

COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE
(INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE)
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 200410332N



2007-2008 Council



Photo was taken at the 4th COGS Annual Lecture & Dinner on 21st July 2007

1st Row (from Left) : Dr SH Yeo, Dr Lai Fon-Min, Dr Chang Tou Choong, Prof Rajmohan Nambiar (Guest-of-Honour), Prof Tony Chung (Guest Lecturer), Dr Ho Tew Hong, Dr Sheila Loh

Back Row (from Left) : Dr Jothi Kumar, Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Dr Roy Ng, Dr Kelvin Tan, Dr Arijit Biswas, Dr Tay Eng Hseon, Dr Suresh Nair



4th COGS Annual Lecture & Dinner: Dr TC Chang presenting a token of appreciation to Guest Lecturer, Prof Tony Chung

Annual Report of the 2007-2008 Council**1. THE COUNCIL**

The 3rd Annual General Meeting of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore, was held on 11 May 2007, Friday, at 6.30pm at Lecture Theatre, Training Centre, KK Women's & Children's Hospital, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899.

The following office-bearers for the year 2007 – 2008 were elected:

President:	Dr Chang Tou Choong
Immediate Past President:	Dr Ho Tew Hong
Vice-President:	Dr Lai Fon-Min
Honorary Secretary & Co-opted Member:	Dr Suresh Nair
Honorary Treasurer & Chairperson, Section of Reproductive Medicine:	Dr Loh Kia Ee, Sheila
Council Members:	Dr Arijit Biswas Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Francis Dr Jothi Kumar Dr Tan Kok Hian, Kelvin

Chairpersons of Sections

Gynaecological Oncology:	Dr Tay Eng Hseon
Maternal Fetal Medicine:	Dr Yeo Seow Heong, George
Urogynaecology:	Dr Ng Kwok Weng Roy
Co-opted Council Member:	Dr See Tho Kai Yin

2. SUBSPECIALTY SECTIONS

The following were elected as Executive Committee of the Sections of the College:

Section of Gynaecological Oncology

Chairman:	Dr Tay Eng Hseon
Committee Members:	Dr A Ilancheran Dr Quek Swee Chong Dr Yam Kwai Lam, Philip
Co-opted Members:	Dr Chia Yin Nin Dr Lisa Wong

Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine

Chairman:	Dr Yeo Seow Heong, George
Committee Members:	Dr Arijit Biswas Dr Mary Rauff Dr Tan Hak Koon

Co-opted Members:	Dr Chang Tou Choong Dr Lai Fon-Min
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Section of Reproductive Medicine

Chairman:	Dr Loh Kia Ee Sheila
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Yu Su Ling
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Fong Yoke Fai
Committee Members:	Dr Loh Seong Feei Dr Koh Chung Fai
Co-opted Members:	Dr Cheng Li Chang Dr Suresh Nair Dr P C Wong

Section of Urogynaecology

Chairman:	Dr Ng Kwok Weng, Roy
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Han How Chuan, William
Committee Members:	Dr Lee Lih Charn Dr Lee Weng Soon, James
Co-opted Members:	Dr Chua Hong Liang Dr See Tho Kai Yin

3. MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the College as at 31 December 2007 comprises:

Local	196
Overseas	8

4. COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met at least once bi-monthly to consider the business and affairs of the College. During the year 2007, the Council held 7 meetings (excluding 3rd AGM).

5. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

5.1 The College organised the following Continuing Medical Education (CME) Lectures:

19 January 2007**HMDP Visiting Expert Lecture: "Anti-Phospholipid Syndrome And Other Thrombophilias in Pregnancy"**

Speaker:

Professor Mark Crowther, MD, MSc, FRCPC
Chair, Division of Haematology, McMaster University,
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada & Head of Service, Haematology St
Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton

Chairperson:

Dr Tan Lay Kok

Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Singapore General Hospital

21 July 2007

4th College of O & G Lecture & Dinner: "Obstetrics in Hong Kong: The Impact of Mainland Mothers"

Speaker: Professor Tony Chung

President, The Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Chairman, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Honorary Chief of Service, NTE Cluster Obstetrics and Gynaecology Services Associate Dean (Clinical Affairs), Faculty of Medicine The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Chairperson: Dr Chang Tou Choong

President, College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists Singapore Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist WC Cheng & Associates Thomson Medical Centre

22 July 2007

41st Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine: O & G Symposia

Symposium I: Infections in Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Session 1: VZV, Listeria & Parvovirus in Pregnancy and Neonates

Chairpersons:

A/Prof Leo Yee Sin & Dr Suresh Nair
Head, Department of Infectious Diseases CDC, Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

Topic	Speakers
Chicken Pox in Pregnancy	~ Dr Chong Chia Yin (ID Physician)* <i>Head, Infectious Diseases Services Department of Paediatric Medicine KK Women's & Children's Hospital</i> ~ Dr Tan Hak Koon (Obstetrician & Gynaecologist)* <i>Chief, Maternal Fetal Medicine Section Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Singapore General Hospital</i>
Parvovirus & Pregnancy	~ Dr Leong Hoe Nam (ID Physician)* <i>Associate Consultant Department of Internal Medicine Singapore General Hospital</i> ~ A/ Prof Yeo Seow Heong George (Obstetrician & Gynaecologist)* <i>Senior Consultant Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine KK Women's & Children's Hospital</i>
Listeria in Pregnancy	~ Dr Ling Li Min (ID Physician)* <i>Registrar Department of Infectious Diseases, CDC Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i> ~ Dr Teoh Tiong Ghee (Obstetrician & Gynaecologist)* <i>Honorary Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics & Gynaecology Imperial College at St Mary's Hospital, London</i>
Session 2: Infectious Disease Screening in Pregnancy: HIV and Beyond	
Chairpersons: A/ Prof Paul Anantharajah Tambyah <i>Head, Division of Infectious Diseases National University of Singapore</i> A/ Prof Mary Rauff <i>Senior Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist National University Hospital</i>	
Topic	Speakers
HIV in Pregnancy: The Singapore Experience Post Opt-Out	~ Dr Chee Jing Jye (Obstetrician & Gynaecologist)* <i>Consultant Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine KK Women's & Children's Hospital</i>
HIV in Pregnancy: An Update of HIV	~ A/ Prof Leo Yee Sin (ID Physician)* <i>Head, Department of Infectious Diseases, CDC Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>

Topic	Speakers
Antenatal Infection Screening	<p>~ A/ Prof Arijit Biswas (Obstetrician & Gynaecologist) <i>Head, Maternal Fetal Medicine Division Department of O & G National University Hospital</i></p> <p>~ A/ Prof Paul Anantharajah Tambyah (ID Physician) <i>Head, Division of Infectious Diseases National University of Singapore</i></p>
<p>Lunch Symposium: Assessing Ovarian Reserve How, Who and When?</p>	
Speaker:	<p>Dr Lisa Webber* <i>Senior Lecturer in Gynaecology Imperial College at St Mary's Hospital</i></p>
Chairperson:	<p>Dr Suresh Nair <i>Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre</i></p>
<p>Symposium II: An Overview of Male Infertility</p>	
Chairperson:	<p>Dr Suresh Nair <i>Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre</i></p>
Topic	Speakers
Clinical Evaluation and Significance of Smoking, Alcohol Intake, Travelling and Medication for Medical Disorders on Male Infertility	<p>~ Dr Enoch Gan <i>Consultant Urologist Mount Elizabeth Hospital</i></p>
Semen Analysis - Interpretation and Treatment Triage	<p>~ Dr Sheila Loh <i>IVF & Fertility Specialist Raffles Hospital</i></p>
Specialized Clinical Tests for Male Infertility	<p>~ Dr Roland Chieng* <i>Consultant Department of O & G Singapore General Hospital</i></p>
Practical Aspects of Donor Insemination	<p>~ Professor PC Wong* <i>Head, Department of O & G National University Hospital</i></p>
Unravelling the Controversy of Varicoceles in relation to Male Infertility	<p>~ Dr Fong Yan Kit <i>Urologist Surgeon Raffles Hospital</i></p>
Truths & Myths about Antioxidants, Androgens, Supplements and Lubricants	<p>~ Dr Loh Seong Feei* <i>Head, Reproductive Medicine Unit KK Women's & Children's Hospital</i></p>

Approach to Management of Erectile Dysfunction in Infertile Couples

~ Dr Tan Eng Choon
*Urologist Surgeon
Mount Elizabeth Hospital*

* The presentation slides of the speakers are available on the website http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapters/pdf/Obstet/HIV_Pregnancy/MainFlyer.pdf.

5.2 The College also participated as a nominal sponsor for the following events:

12 – 13 January 2007

2nd Maternal Medicine Course

(Organised by Maternal Fetal Medicine Section, Department of O & G, Singapore General Hospital)

Programme:

- A series of lectures covering topics such as Pre-Eclampsia, Renal Disease Symposium, Thyroid Disorders, Cardiac Disease Symposium, Venous Thromboembolism in Pregnancy, Epilepsy, maternal mortality, etc.

Key Speaker:

Dr Catherine Nelson-Piercy
Consultant Obstetric Physician
St Thomas Hospital, Queen Charlotte and Chelsea Hospital, London

4 March 2007

12th Annual Colposcopy Course

(Organised by The Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology of Singapore)

Programme:

- A series of lectures covering topics such as HPV Symposium, Microinvasion, CIN
- Interactive Case Presentation and Debate

Teaching Faculty:

Overseas - Prof Ian Hammond
Local - Dr Shyamala Thilagaratnam, Prof R Rajkumar, Dr Adelina Wong, Dr Lisa Wong, Dr Quek Swee Chong, Dr Joseph Ng, Prof Ho Tew Hong, Dr Lee I Wuen & Dr Yvonne Soong

13 – 15 April 2007

Third ISUOG Obstetric Ultrasound Outreach Course

(Jointly organised by Department of Maternal Fetal Medicine, KK Women's & Children's Hospital and International Society of Ultrasound in O & G)

Programme:

- Lectures related to Antenatal Care, Management of Fetal Abnormalities, Premature Labour, etc.
- Case Presentations and Live Scan Demonstrations

Teaching Faculty:

Overseas - Dr Philippe Jeanty, Dr Jonathan Hyett, Prof Lau Tze Kin, Prof Gulardi Wignjosastro, Dr Johannes C Mose
Local - A/ Prof George Yeo, Dr Kelvin Tan, Dr Kenneth Kwek, Dr Ong Chiou Li, Dr Sriram Shankar, Dr Vincent Yeow, Dr June Tan, Dr Caroline Ong, Dr Lai Fon-Min & Dr Ann Tan

4 – 5 June 2007

Gynaecological Laparoscopic Surgery Symposium

(Organised by the Obstetrics & Gynaecological Specialty Group, Mount Elizabeth Hospital)

Programme:

- Lectures focusing on topics related to Endometriosis, Medico-Legal Issues, etc.
- Case Discussions and Surgical Demonstrations

Teaching Faculty:

- Overseas - Prof Michel Canis
Local - A/Prof Francis Voon, Dr Yap Lip Kee, Dr Loh Foo Hoe, Dr Suresh Nair, Dr Alex Ooi, Dr Christine Yap, Dr T Ravintharan, Dr James Tan & Mr Lek Siang Pheng

25 – 27 June 2007

Proctorship on Robotic Gynaecological Procedures

Key Speaker:

Dr Arnold Advincula
Clinical Associate Professor
Department of O & G
University of Michigan

3 July 2007

Volumetric Imaging in Ultrasound: 3D/ 4D Volumetric Ultrasound – A Practical Approach for Fetal Diagnostic Screening

Programme:

- Lectures on “3D/ 4D Volumetric Ultrasound – A Practical Approach for Fetal Diagnostic Screening”, “Fetal Neurosonography”
- VI & xMatrix LIVE Scanning & Qlab Hands-On Session

Key Speaker:

Dr Luis F. Goncalves
Wayne State University School of Medicine
Detroit, MI

16 – 17 November 2007

1st Fetal Medicine Course

(Organised by Maternal Fetal Medicine Section, Department of O & G, Singapore General Hospital)

Programme:

- Lectures related to Down to Syndrome Screening, Fetal Abnormalities & Prenatal Therapy, Congenital Infections & Genetics, Multiple Pregnancies, etc.

Key Speaker:

Professor Charles H Rodeck
Head, Fetal Medicine Unit
University College London Hospital
United Kingdom

Local Teaching Faculty:

A/ Prof George Yeo, A/ Prof Arijit Biswas, A/ Prof Wong Yee Chee, Dr Chang Tou Choong, Dr Lai Fon-Min, Dr Angeline Lai, Dr Mahesh Choolani, Dr Tan Hak Koon, Dr June Tan, Dr Ann Tan, Dr Tony Tan, Dr Tan Wei Ching & Mr Julian Tay

22 – 24 November 2007

39th International Congress of Pathophysiology of Pregnancy

(Organised by Department of O & G, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore)

Programme:

- Prenatal Ultrasonography Symposium
- Pathophysiology of Obstetrics Disorders Symposium
- Symposium on “Complications in Pregnancy”
- Fetal Echocardiography Symposium
- Symposium on Pregnancy disorders
- Pre-Eclampsia Symposium

Course Faculty:

- Overseas - Dr E T Rippman, Dr W Holzgreve, Dr A Khurana, Dr L Barss, Dr G. Rice, Dr M. Williams, Dr J Ravichandran, Dr V Stefanovic, Dr H P Gupta, Dr Ming Chen, Dr J.C. Shih, Dr S Meaghers, Dr Manju Virmani, Dr Andrew Murashko, Dr Uma Patta, Dr L Murashko, Dr A Nasr
Local - Dr Arijit Biswas, Dr KH Tan, Dr Jerry Chan, Dr C Anandakumar & Dr Maxey Chung

24 – 25 November 2007

Ultrasound Examination of the Fetal Heart - 2D and 3D ultrasound techniques

(Organised by Department of O & G, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore)

Programme:

- Workshop providing an overview of 2D/ 3D ultrasound examination of the fetal heart.
- Topics ranged from basic issues like optimising of the ultrasound machine for fetal cardiac examination to diagnosing complex fetal abnormalities like heterotaxy syndromes

Course Faculty:

- Overseas - Dr Simon Meaghers & Dr Shih Jin-Chung
Local - A/Prof George Yeo & A/Prof Arijit Biswas

24 – 25 November 2007

The Anatomy of Complications Workshop

(Organised by Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, National University of Singapore and National University Hospital, Singapore)

Programme:

- A 2-day intensive practical surgical procedure workshop on the anatomy, prevention and management of complications in obstetrics and gynaecological surgery.

Course Faculty:

- Overseas - Clinical Professor Ian Hammond, Prof Paul McMenamin & Dr Mohd Rushdan
Local - Dr Jeffrey Low, Clin A/Prof Charles Tsang, Dr David Consigliere, Dr David Lomanto, A/Prof A Ilancheran, Dr Joseph Ng, Clin A/Prof Ho Tew Hong, Dr Lisa Wong & Dr Chia Yin Nin

30 November – 02 December 2008**Specialist Forum: Hot Topics in Osteoporosis**

Programme:

- Symposium on ‘Innovations in Osteoporosis Treatment’
- Lecture on the advances in Osteoporosis Treatment
- Open Forum and Panel Discussion

Teaching Faculty:

- Overseas - Dr JK Lee & Professor Ego Seeman
Local - Dr Kanwaljit Sooin, Dr Suresh Nair & Professor Feng Pao Hsii

5.3 World Fertility Awareness Month, June 2007

The Section of Reproductive Medicine, College of O & G continues its annual celebration of the World Fertility Awareness Month (WFAM) by focusing the healthcare professionals’ attention on the key issues affecting the reproductive health and welfare of men and women in Singapore. This year, the Section also reached out to the younger Singaporeans by organising a lunchtime forum at Republic Polytechnic which attracted a total of 100 students and staff.

The events organised in June 2007 included the following:

02 June 2007**Symposium on Polycystic Ovary Disease for Gynaecologists**

Opening Address: Dr Sheila Loh

Lecture 1:

2003 Diagnostic Criteria – Categories of Types of PCOD
Prof Yong Eu Leong
Senior Consultant
National University Hospital

Lecture 2:

Early Detection and Preventive Approaches in PCOS
Prof Dramusic Vesna
National University Hospital

Lecture 3:

Should we do ovarian drilling for PCOD?
Dr Loh Seong Feei
Senior Consultant
KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital

Lecture 4:

Ovulation Induction in PCOD
Dr Sheila Loh
Senior Consultant
Raffles Hospital

Lecture 5:

Treatment Outcomes in Assisted Reproduction in PCOD
Dr Cheng Li Chang
Senior Consultant
Thomson Medical Centre

Lecture 6:

Management of Complications in Ovarian Stimulation in Patients with PCOD
Dr Cheng Li Chang
Senior Consultant
Thomson Medical Centre

03 June 2007**Symposium on Polycystic Ovary Disease for GPs, Endocrinologists & Gynaecologists**

Opening Address: Dr Koh Chung Fai

Lecture 1:

Polycystic Ovarian Disease - An Asian Perspective
Dr Jothi Kumar
Senior Consultant
Gleneagles Hospital

Lecture 2:

Investigation for PCOD – Clinical, Lab and Ultrasound Scans
Dr Hemashree Rajesh
Registrar
Singapore General Hospital

Lecture 3:

PCOD in Young Women
Dr Sadhana Nadarajah
Consultant
KK Women’s & Children’s Hospital

Lecture 4:

Metabolic Syndrome and Long Term Health – Related Risks in PCOD
Dr Peter Eng
Consultant Endocrinologist
Mount Elizabeth Hospital

Lecture 5:

First Line Fertility Treatment in PCOD
Dr Julianah Abu
Specialist Consultant
Pacific Healthcare

Lecture 6:

Summary & Practice Points by Fertility Expert
Dr Yu Su Ling
Senior Consultant
Singapore General Hospital

24 June 2007
Workshop on Infertility Nursing & Counselling

Lecture 1:

An Overview of Infertility Nursing in Melbourne, Australia

Ms Tara Barton
Nurse Educator
Melbourne IVF Centre

Lecture 2:

Responsibilities of an IVF Nurse

Ms Tovel Loh
Staff Nurse
Centre for Human Reproduction
National University Hospital

Lecture 3:

Stress in Infertility & Managing Patient's Expectations

Ms Taran Dhillon
Raffles Counselling Centre
Raffles Hospital

Lecture 4:

Challenges faced by Fertility Nurses

Ms Diana Chia
Nurse Manager
CARE, Singapore General Hospital

Lecture 5: Legal Aspects of Infertility Nursing

Ms Tara Barton
Nurse Educator
Melbourne IVF Centre

28 June 2007

Lunchtime Forum at Republic Polytechnic: "Medical Technology in Human Reproduction helps women to defer having babies: A Debate"

Programme:

- An interactive session on "Couples should not delay starting a family" by Mr Martin Tan, National Family Council
- A lecture on current IVF technology and a debate

Speakers:

Dr Seng Shay Way
Consultant
Gleneagles Hospital

Dr Adrian Tan
Consultant
Thomson Medical Centre

5.4 7th Regional MRCOG Part II Examination Course, 25 – 28 January 2007

Jointly organised by the College of O & G, Singapore, KK Women's & Children's Hospital and the Singapore General Hospital, the 7th annual intensive course was well attended by 36 participants from the Asian region and the Middle Eastern countries such as Saudi Arabia. Unlike previous years where the course spanned over a period of 3 days, this year's course had been extended to 4 days to enhance the trainee's learning. To help the trainee doctors in their preparation for the MRCOG Part II Examinations, the Organising Committee invited 2 examiners from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, UK – namely, Dr Antony Hollingworth, Chairman of the MRCOG Oral Examination Committee and Mr Edmund J Neale, Member of the Part 2 MRCOG OSCE Committee - to conduct this course. Through their coaching, the participants gained valuable insights into the criteria and format of the RCOG examination.

6. COLLEGE STATEMENT: GUIDELINES FOR THE VERIFICATION OF VISITING EXPERT STATUS

Following a circular from Singapore Medical Council in September 2007 with regard to the verification of Visiting Experts, the College has produced a Statement (Annex A) that will aid Fellows, who may be organising surgical courses, in their application to the Singapore Medical Council. It is envisaged that AMS will ask the College to give an opinion if the Visiting Expert is an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, demonstrating surgical skills in a core O & G discipline.

7. REVIEW OF TABLES OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES

For the last 1 year, the College has been active in proposing a wholesale change to the Tables of Surgical Procedures. The Ministry of Health TOSP Committee, led by Prof. Chee Yam Cheng, called for a committee meeting in April 2007 of all surgical disciplines. A/Prof TH Ho and Dr TC Chang from the College represented O & G interests on this committee. Since then, there have been numerous meetings and email exchanges. The College has finalised, submitted and justified 188 surgical procedures in O & G to MOH for their consideration. This includes 70 new procedures in O & G. 13 procedures were removed, as they were obsolete.

Of these 188 procedures:

- a) 43 of these procedures are in the top-300 most used surgical procedures. Of these, 21 had their definitions redefined and 24 had tables revised upwards.
- b) 72 of these procedures were in the non-top 300 most used surgical procedures. Of these, 41 had their definitions redefined, and 45 had tables revised upwards.
- c) 70 new procedures were proposed, mainly including new laparoscopic hysteroscopic and urogynaecology procedures.

8. CONSENSUS STATEMENT: CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES ON DOWN'S SYNDROME SCREENING

Under the leadership of Dr Lai Fon-Min, a working committee was formed to draft a Consensus Statement on Antenatal Down's Syndrome Screening and the final production of the statement shall be circulated to the members of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for their inputs.

9. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Subspecialty Training

The College Council has endorsed proposals by A/Prof Tay Eng Hseon, Chairman, Section of Gynaecological Oncology and Dr Roy Ng, Chairman, Section of Urogynaecology, to look into the formal development of sub-specialty training in Singapore in these two areas. A structured format for training will be proposed, that will eventually lead to trained sub-specialists. College will work with overseas Colleges, especially RCOG and RANZCOG, to enhance the development of sub-specialty training locally.

10. APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all Fellows for their support and efforts rendered in the past year as well as for ongoing projects.

December 2007
Dr Suresh Nair
Honorary Secretary
2007-2008 College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists,
Singapore



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College of O & G, Singapore Statement Guidelines for Verification of Visiting Experts' Status

(A) INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:

1. Application for Letter of Verification of specialty/expertise of the Visiting Expert must be submitted through the Singapore Medical Council.
2. Application for Letter of Verification must be submitted at least 2 months in advance.

(B) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR VERIFICATION:

Documents required of the Visiting Expert:

1. Letter of Request for Verification from the Host Institution stating the purpose of the application, period of registration required and the type of clinical procedures, demonstrations at workshops or surgical operations the expert will be performing for the purpose that he/she is invited.
2. Letter of Recommendation from the Host Institution.
3. Curriculum Vitae of the Visiting Expert to include details on clinical working experience and publications.
4. Copies of undergraduate and postgraduate medical qualifications.
5. Copies of certificates of registration with other medical licensing authorities.
6. Copy of the Application for Medical Registration by the Singapore Medical Council.

Note:

- Documents in Foreign Language, which may support the application, shall be submitted together with the AUTHENTICATED English Translations of the Documents.
- The Academy of Medicine, Singapore may also require the doctor to submit any other documents for the evaluation of his/her application for verification.

(C) COLLEGE OF O & G, SINGAPORE:

1. The College of O & G, Singapore will only consider requests for verification of Visiting Experts status from the Singapore Medical Council via the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. The College will consider the request only if the Visiting Expert is an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist.
2. The College of O & G, Singapore Council will consider the VE's curriculum vitae and supporting letters [as requested in (B)] for verification. It is preferred if a College of O & G fellow can attest to the surgeon's competence in that field of expertise. Deliberations by the College Council will take up to 4 weeks.

(D) GENERAL ADVICE TO ORGANISING COMMITTEE & HOST INSTITUTION:

1. Adequate medical indemnity coverage for the planned procedure should be in place before the procedure is carried out. This should be provided by the Host Institution where the procedure is carried out.
2. The VE should meet and be introduced to the patient before surgery. He/ She should explain the proposed procedure and obtain appropriate consent for the procedure.
3. The VE should familiarise himself/ herself with the operation theatre and equipment. The nursing staff and anaesthetist should be made aware of any special requirements.
4. The theatre staff should familiarise themselves with any new equipment to be used during the procedure.
5. The VE should be responsible for the operation. The local specialist, a fellow of the College of O & G, Singapore, should be responsible for selecting suitable patients, intra-operative performance of the surgery and post-operative care of the patient.
6. The VE should discuss post-operative management of the patient prior to his/ her departure from Singapore. This should include written instructions, if necessary.

Disclaimer

The "General Advice to Organising Committee & Host Institution" has been adapted from guidelines issued by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

This College Statement is intended to provide general advice to O & G Specialists. The statement should never be relied on as a substitute for proper assessment with respect to the particular circumstances of each case and the needs of each patient.

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