were appointed as the governing board members:

<b>Dr Andrew Ow</b> President (Director from 23 May 2012)	<b>Dr Poh Yu Jin</b> Vice President (Director from 7 May 2014)	<b>Dr Chang Kok Meng</b> Honorary Secretary (Director from 24 May 2016)
<b>Dr Lui Jeen Nee</b> Honorary Treasurer (Director from 24 May 2016)	<b>Dr Andrew Aw</b> Co-Opted Council Member (Director from 20 Apr 2015)	<b>Dr Lai Ye Choung</b> Council Member (Director from 4 May 2018)
<b>Dr Henry Ho</b> Council Member (Director from 22 May 2013)	<b>Dr Toh Siew Luan</b> Council Member (Director from 22 May 2013)	<b>Dr Tay Li Chye</b> Chairman, Chapter of Endodontists (Director from 20 April 2015)
<b>Dr Shawn Goh</b> Chairman, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (Director from 25 May 2017)	<b>Dr Geraldine Lee</b> Chairman, Chapter of Orthodontists (Director from 25 May 2017)	<b>Dr Bien Lai</b> Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Dentists (Director from 25 May 2017)
<b>Dr Wong Li Beng</b> Chairman, Chapter of Periodontists (Director from 25 May 2017)	<b>Dr Clarisse Ng</b> Chairman, Chapter of Prosthodontists (Director from 20 April 2015)	<b>Dr Gabriel Chong</b> Chairman, Chapter of Public Health Dentists (Director from 25 May 2017)

## 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 (2019 – 2020) are as follows:

### Chapter of Endodontists

Name	Designation
Dr Tay Li Chye	Chairman
Dr Lui Jeen Nee	Vice Chairman
Dr Kuah Hong Guan	Honorary 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

Name	Designation
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

Name	Designation
Dr Bien Lai	Chairman
Dr Terry Teo	Vice Chairman
Dr Tang Kok Siew	Committee Member

### Chapter of Prosthodontists

Name	Designation
Dr Clarisse Ng	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

Name	Designation
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 specialist 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

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College of Dental Surgeons Singapore. Since its initial formation as a Chapter in 1979, over the years, and under the leadership of many eminent colleagues, our dental specialty body had grown professionally, in both membership and prominence. On August 6<sup>th</sup> 2008, the Chapter was formally inaugurated as the College of Dental Surgeons Singapore, under the auspices of the Academy of Medicine, with an executive council and 6 chapters representing the 6 dental specialties.

To celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, the CDSS hosted a celebratory dinner at The Sheraton Towers Singapore in October 2019. Our Chief Dental Officer, Dr Chng Chai Kiat, was the guest of honour, and together with our past CDSS Presidents, Chapter Chairs and invited guests, joined in to partake of the festive celebrations. Also, in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations, the CDSS held our Biennial Scientific Symposium, titled "Controversies in Dentistry". The symposium was also hosted at The Sheraton Towers Singapore. This symposium was highly unique, as for the very first time, the CDSS had brought together all our esteemed local dental specialists onto a common platform, to share their clinical expertise and experience with all. The symposium was a success, with about 400 delegates in total.



I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to our organising committee Chairman Dr Poh Yu-Jin and Co-Chairman Dr Chang Kok Meng for their leadership, as well as to the organising committee, for their hard work and sacrifice in putting this symposium together. Also, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks

to all our esteemed speakers, the Singapore Dental Association, our sponsors and especially our delegates, who have contributed to make this symposium a success.

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 2019. 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. The CDSS, with the 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 again to all our past CDSS Presidents, Council members and Chapter committee members for their significant contributions to the college, and for giving the current Council a solid foundation to carry on this good work for our dental profession. I would also like to thank our past CDSS Council (2018-2019), for all their efforts in spearheading the projects we have run throughout the year as well as to thank all our Fellows for your support 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 and Safe 2020!

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 285 as at 31 December 2019. There were 271 Local Fellows, 9 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 2019:

- 1) *Dr Heng Hui Mian Nora*
- 2) *Dr Liew Kang Ming Melvin*
- 3) *Dr Philip Martin McLoughlin*
- 4) *Dr Qian Li*
- 5) *Dr Tan Kian Meng*
- 6) *Dr Tey Hwee Shinn Valerie*
- 7) *Dr Toh Hui En*
- 8) *Dr Yee Ruixiang*
- 9) *Dr Yong Cuiwei Lydia*
- 10) *Dr Yu Na*

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 2019

### Staffing

As at 31 December 2019, 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 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2019 in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> Conferment Ceremony at the Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium.

### Council Meetings

The council held meetings in 2019 on 14 August, 18 September and 17 December.

## COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE

A total of four Council meetings were held for the year to discuss the business and affairs of the College. The attendance record of the meetings is as follows:

NAME	DESIGNATION	ATTENDANCE
Dr Andrew Ow	President	3
Dr Poh Yu-Jin	Vice President	3
Dr Chang Kok Meng	Honorary Secretary	3
Dr Lui Jeen Nee	Honorary Treasurer	1
Dr Henry Ho Chee Wai	Council Member	2
Dr Toh Siew Luan	Council Member	2
Dr Lai Ye Choung	Council Member	3
Dr Andrew Aw	Co-Opted Council Member	1
Dr Geraldine Lee Ping	Chairman, Chapter of Orthodontists	1
Dr Tay Li Chye	Chairman, Chapter of Endodontists	2
Dr Shawn Goh Siak Shyong	Chairman, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons	0
Dr Bien Lai Wen Pui	Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Dentists	0
Dr Wong Li Beng	Chairman, Chapter of Periodontists	2
Dr Clarisse Ng	Chairman, Chapter of Prosthodontists	3
Dr Gabriel Chong Tse Feng	Chairman, Chapter of Public Health Dentists	1

## PROGRAMMES / EVENTS

### CDSS NEW YEAR GET-TOGETHER 2019

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS) held a New Year Get-Together session on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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 10<sup>th</sup> Conferment Ceremony 2019

The College held its 10<sup>th</sup> Conferment Ceremony on 22 May 2019 at the Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium. The College was privileged to have Dr Chng Chai Kiat, Chief Dental Officer, Ministry of Health as the CDSS Distinguished Guest Orator.

The College conferred Fellowship certificate and a collar pin bearing the College's logo to a total of 8 Fellows of the College: Dr Tan Kian Meng, Dr Lum Jing Li, Dr Chan Pei Yuan, Dr Foo Lean Heong, Dr Sim Guat Bee Irene, Dr Song Yi Lin, Dr Chee Kuan Hock Alexander and Dr Ng Clarisse.

### **College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

The College celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The dinner was held on 11 October 2019 at the Sheraton Towers Hotel, Singapore. Many guests were invited, including the past presidents of the College. A sand artist was invited to stage a show to commemorate the event and the night was concluded with the cutting of a cake.



*With CDO Dr Chng Chai Kiat*



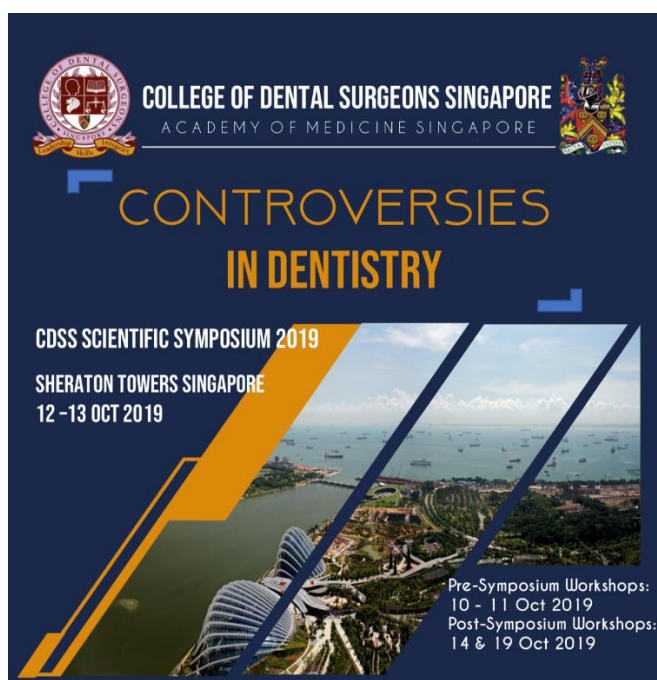
*With A/Prof Patrick Tseng*



*Former CDSS Presidents cutting the cake*

## **College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore Scientific Symposium: Controversies in Dentistry**

The College organised and held its first ever Scientific Symposium between 12 and 13 October 2019 at the Sheraton Towers Hotel, Singapore. The College also organised a series of Workshops for the various specialities in conjunction with the symposium. The symposium was attended by close to 400 participants.



## **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 2019 at the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The assessments involved 4 specialities.

## **Professional Consultation (Pending report from Era in Jan)**

The College provided a total of 6 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>
22 March 2019	Dental procedure by a non-dentist	MOH
7 June 2019	Teeth Whitening Procedure By Non-Registered Dentists	SDC
9 July 2019	Teeth Whitening	MOH
25 July 2019	Dental instruments packed in compromised packaging	MOH
10 September 2019	Teeth Whitening [Case 12]	MOH
30 September 2019	Dental instruments packed in compromised packaging	MOH

## **Future Plans and Commitments**

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

## **APPRECIATION**

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

December 2019

Dr Chang Kok Meng

Honorary Secretary (2019 – 2020 College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore)