

COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, SINGAPORE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR TAN YEH HONG

The College continues to play an important role in upholding our professional standard. The College actively provide professional input and independent medical expert opinion to MOH, SMC and other regulatory bodies.

Due to the COVID pandemic, our clinical work had to be adjusted accordingly to keep ourselves, co-workers and patients safe and healthy. Adjustment was also made to our teaching and learning, with most of the CME program moving to online platform.

The College successfully helped to organise the 4th AMM-AMS-HKAM Tripartite Congress and 55th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine which was held from 22 July to 24 July 2022. We were also glad to have our College of Surgeons Lectureship Dinner on 17 November 2022 after a three-year gap.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Council members for their hard work and contribution. I would like to thank all of you for your support. I hope more Fellows can continue to contribute to our surgical community.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Chapter of Surgeons was inaugurated in 1966 by the Master of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, Professor K Shanmugaratnam, as one of the first two Chapters of the Academy. The College of Surgeons, Singapore was incorporated on 17 August 2004. Her registered address is: 81 Kim Keat Road NKF Centre, #11-00 Singapore 328836.

DBS Bank Ltd and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited are the authorised banks of College of Surgeons, Singapore.

The vision of the College is to be the recognised leader in training, education, advocacy and enhancement of professional satisfaction for surgery and its subspecialties. Its mission is to promote and maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in surgery and its subspecialties.

THE 2022-2023 COUNCIL



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Director (from 2 June 2016)



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Vice-President

Director (from 8 May 2015)



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Director (from 27 May 2019)



DR SEOW CHOON SHEONG
Honorary Secretary
Director (from 29 May 2017)



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Council Member
Director (from 14 June 2021)



DR NG WAI HOE
Council Member
Director (from 29 August 2022)



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Council Member
Director (from 29 August 2022)



DR KENNY SIN YOON KONG
Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons
Director (from 14 June 2021)



DR AUNG MYINT OO
Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons
Director (from 14 June 2021)



DR ANTHONY FOO TUN LIN
Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons
Director (from 14 June 2021)



DR VINCENT NG YEW POH
Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons
Director (from 14 June 2021)



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Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists
Director (from 14 June 2021)



DR DARREN TAY KENG JIN
Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Director (from 27 May 2019)



DR AMOS LOH HONG PHENG
Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons
Director (from 14 June 2021)



DR GAVIN KANG CHUN-WUI
Chairman, Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons
Director (from 27 May 2019)



DR EDMUND CHIONG
Chairman, Chapter of Urologists
Director (from 14 June 2021)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the College was held on Monday, 29 August 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom. It was attended by 33 participants.

BOARD OF SPECIALTY CHAPTERS

The Board of the various Specialty Chapters had been elected into office for a two-year term from 2021-2023 after the 17th Annual General Meeting of the respective Chapters in 2021. The Specialty Chapters Board terms of office are as follows:

Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Chairman:	Dr Kenny Sin Yoon Kong
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Kofidis Theodoros
Honorary Secretary:	Dr James Wong
Board Members:	Dr Lim Chong Hee Dr Ong Boon Hean Dr Pang Yi Kit Philip Dr Muthiah Harish Mithiran

Chapter of General Surgeons

Chairman:	Dr Aung Myint Oo
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Dennis Koh
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Vishalkumar G. Shelat
Board Members:	Dr Chan Ching Wan Dr Joseph Lo Zhiwen Dr Lee Ser Yee Dr Tan Wah Siew
Co-Opted Board Members:	Dr June Lee Dr Ng Kheng Hong Dr Seow Choon Sheong Dr Tan Ek Khoon

Chapter of Hand Surgeons

Chairman:	Dr Anthony Foo Tun Lin
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Amitabha Lahiri
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Renita Sirisena

Board Members: Dr Yam Kean Tuck, Andrew
Dr Tan Ter Chyan
Dr Lai Jen Ming
Dr Lee Munn Yi Tina

Chapter of Neurosurgeons

Chairman: Dr Ng Yew Poh Vincent
Vice-Chairman: Dr Low Shiong Wen
Honorary Secretary: Dr Hwang Ying Khai, Peter
Board Members: Dr Low David
Dr Seow Wan Tew
Dr Dinesh Kumar
Dr Nicole Keong Chwee Har

Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Tay Keng Jin Darren
Vice-Chairman: Dr Goh Seo Kiat
Honorary Secretary: Dr Lee Yee Han Dave
Board Members: Dr Hamid Rahmatullah Bin Abd Razak
Dr Lee Chee Siang, Bernard
Dr Puah Ken Lee
Dr Das De Soumen

Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

Chairman: Dr Mok Kan Hwei, Paul
Vice-Chairman: Dr Tan Yau Boon Barrie
Honorary Secretary: Dr Toh Song Tar
Board Members: Dr Yeo Seng Beng
Dr Yuen Heng Wai
Dr Uppal Sandeep

Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Loh Hong Pheng Amos
Vice-Chairman: Dr Chua Horng Yiing, Joyce
Honorary Secretary: Dr Nyo Yoke Lin
Board Members: Dr Lee York Tien
Dr Chui Chan Hon

Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Kang Chun-Wui Gavin
Vice-Chairman: Dr Adrian Ooi
Honorary Secretary: Dr Jeremy Sun

Board Members:	Dr Jonah Kua Dr Goh Lin Hon Terence Dr Pek Wan Sze Dr Yeo Sze Wei Matthew
Co-Opted Board Member:	Dr Low O-Wern

Chapter of Urologists

Chairman:	Dr Edmund Chiong
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Heng Chin Tiong
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Yeo Eu Kiang Sharon
Board Members:	Dr Kuo Li Chuen Tricia Dr Lee Lui Shiong Dr Tan Teck Wei Dr Toh Khai Lee
Co-Opted Board Member:	Dr David Terrence Consigliere Dr Sim Hong Gee Dr Chong Yew Lam Dr Ng Chee Kwan Dr Tan Yung Khan

COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE

A total of six (6) Council meetings were held for the year to discuss the business and affairs of the College.

Name	Designation	Attendance
<i>Elected Council Members</i>		
Dr Tan Yeh Hong	President	6
Dr Goh Yaw Chong*	Vice-President	5
Dr Alfred Kow	Honorary Treasurer	4
Dr Bernard Lim^	Honorary Secretary /President-Elect/Vice-President	6
Dr Chew Min Hoe*	Council Member	0
Dr Seow Choon Sheong^	Council Member/Honorary Secretary	6
Dr Benjamin Chua	Council Member	3
Dr Ng Wai Hoe**	Council Member	1
Dr Matthew Yeo**	Council Member	2
<i>Appointed Council Members</i>		
Dr Kenny Sin Yoong Kong	Chairman, Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	3
Dr Aung Myint Oo	Chairman, Chapter of General Surgeons	5
Dr Anthony Foo	Chairman, Chapter of Hand Surgeons	4
Dr Vincent Ng	Chairman, Chapter of Neurosurgeons	5
Dr Paul Mok	Chairman, Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists	5
Dr Darren Tay Keng Jin	Chairman, Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons	5
Dr Amos Loh	Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons	5
Dr Gavin Kang Chun-Wui	Chairman, Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	5
Dr Edmund Chiong	Chairman, Chapter of Urologists	6

*Retired on 29 August 2022

**Joined in 29 August 2022

^Change of Office Bearers on 14 October 2022

CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS

At the time the Annual Report was written, the Boards of the various Specialty Chapters have met a total of seven (7) times.

MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 2022, the College had a total membership of 767 Fellows (up from 744 in 2021) comprising 742 Local Fellows (up from 719), 24 Overseas Fellows, and 1 Ordinary Members.

Chapter	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Cardiothoracic Surgeons	47	44	42	42	39
General Surgeons	221	224	218	215	207
Hand Surgeons	44	39	39	40	40
Neurosurgeons	31	31	26	25	22
Orthopaedic Surgeons	105	98	105	105	104
Otorhinolaryngologists	119	119	110	107	99
Paediatric Surgeons	24	23	22	22	21
Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons	73	72	69	70	64
Urologists	97	94	83	83	76
No Chapter*	6	7	7	7	6
College of Surgeons, Singapore	767	744	714	709	672

Chapter	2022	Local Active	Local Exempted	Overseas	Ordinary Members
Cardiothoracic Surgeons	47	35	10	2	0
General Surgeons	221	166	48	7	0
Hand Surgeons	44	41	3	0	0
Neurosurgeons	31	22	7	1	1
Orthopaedic Surgeons	105	73	32	0	0
Otorhinolaryngologists	119	98	15	6	0
Paediatric Surgeons	24	18	2	4	0
Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons	73	59	14	0	0
Urologists	97	84	11	2	0
No Chapter*	6	0	4	2	0
College of Surgeons, Singapore	767	596	146	24	1

*6 College Fellows were admitted prior to 1990 when Anatomy was considered a specialty.



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INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERT

In 2022, the Chapter of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeon provided 16 independent medical expert opinions to Ministry of Health (MOH).

PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS

In 2022, the Chapters provided professional opinions to MOH and Singapore Medical Council (SMC) on the following issues:

Year	Chapter/Section	Number of Cases
2022	Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons	0
2022	Chapter of General Surgeons	9
2022	Chapter of Hand Surgeons	3
2022	Chapter of Neurosurgeons	5
2022	Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons	4
2022	Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists	3
2022	Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons	2
2022	Chapter of Plastic Surgeons	15
2022	Chapter of Urologists	6

S/N	Topic	Chapter	Organisation
1	Minimum setting for the conduct of Voluntary Sterilisation (VS) procedures	General Surgeons	MOH
2	Endorsement of National Surgical Antibiotic Prophylaxis (SAP) Consensus Guideline	General Surgeons	MOH
3	Intragastric Balloon Placement Via Endoscopy and Elipse Balloon Placement	General Surgeons	MOH
4	MediShield Life GI Endoscopy Claim Rules Consultation	General Surgeons	MOH
5	Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act	General Surgeons	MOH
6	Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant	General Surgeons	MOH
7	Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting	General Surgeons	MOH
8	New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review	General Surgeons	MOH
9	Endorsement of National Guidelines on Clinical Transfusion	General Surgeons	HSA
10	Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant	Hand Surgeons	MOH
11	Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting	Hand Surgeons	MOH
12	New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review	Hand Surgeons	MOH
13	Invitation to review and endorse the ACE Clinical Guidance "When to order CT/MRI for headache"	Neurosurgeons	MOH
14	Management of Patients by Doctor	Neurosurgeons	MOH
15	New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review	Neurosurgeons	MOH
16	Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant	Neurosurgeons	MOH
17	Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting	Neurosurgeons	MOH

18	Steroid Injection to Treat Inflammation at Right Calf Muscle	Orthopaedic Surgeons	MOH
19	Management of Patients by Doctor	Orthopaedic Surgeons	MOH
20	Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant	Orthopaedic Surgeons	MOH
21	Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting	Orthopaedic Surgeons	MOH
22	Ozone Therapy	Otorhinolaryngologists	MOH
23	Review New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks 2022	Otorhinolaryngologists	MOH
24	Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act	Otorhinolaryngologists	MOH
25	Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting	Paediatric Surgeons	MOH
26	Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act	Paediatric Surgeons	MOH
27	General Opinion - Fat-Melting Procedure & Facelift Thread by a non-registered doctor	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
28	General Opinion - Aesthetic Procedure by Non-Medical Practitioner -Hair Growth Injection	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
29	General Opinion - Invasive Procedure by Non-Registered Medical Practitioner - Botox etc	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
30	General Opinion - Performing enCurve Treatment at a non-HCI	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
31	Alleged practice of Aesthetic procedure by non-registered medical practitioner	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
32	Alleged Administering of Aesthetic Injections by a Non-Registered Medical Practitioner	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
33	Aesthetic Treatments by Beauty Salon Chain	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
34	Invasive Aesthetic Procedures by Non-registered medical practitioner	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
35	Invasive Aesthetic Services at Beauty Salon (Filler injection)	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
36	Aesthetic services performed by Non-Medical Practitioner	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
37	Provision of Aesthetic Services by Non-Medical Practitioners	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
38	Aesthetic services performed by Non-Medical Practitioner (Further clarification request)	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
39	Provision of Aesthetic Services by Non-Medical Practitioners	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
40	New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
41	Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant	Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons	MOH
42	Minimum setting for the conduct of Voluntary Sterilisation (VS) procedures	Urologists	MOH

43	Seeking nominations from AMS for Urology & Ophthalmology Claims Rules Workgroup	Urologists	MOH
44	Review New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks 2022	Urologists	MOH
45	Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting	Urologists	MOH
46	Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant	Urologists	MOH
47	Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act	Urologists	MOH

CHAPTER OF CARDIOTHORACIC SURGEONS

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

The Chapter, supported by the Academy, will collaborate with the National Heart Centre, Singapore to organise the 4th Asia Pacific MCS Conference/HFSS Annual Scientific Meeting 2023, scheduled for 22 to 23 September 2023.

CHAPTER OF GENERAL SURGEONS



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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) EVENTS

Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2022 for Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery

No	Event	Date
1	Joint Specialty Fellowship Exam FRCS (GS) Revision Course	4-6 August

The Chapter of General Surgeons organised its 13th Exit Examination Preparatory Course from 4 to 6 August for the Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) in General Surgery to help in their preparations for the exit examinations. The preparatory course was conducted through Zoom and comprised of mini lectures and clinical mock viva sessions.

The Chapter collaborated with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for the Preparatory Course where 4 RCSEd faculty partook in one of the clinical mock viva sessions during the course.

COMBINED SURGICAL MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2022

The monthly combined surgical meetings were conducted in the restructured institutions on a rotational basis, via Zoom. The schedule is appended in the table below:

S/N	Date	Hosted By	Title
1	22 Jan	KTPH	Pursuing Excellence in Surgical Education in a Regional General Hospital
2	19 Mar	SGH	Benchmarking Towards Surgical Excellence – NSQIP and the Pursuit of Value in Surgery The VADAR Group - Value Driven Analytics Research
3	23 Apr	CGH	Evolving Trends in Breast Surgery
4	21 May	KKH	Novel axilla lymph node localization methods – KKH experience
5	30 Jul	NTFGH	Retroperitoneal Adrenalectomies – are we ready for Ambulatory Adrenalectomy?

6	17 Sep	TTSH	Surgical management of rib fractures: Reinventing the wheel?
7	22 Oct	SGH	Virtual Surgical Planning for resection and reconstruction of oral cavity tumours
8	19 Nov	SKH	Addressing sarcopenia in surgery

CORONER REPORT 2022

The Chapter of General Surgeons provided 7 coroner reports in 2022.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S (MOH) INITIATIVES

The Chapter, under the College of Surgeons, Singapore was invited by MOH and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) through the Academy to participate in the various initiatives:

A. Minimum setting for the conduct of Voluntary Sterilisation (VS) procedures

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Minimum setting for the conduct of Voluntary Sterilisation (VS) procedures. The Chapter responded on 8 April 2022.

B. Endorsement of National Surgical Antibiotic Prophylaxis (SAP) Consensus Guideline

MOH had consulted the Chapter for review and feedback with endorsement on New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks. The Chapter responded on 30 May 2022.

C. Intra-gastric Balloon Placement Via Endoscopy and Elipse Balloon Placement

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Intra-gastric Balloon Placement Via Endoscopy and Elipse Balloon Placement. The Chapter responded on 29 June 2022.

D. MediShield Life GI Endoscopy Claim Rules Consultation

MOH had consulted the Chapter for feedback regarding the MediShield Life GI Endoscopy Claim Rules Consultation. The Chapter responded on 25 June 2022.

E. Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act. The Chapter had no further inputs.

F. Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant. The Chapter had no further inputs.

G. Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Radiological Procedures Performed in A Point-Of-Care Setting. The Chapter responded on 14 December 2022.

H. New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review

MOH had consulted the Chapter for feedback and review on New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks. The Chapter responded on 25 November 2022.

I. Endorsement of National Guidelines on Clinical Transfusion

HSA had consulted the Chapter for review and feedback with endorsement on New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks. The Chapter responded on 6 February 2023.

CHAPTER OF HAND SURGEONS



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PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

A. Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant

MOH had requested for opinions by the Chapter regarding Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant. The Chapter had no further inputs.

B. Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting

MOH had requested for opinions by the Chapter regarding Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting. The Chapter responded on 24 November 2022.

C. New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review

MOH had consulted the Chapter for feedback and review on New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks. The Chapter provided its feedback.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

A. Hand Surgery Peer Review Learning

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons organised one Peer Review Learning session with the Philippines surgeons in February 2022.

B. Dinner Lecture with HMDP Visiting Expert

The Chapter of Hand Surgeons, in collaboration with the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SHSS), organised a dinner lecture with HDMP Visiting Expert - Prof S Raja Sabapathy in November 2022.

CHAPTER OF NEUROSURGEONS



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PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

A. Invitation to review and endorse the ACE Clinical Guidance “When to order CT/MRI for headache”

MOH had consulted the Chapter for feedback on invitation to review and endorse the ACE Clinical Guidance ‘When to order CT/MRI for headache’. The Chapter responded on 5 July 2022.

B. Management of Patients by Doctor

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Management of Patients by Doctor. The Chapter responded on 13 September 2022.

C. New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review

MOH had consulted the Chapter for feedback and review on New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks. The Chapter provided its feedback.

D. Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant. The Chapter responded on 16 December 2022.

E. Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting

MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting. The Chapter had no further inputs.

CSS GOLD MEDAL AWARDS - NEUROSURGERY

The College awarded the Gold Medal Awards to the following Neurosurgery residents. The award presentation took place at the CSS College Lectureship Dinner on 17 November 2022 at the Regent Singapore Hotel.

- Dr Wan Kai Rui, 2021
- Dr Swati Jain, 2022

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES 2022 - 2023

The Chapter organised a Dinner Lecture with Prof John Adler on 15 September 2022 and will be conducting a Dinner Lecture with Dr Shaan M Raza on 10 March 2023.

CHAPTER OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS**CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) EVENTS**

The Chapter organised the following events in 2022:

- 8th Residency Hip & Knee Arthroplasty Course on 4-5 June 2022
- Shoulder Arthroscopy and Arthroplasty Workshop on 4-5 November 2022



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PARTICIPATION IN MOH'S INITIATIVES

The Chapter under the College of Surgeons, Singapore was invited MOH through the Academy to participate in the following initiatives:

S/N	Topic	Organisation
1.	MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Steroid Injection to Treat Inflammation at Right Calf Muscle. The Chapter provided feedback on 1 August 2022.	MOH
2.	MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Management of Patients by Doctor. The Chapter provided feedback on 13 September 2022.	MOH
3.	MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant. The Chapter had no further inputs.	MOH
4.	MOH had requested the Chapter for professional opinions on Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting. The Chapter provided feedback on 8 January 2023.	MOH

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

The Chapter plans to organise the 9th Residency Hip & Knee Arthroplasty Course in 2023.

CHAPTER OF OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGISTS

FACIAL PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY SECTION

The Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery sub-committee, formed at the Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists 11th AGM in April 2017, tabled a special resolution for the formation of the Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Section at the AGM of the College of Surgeons, Singapore, in May 2018, which the Section of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (FPRS) was then successfully formed. The Section had since been active in FPRS education, conducting of monthly Facial Plastic Boards and representing the fraternity in FPRS relevant professional matters.

The current EXCO members are:

Chairman:	Dr Uppal Sandeep
Vice-Chairman:	Dr Zhang Zhiyong Edward
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Ng Chew Lip
Board Members:	Dr Lee Tee Sin Dr Tan En-Pei Amanda Dr Valerie Tay

As part of the continual process to maintain the quality of training received during FPRS Fellowships, the Section with endorsement from the Chapter, proposed to engage the ENT RAC (Residency Advisory Committee) to review the quality of potential FPRS fellowship centres globally. The processes will remain largely the same as presently for the Section/Chapter, with the RAC providing additional input for Fellowship Centres, both in and outside of North America.



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PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

A. Ozone Therapy

AMS Colleges and Chapters had been asked for an opinion on the practice of Ozone Therapy to clients through house visits by a nurse who is registered with the Singapore Nursing Board (SNB). The Chapter of ENT surgeons had provided its comments to MOH in March 2022.

B. Review New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks 2022

The Fee Benchmarks Advisory Committee had developed new Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks and requested AMS Colleges for review and feedback in November 2022. The Chapter sought inputs from its members and had submitted its proposal and feedback to MOH in November 2022.

C. Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act

MOH further sought the opinions of the Chapter regarding the Review of key areas of the licence conditions ("LCs") for the provision of Endoscopy Services under the 'Guidelines for Private Healthcare Institutions Providing Endoscopy (2001)'. The Chapter is in the process of reviewing and gathering inputs to respond to MOH by end January 2023.

ACTIVITIES IN THE PIPELINE

The Chapter will continue to collaborate with Tan Tock Seng Hospital to organize Continuing Medical Educational (CME) events and update Fellows on regular basis.

CHAPTER OF PAEDIATRIC SURGEONS



STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY TO SHAPE AND INFLUENCE HEALTHCARE POLICIES

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Combined Journal Club

The Chapter supported two combined journal clubs with KK Women's and Children Hospital (KKH) and KKH/National University Hospital on 30 June 2022 and 3 November 2022 respectively.

CPD BULLETIN – PAEDIATRIC SURGERY ISSUES

The Chapter contributed to the CBD Bulletin - Paediatric Surgery (Issue: March 2022). The articles included were:

COVID 19
1. Comparison of the outcomes of testicular torsion among children presenting during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic versus the pre-pandemic period: A systematic review and meta-analysis
2. Effect of COVID-19 on paediatric appendicitis presentations and complications
3. SARS-CoV-2 vaccination modelling for safe surgery to save lives: data from an international prospective cohort study
Practice-Changing Updates
1. ERNICA Consensus Conference on the Management of Patients with Long-Gap Esophageal Atresia: Perioperative, Surgical, and Long-Term Management
Featured Articles
1. Low Serum Inhibin B/Follicle-Stimulating Hormones and Anti-Müllerian Hormone/Follicle-Stimulating Hormones Ratios as Markers of Decreased Germ Cells in Infants with Bilateral Cryptorchidism
2. Age-related Outcomes and Complications of Osteodistractor in the Paediatric Upper Extremity: A Large Retrospective Single-center Study of 61 Cases
3. Outcome of boys with posterior urethral valves from a single tertiary hospital in Singapore
4. Paediatric haemodialysis access
5. 'Desire for more analgesic treatment': pain and patient-reported outcome after paediatric tonsillectomy and appendectomy
6. Paediatric arachnoid cysts: Surgical outcomes from a Singapore children's hospital

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

A. Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting

MOH had written in seeking AMS's advice on radiological procedures (C-arm image intensifier (plain x-ray) performed in a point-of care setting. The Chapter reviewed that it is not relevant to the practice of paediatric surgery.

B. Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act

MOH further sought the opinions of the Chapter regarding the Review of key areas of the licence conditions ("LCs") for the provision of Endoscopy Services under the 'Guidelines for Private Healthcare Institutions Providing Endoscopy (2001). The Chapter had no further comment.

CHAPTER OF PLASTIC, RECONSTRUCTIVE & AESTHETIC SURGEONS

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERTS

The Chapter provided 16 independent medical expert advices for court cases in 2022.



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PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS

The Chapter was consulted on the following:

SN	Date	Topic	Organisation
1	7 Feb 22	General Opinion - Fat-Melting Procedure & Facelift Thread by a non-registered doctor	MOH
2	21 Feb 22	General Opinion - Aesthetic Procedure by Non-Medical Practitioner -Hair Growth Injection	MOH
3	21 Feb 22	General Opinion - Invasive Procedure by Non-Registered Medical Practitioner - Botox etc	MOH
4	22 Feb 22	General Opinion - Performing enCurve Treatment at a non-HCI	MOH
5	11 Apr 22	Alleged practice of Aesthetic procedure by non-registered medical practitioner	MOH
6	8 Jun 22	Alleged Administering of Aesthetic Injections by a Non-Registered Medical Practitioner	MOH
7	24 Jun 22	Aesthetic Treatments by Beauty Salon Chain	MOH
8	27 Jun 22	Invasive Aesthetic Procedures by Non-registered medical practitioner	MOH
9	4 Jul 22	Invasive Aesthetic Services at Beauty Salon (Filler injection)	MOH
10	17 Aug 22	Aesthetic services performed by Non-Medical Practitioner	MOH
11	28 Sep 22	Provision of Aesthetic Services by Non-Medical Practitioners	MOH
12	27 Oct 22	Aesthetic services performed by Non-Medical Practitioner (Further clarification request)	MOH
13	3 Nov 22	Provision of Aesthetic Services by Non-Medical Practitioners	MOH
14	25 Nov 22	New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks - For Feedback & Review	MOH
15	29 Dec 22	Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant	MOH

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES 2022

The Chapter organised the following events/activities in 2022:

1. Plastic Aesthetic Surgery Meeting (PASM) in September 2022
2. CME Lecture by Dr Eduardo Gongora in October 2022 (co-organised with Singapore Association of Plastic Surgeons)

CHAPTER OF UROLOGISTS

CPD BULLETIN – UROLOGY ISSUES

The Chapter provided foreword for CBD Bulletin - Urology Issue January 2022.



STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY TO SHAPE AND INFLUENCE HEALTHCARE POLICIES

PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

A. Minimum setting for the conduct of Voluntary Sterilisation (VS) procedures

MOH Regulatory Policy & Legislation Division requested professional opinion on minimum setting for the conduct of Voluntary Sterilisation (VS) procedures. The Chapter had provided the response in April 2022.

B. Seeking nominations from AMS for Urology & Ophthalmology Claims Rules Workgroup

MOH Healthcare Finance Division sought nomination from AMS for Urology & Ophthalmology Claims Rules Workgroup. The Chapter provided the nomination in September 2022.

C. Review New Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks 2022

MOH Fee Benchmarks Advisory Committee had developed new Surgeon and Anaesthetist Fee Benchmarks and requested AMS Colleges for review and feedback by end November 2022. The Chapter had sought inputs from its workgroup and had submitted its proposal and feedback to MOH in November 2022.

D. Radiological Procedures Performed in a Point-Of-Care Setting

MOH had written to seek AMS's advice on radiological procedures (C-arm image intensifier (plain x-ray) performed in a point-of care setting. The Chapter provided its comments in relation to urological practices to MOH in December 2022.

E. Temporary Storage of Human Tissues for Transplant

MOH had written to seek AMS's advice on temporary storage of human tissues for transplant. The Chapter sought inputs from its Fellows and Board members, and submitted inputs relating to urologists' treatment procedures to MOH in December 2022.

F. Review of Guidelines for the Provision of Endoscopy Services Under the Healthcare Services Act

MOH further sought the opinions of the Chapter regarding the Review of key areas of the licence conditions ("LCs") for the provision of Endoscopy Services under the 'Guidelines for Private Healthcare Institutions Providing Endoscopy (2001)'. The Chapter had gathered comments from its Board members and would respond to MOH by end January 2023.



ADVANCING PROFESSIONALISM AND UPHOLDING COMPETENCY STANDARDS

COLLEGE OF SURGEONS GOLD MEDAL 2022

In recognition of the effort of the best performing candidates in the nine (9) surgical specialties, as well as, giving recognition and encouragement to these trainees to excel in their exit examination, the College of Surgeons had established the College of Surgeons Gold Medal in 2008.

The award winners are listed in the table below:

S/N	Name	Institution	Speciality
1.	Leow Choong Kiat Lowell	National University Health System	Cardiothoracic Surgery
2.	Chue Koy Min	Sengkang General Hospital	General Surgery
3.	Swati Jain	National University Health System	Neurosurgery
4.	Tan Wei Loong Barry	National University Health System	Orthopaedic Surgery
5.	Leong Zhou Hao	Singapore General Hospital	Otorhinolaryngology
6.	Yong Jin	Singapore General Hospital	Urology

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN 2023

The College plans for the following events/activities in 2023:

1. College of Surgeons Lectureship Dinner 2023
2. 16th College of Surgeons Lectureship
3. 26th Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship
4. College of Surgeons Gold Medal Award 2023