

# COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DR POH YU JIN

"The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS) has adapted well to the constantly changing COVID-19 environment and we have managed to carry on with our activities despite the restrictions. The two diets of the Specialist Exit Interviews were successfully carried out and we have engaged our fellow dental specialists and the dental community with remote dental talks and updates. We also continue to work with the Ministry of Health and Singapore Dental Council on a variety of matters. Many thanks to the CDSS Council for always being there when all hands on deck were required!"

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College was set up on 6 August 2008 as a Company Limited by Guarantee (Unique Entity Number (UEN): 200815442W). It was registered under the Charities Act on 27 June 2014. Its registered address is at 81 Kim Keat Road, # 11-00 NKF Centre, Singapore 328836. Its banker is UOB and auditor is Messrs Geetha A & Associates. As at 31 December 2021, there is one full-time administrative staff allocated on a shared basis from the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

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

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the College are as follows:

- To improve and co-ordinate professional development with Specialty Societies and like bodies, locally, regionally and internationally;
- To, through the representative(s) in the Chapters, enable Specialist Societies to contribute to the development of clinical practice guidelines, recommendation of clinical indicators to the relevant authorities, drafting of consensus or position statements, certification and recertification of specialists, etc. The College may also provide secretariat support to Societies who need such support;
- Help to fulfil the professional development of dental specialists by conducting several continuing professional education activities every year for dental specialists;
- Carry out continuing education for specialists as well as work towards the conduct of educational activities for non-dental professionals and lay publics, thus strengthening its 'social role' for dental specialists;
- To collaborate with other Dental Colleges internationally and contribute to dental specialist organisations regionally; and
- To be proactive and take leading roles in the professional development and self-regulation of the dental fraternity.

## SPECIALTY CHAPTERS

In accordance with the Constitution of the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, the specialty chapters are to serve a two-year term. The Committee Members of the Seven Chapters of the College (2021 – 2023) are as follows:

### CHAPTER OF ENDODONTISTS

Chairman	Dr Chan Pei Yuan
Vice Chairman	Dr Tay Li Chye
Honorary Secretary	Dr Lim Wen Yi
Committee Member	Dr Lui Jeen Nee Dr Dephne Leong

### CHAPTER OF ORTHODONTISTS

Chairman	Dr Mohanarajah s/o S Senathirajah
Vice Chairman	Dr Seow Yian San
Committee Member	Dr Bryce Lee Dr Ong Hoe Boon

### CHAPTER OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

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

### CHAPTER OF PERIODONTISTS

Chairman	Dr Yang Jingrong
Vice Chairman	Dr Tan Wah Ching
Committee Member	Dr Daylene Leong Dr Jonathan Foo

### CHAPTER OF PAEDIATRIC DENTISTS

Chairman	Dr Teo Kuo Yih Terry
Vice Chairman	Dr Bien Lai Wen Pui
Committee Member	Dr Tang Kok Siew

### CHAPTER OF PROSTHODONTISTS

Chairman	Dr Clarisse Ng
Committee Member	Dr Tan Kian Meng Dr Kelvin Khng Kwang Yong

### CHAPTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTS

Chairman	Dr Holy Koh
Vice Chairman	Dr Gabriel Chong
Committee Member	Dr Wong Mun Loke

## THE 2021 – 2022 COUNCIL



**DR POH YU JIN**  
President  
*Director (from 7 May 2014)*



**DR ANDREW OW**  
Immediate Past President  
*Director (from 23 May 2012)*



**DR CHANG KOK MENG**  
Vice-President  
*Director (from 24 May 2016)*



**DR TAY LI CHYE**  
Honorary Secretary  
*Director (from 20 April 2015)*



**DR WONG LI BENG**  
Honorary Treasurer  
*Director (from 25 May 2017)*



**DR HENRY HO**  
Council Member  
*Director (from 22 May 2013)*



**DR LAI YE CHOUNG**  
Council Member  
*Director (from 24 May 2018)*



**DR LUI JEEN NEE**  
Council Member  
*Director (from 22 May 2013)*



**DR BIEN LAI WEN PUI**  
Co-Opted Council Member  
*Director (from 25 May 2017)*



**DR TOH SIEW LUAN**  
Co-Opted Council Member  
*Director (from 22 May 2013)*



**DR CHAN PEI YUAN**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Endodontists  
*Director (from 31 May 2021)*



**DR SHAWN GOH SIAK SHYONG**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons  
*Director (from 25 May 2017)*



**DR MOHANARAJAH  
S/O S SENATHIRAJAH**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Orthodontists  
*(Director from 31 May 2021)*



**DR TEO KUO YIH TERRY**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Paediatric Dentists  
*(Director from 31 May 2021)*



**DR YANG JINGRONG**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Periodontists  
*(Director from 31 May 2021)*



**DR CLARISSE NG CHAI HOON**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Prosthodontists  
*Director (from 22 May 2019)*



**DR HOLY KOH**  
Chairman, Chapter of  
Public Health Dentists  
*(Director from 31 May 2021)*

## 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.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 31 May 2021 via Zoom.

## 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 19 January, 29 April, 29 July and 14 October 2021.

The attendance record of the meetings is as follows:

NAME	DESIGNATION	ATTENDANCE
Dr Poh Yu-Jin	President	4
Dr Andrew Ow	Immediate Past President	3
Dr Chang Kok Meng	Vice-President	3
Dr Tay Li Chye	Secretary	4
Dr Wong Li Beng	Treasurer	4
Dr Lui Jeen Nee	Member	4
Dr Henry Ho Chee Wai	Member	4
Dr Lai Ye Choung	Member	4
Dr Toh Siew Luan	Co-opted Member	3
Dr Bien Lai Wen Pui	Co-opted Member	2
Dr Clarisse Ng	Chair, Chapter of Prosthodontists	4
Dr Mohanarajah s/o S Senathirajah	Chair, Chapter of Orthodontists	4
Dr Chan Pei Yuan	Chair, Chapter of Endodontists	4
Dr Shawn Goh Siak Shyong	Chair, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons	3
Dr Yang Jingrong	Chair, Chapter of Periodontists	4
Dr Teo Kuo Yih Terry	Chair, Chapter of Paediatric Dentists	3
Dr Holy Koh	Chair, Chapter of Public Health Dentists	4

## MEMBERSHIP

The total number of members in the College stood at 279 as at 31 December 2021. There were 268 Local Fellows, nine Overseas Fellows, one Ordinary Member and one Associate Member. There were five new admissions to the College in 2021.

## MAKING AN IMPACT: OUR WORK IN 2021



### STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY TO SHAPE AND INFLUENCE HEALTHCARE POLICIES

#### Professional Opinion Requests

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

DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATION
4 January	Fixing Of Dental Braces by an Unauthorised Person	MOH
11 May	Fat Freeze Procedure and LED Teeth Whitening Procedure	MOH
23 November	Development of Surgeon Fee Benchmarks for TOSPs with little / no data	MOH



### ADVANCING PROFESSIONALISM AND UPHOLDING COMPETENCY STANDARDS

#### CDSS Study Clubs

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS) holds Study Clubs for its members for the different specialities. The 2021 list is as follows:

CHAPTER OF ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS		
Date	Topic	Speaker
23 March	Achieving Predictable Outcomes in Immediate Implant Placement in the Aesthetic Zone	Dr Alfred Sze Lok Lau
CHAPTER OF PROSTHODONTICS		
Date	Topic	Speaker
2 July	Esthetic Risk Assessment for Predictable Success	Dr Sophocles Voyiazis

## CHAPTER OF PAEDIATRIC DENTISTS

Date	Topic	Speaker
17 November	Interceptive extractions of compromised first permanent molars in paediatric patients: An update	Prof Paul Ashley

## CHAPTER OF PERIODONTISTS

Date	Topic	Speaker
9 December	Economic Evaluations in the treatment and evaluation of patients with periodontal disease: A critical review	Dr John Tay
	The role of probiotics as an adjunct for management of periodontal conditions - A discussion on the present and future	Dr Ethan Ng

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

The Joint Committee on Dental Specialist Assessment conducted its exit examination in March and September at the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

The assessments involved a total of six specialties:

- March 2021: Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Endodontics
- September 2021: Periodontics, Orthodontics, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Prosthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry

The College also assisted in the 10 Singapore Dental Council Complaints cases listed below:

- 4 reports for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- 2 reports for Orthodontics
- 2 reports for Prosthodontics
- 1 report for Endodontics
- 1 report for Paediatric Dentists

**APPRECIATION**

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



## ENHANCING SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SELF-REGULATION

DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATION
7 June	[Case 30] Expert Opinion on Dental Veneer	MOH
3 November	[Case 36] Dental Procedure by a Non-Dentist/Oral Hygienist	MOH

**DR POH YU JIN**  
President