

COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DR POH YU JIN

As we slowly transition out of the Covid restrictions' phase and back to regular activities, the College of Dental Surgeons has adapted well, and we have managed to carry on with our activities.

The two diets of the Specialist Exit Interviews were successfully carried out and we have continued to engage our Dental Specialist and Dental Community colleagues with Dental talks and updates.

We also continued to work very closely with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Singapore Dental Council (SDC) on a range of matters for the betterment of the dental fraternity. Many thanks to the 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. 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.

As at 31 December 2022, 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 activities organised by the College.

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.

THE 2022-2023 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 CHONG
Council Member
Director (from 24 May 2018)



DR LUI JEEN NEE
Council Member
Director (from 14 August 2021)



DR BIEN LAI WEN PUI
Co-Opted Member



DR TOH SIEW LUAN
Co-opted Member



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



DR RAYMOND WONG
Chair, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
Director (from 18 Aug 2022)



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



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



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



DR CLARISSA NG CHAI HOON
Chair, Chapter of Prosthodontists
Director (from 23 May 2018)



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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 14th Annual General Meeting on 18 August 2022 via Zoom. A total of 23 Fellows attended the meeting.

SPECIALTY CHAPTERS

In accordance with the Constitution of the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, the Chairmen of specialty Chapters are to serve a two-year term. The Committee Members of the Seven Chapters of the College (2022 – 2023) are as follows:

Chapter of Endodontists

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

Chapter of Periodontists

| Name | Designation |
|------------------|------------------|
| Dr Yang Jingrong | Chairman |
| Dr Tan Wah Ching | Vice Chairman |
| Dr Daylene Leong | Committee Member |
| Dr Jonathan Foo | Committee Member |

Chapter of Orthodontists

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

Chapter of Paediatric Dentists

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

Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

| Name | Designation |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Dr Raymond Wong | 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 Prosthodontists

| Name | Designation |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Dr Clarisse Ng | Chairman |
| Dr Tan Kian Meng | Committee Member |
| Dr Kelvin Khng Kwang Yong | Committee Member |

Chapter of Public Health Dentists

| Name | Designation |
|------------------|------------------|
| Dr Holy Koh | Chairman |
| Dr Gabriel Chong | Vice Chairman |
| Dr Wong Mun Loke | Committee Member |

COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

A total of four Council meetings were held in the year to discuss the business and affairs of the College.

The Council met on the following dates: 27 January, 12 May, 14 July and 24 November 2022.

| Name | Designation | Attendance |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Dr Poh Yu-Jin | President | 4 |
| Dr Andrew Ow | Immediate Past President | 1 |
| Dr Chang Kok Meng | Vice-President | 3 |
| Dr Tay Li Chye | Secretary | 3 |
| Dr Wong Li Beng | Treasurer | 4 |
| Dr Lui Jeen Nee | Member | 1 |
| Dr Henry Ho Chee Wai | Member | 4 |
| Dr Lai Ye Choung | Member | 4 |
| Dr Toh Siew Luan | Co-opted Member | 4 |
| Dr Bien Lai Wen Pui | Co-opted Member | 3 |
| Dr Clarisse Ng | Chair, Chapter of Prosthodontists | 3 |

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| Dr Mohanarajah s/o S Senathirajah | Chair, Chapter of Orthodontists | 3 |
| Dr Chan Pei Yuan | Chair, Chapter of Endodontists | 2 |
| Dr Raymond Wong | Chair, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons | 1 |
| Dr Yang Jingrong | Chair, Chapter of Periodontists | 2 |
| Dr Teo Kuo Yih Terry | Chair, Chapter of Paediatric Dentists | 1 |
| Dr Holy Koh | Chair, Chapter of Public Health Dentists | 3 |

MEMBERSHIP

The total number of members in the College stood at 285 as at 31 December 2022. There were 275 Local Fellows, 9 Overseas Fellows and 1 Associate Member.



ADVANCING PROFESSIONALISM AND UPHOLDING COMPETENCY STANDARDS

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 2022 at the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The assessments involved 5-6 specialties:

- March 2022: Periodontics; Orthodontics; Paediatric Dentistry; Prosthodontics; Endodontics; OMS
- September 2022: Paediatric Dentistry; Prosthodontics; Endodontics; Orthodontics; OMS

CDSS Study Clubs

The College holds Study Clubs for its members for the different specialities. The lists of the year's Study Clubs are as follows:

Chapter of Endodontists

Title: Rapid Orthodontic Extrusion
- Improving the Prognosis of Fractured Teeth

Date: 17 February 2022

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Speaker: Dr Stella Sun

Synopsis: Rapid orthodontic extrusion (OE) is a combined endo-ortho regimen for restorative management of transverse cervical root fracture introduced by Heithersay (1973), later expanded application to managing any subgingival margin created by trauma, resorption, perforation and caries. The movement of the tooth places defects above the crestal bone margin, and gains supracrestal tooth structure. At present, no standard protocol exists in the literature and the execution of rapid OE is, to some degree, a matter of clinicians' creativity and discretion. In this session, we will briefly review the literature on OE, and discuss some cases managed using this treatment strategy.

Chapter of Public Health Dentists

Title: Checking In on Checkups

Date: 26 April 2022

Time: 1 – 2pm

Speaker: Dr Holy Koh

Synopsis: The number of variations for checkups are as many as the number of general dentists in Singapore. In the backdrop of increasing clinical expectations and healthcare cost containment, there is a need to standardise checkups and discharge. This talk will provide a broad overview of existing practices, a proposed framework for checkups and the possible challenges or obstacles in implementation.

Chapter of Orthodontists

Title: **Orthodontists: The Challenges of a Multidisciplinary Case**

Date: 14 September 2022

Time: 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Speakers: Dr Simon Ng (Integrating ortho and prosthodontic management in aesthetic dentistry)

Dr Hu Shi Jia (Behaviour management in Orthodontics?)

Dr Marianne Ong (Interdisciplinary treatment of Stage IV Periodontitis)

Dr Kaan Sheung Kin and Dr Lai Ye Choung (Interceptive treatment in the developing dentition).



ENHANCING SELF-GOVERNANCE AND SELF-REGULATION

Zoom Forum on ‘Dentistry in the 21st Century. The Complete Specialist’

Date: 29 March 2022

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Speakers: Drs Poh Yu-Jin, Lui Jeen Nee and Andrew Ow

The Evolution of Dentistry in Singapore has kept pace with the rapid advances in clinical practice and technology. It is not by chance that this has happened. It is through the ongoing efforts by members of the Dental profession as well as the governing bodies - the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Singapore Dental Council (SDC).

The panellist, comprising Drs Poh Yu-Jin, Lui Jeen Nee and Andrew Ow, discussed with their fellow specialists the tripartite relationship of the specialists with MOH and SDC. They also shared their experiences of the many years in specialty practice on how dental specialists can, with a more global outlook towards the intricate relationship between the governing bodies, their peers and their patients, contribute towards the makings of a well-rounded clinician who can be of service not only to their patients but the community as a whole.

NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (Faculty of Dentistry) Donor Appreciation Night

NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine - The Faculty of Dentistry Donor Appreciation Dinner 2022 was held on Thursday, 3 November 2022, 7pm at the Guild Hall @ NUS Kent Ridge Guild House (KRGH).

Since 1989, a gold medal has been awarded annually from the proceeds of a capital sum of \$10,000, donated by the Academy.





STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY TO SHAPE AND INFLUENCE HEALTHCARE POLICIES

PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS

During the year, the College provided the following profession opinions:

| Dates | Topics | Organisation |
|-------------|---|--------------|
| 24 Feb 2022 | General Opinion - Practice of Dentistry | MOH |
| 12 Dec 2022 | All on 4 Dental Implant Treatment | MOH |

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT

The College also assisted in providing expert opinions for the following cases:

- 2 reports for Orthodontics
- 3 reports for Prosthodontics
- 1 report for Periodontics