

COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH, SINGAPORE



DR CHUA MEI CHIEN
President

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore was incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap 50) (Registration No. 200410329W), on and from 17 August 2004 as a Public Company Limited by Guarantee.

Registered address

81 Kim Keat Road, NKF Centre, #11-00, Singapore 328836

Company Secretary

RSM Stone Forest

Auditors

Geetha A & Associates

The College was established under a Memorandum

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to report that the College has continued to make significant strides in advancing best practices to ensure the health and wellbeing of children in Singapore.

In 2024, we remained committed to our mission of promoting excellence in paediatric care, education and research. We started the year with the launch of the Singapore Guidelines for Feeding and Eating in Infants and Young Children in February, in collaboration with KK Women's and Children's Hospital, at the Asia Pacific Maternal And Child Health Conference and Integrated Platform For Research In Advancing Maternal & Child Health Outcomes (IPRAMHO) International Meeting 2024. This set of guidelines, jointly developed by KKH and the College, together with representatives from healthcare agencies, provide useful information to healthcare professionals, parents and caregivers, to help children form healthy eating habits from infancy to establish a strong foundation for future health.

The College spent a large part of the year planning and organising the 12th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (12th SiPPAC). The theme was "Navigating Paediatric Care in an Uncertain World". The congress, held on 8-9 November 2024 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront in Singapore, was a resounding success. Delegates expressed appreciation for the robust, well-structured scientific program which covered a wide variety of topics relevant to their clinical practice. Kudos to the scientific committee, ably led by Dr Stacey Tay Kiat Hong, for this commendable achievement.

The pre-conference ethics colloquium was particularly well-received. Through interactive case discussions, it provided a unique platform for participants to engage in thought-provoking conversations on ethical complexities surrounding paediatric care.

Another highlight was the 17th CPCHS College Lecture, titled "Evolving Trends in the Practice of Paediatric Cardiology", delivered with distinction by Professor Quek Swee Chye at the College Dinner.

of Association which established the objects and powers of the College and is governed under its Articles of Association. As at 31 December 2024, the College does not employ any staff. The staff supporting the College's work is employed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

The congress ended on a high note with an evening of good food and warm camaraderie.

To further support professional education, we organised two webinars last year: one focused on youth mental health and the other on the ethics of genetic screening.

Another exciting development was the establishment of the Section of Paediatric Allergy & Immunology with Dr Anne Goh Eng Neo serving as Chairman. We look forward to the initiatives and activities of this section in the near future.

As we step into 2025, the College will remain focused on addressing emerging challenges in child health, supporting the professional development of our members, and advocating for policies and programs that impact children and their families.

Thank you for your continued support.

VISION

The vision of the College is to be the recognised leader in training, education, advocacy and enhancement of professional standards for paediatrics and its subspecialties.

MISSION

The mission of the College is to promote and maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in paediatrics and its subspecialties.

OBJECTIVES

1. To advance the art and science of paediatrics and neonatology and its subspecialties
2. To promote study and research into medical and scientific problems
3. To sustain and foster postgraduate education
4. To conduct higher professional examinations and to award diplomas



COLLEGE COUNCIL 2024 – 2025

Front row from left to right: Dr Fu Xinghan Kristy, Dr Chua Mei Chien, Dr Tay Kiat Hong Stacey and Dr Choo Tze Liang Jonathan

Back row from left to right: Dr Lim Ching Wen Darryl, Dr Low Kah Tzay, Dr Daisy Chan Kwai Lin, Dr Yeo Wee Song, Dr Lam Ching Mei Joyce, Dr Ng Kar Hui and Dr Ooi Pei Ling

Not in picture: Dr Anne Goh Eng Neo

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS



Dr Chua Mei Chien
President
Date of Appointment
19 May 2018

*Senior Consultant and Head,
Department of Neonatology
Deputy Chairman, Division of
Medicine
Director, KK Human Milk Bank,
KK Women's and Children's Hospital*



Dr Tay Kiat Hong Stacey
Vice-President
Date of Appointment
19 August 2021

*Senior Consultant
Division of Paediatric Neurology
and Division of Paediatric Genetics
and Metabolism, Department of
Paediatrics
Khoo Teck Puat-National University
Children's Medical Institute, National
University Hospital*



Dr Fu Xinghan Kristy
Honorary Secretary
Date of Appointment
20 August 2022

*Consultant
Division of Paediatric Critical Care,
Department of Paediatrics
Khoo Teck Puat – National University
Children's Medical Institute, National
University Hospital*



Dr Choo Tze Liang Jonathan
Honorary Treasurer
Date of Appointment
19 August 2021

*Head & Senior Consultant Cardiology
Service
KK Women's and Children's Hospital*



Dr Lam Ching Mei Joyce
Council Member
Date of Appointment
3 June 2023

*Senior Consultant Haematology/
Oncology Service
KK Women's and Children's Hospital*



Dr Yeo Wee Song
Council Member
Date of Appointment
16 May 2020

*Consultant Paediatrician
KidsNexus Paediatric Centre*



Dr Ng Kar Hui
Council Member
Date of Appointment
3 June 2023

*Senior Consultant
Division of Paediatric Nephrology,
Dialysis and Renal Transplantation,
Department of Paediatrics
Khoo Teck Puat – National University
Children's Medical Institute, National
University Hospital*

APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS



Dr Daisy Chan Kwai Lin
Chairman, Chapter of
Neonatologists
Date of Appointment
19 August 2021

*Senior Consultant
Neonatal and Developmental
Medicine
Singapore General Hospital*



Dr Anne Goh Eng Neo
Chairman, Section of Paediatric
Allergy & Immunology (PAI)
Date of Appointment
30 May 2024

*Senior Consultant
Allergy and Respiratory Service
KK Women's and Children's Hospital*

CO-OPTED MEMBERS



Dr Lim Ching Wen Darryl
Consultant Paediatrician
Kinder Clinic Pte Ltd
Mount Alvernia Hospital



Dr Low Kah Tzay
Consultant Paediatrician
Anson International Paediatric &
Child Development Clinic



Dr Ooi Pei Ling
Paediatrician and Paediatric
Rheumatologist
International Child & Adolescent
Clinic

SPECIALTY CHAPTER/ SECTION

The elected board members of the Chapter of Neonatologists are:

Name	Designation
Dr Daisy Chan Kwai Lin	Chairman
Dr Khoo Poh Choo	Vice Chairman
Dr Krishnamoorthy Niduvaje	Honorary Secretary
Dr Lee Le Ye	Board Member
Dr Ong Eng Keow	Board Member
Dr Low Kah Tzay	Board Member
Dr Abdul Haium Abdul Alim	Board Member
Dr Ikshuvanam Malathi	Co-opted Members
Dr Suresh Chandran	Co-opted Members
Dr Lian Wee Bin	Co-opted Members

The elected board members of the Section of Paediatric Allergy & Immunology are:

Name	Designation
Dr Anne Goh Eng Neo	Chairman
Dr Liew Woei Kang	Vice Chairman
Dr Chong Kok Wee	Honorary Secretary
Dr Lee Bee Wah	Committee Member
Dr Chiang Wen Chin	Committee Member
Dr Elizabeth Tham Hui Wen	Committee Member

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 20th Annual General Meeting on 30 May 2024, Thursday at KKH Auditorium, KK Women's and Children's Hospital. The AGM was attended by 30 Fellows.

The Council expressed its appreciation to Dr Lee Yung Seng for his service as Immediate Past President of the College and welcome Dr Anne Goh Eng Neo to the Council as Chairman of Section of Paediatric Allergy & Immunology (PAI).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

In 2024, the Council held four (4) meetings on 31 January, 6 May, 9 July and 12 November 2024.

Name	Designation	Attendance
Elected Council Members		
Dr Chua Mei Chien	President	4
Dr Lee Yung Seng*	Immediate Past President	2
Dr Tay Kiat Hong Stacey	Vice-President	3
Dr Fu Xinghan Kristy	Honorary Secretary	4
Dr Choo Tze Liang Jonathan	Honorary Secretary	3
Dr Yeo Wee Song	Council Member	4
Dr Ng Kar Hui	Council Member	4
Dr Lam Ching Mei Joyce	Council Member	3
Appointed Council Members		
Dr Daisy Chan Kwai Lin	Chairman, Chapter of Neonatologists	4
Dr Anne Goh Eng Neo**	Chairman, Section of Paediatric Allergy & Immunology (PAI)	2

*Retired on 30 May 2024

**Joined on 30 May 2024

MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2024, the total membership of the College is 251, comprising 243 Fellows (Local), six (6) Fellows (Overseas), and one (1) Associate Member. There are 50 members in the Chapter of Neonatologists and 19 members in the Section of Paediatric Allergy & Immunology.

In 2024, seven (7) members were admitted as Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, (FAMS) and welcomed into the College:

Dr Kang Ying Qi	Dr Lam Shang Leen Jason	Dr Lim Alicia May
Dr Ong Xi Yar	Dr Samuel Lim Zhi Rui	Dr Wang Siwei Amy
	Dr Yeo Tong Hong	

MAKING AN IMPACT: OUR WORK IN 2024

Strengthening Advocacy To Shape And Influence Healthcare Policies

Professional Opinion Requests

The College provided professional opinions on various topics requested by external parties. The professional opinions are listed below:

S/N	DESCRIPTION	REQUESTED BY
1	Clinical Genetic and Genomic Services (CGGS) Specified Service under the Healthcare Services Act (HCSA)	MOH
2	Issuing of Statement in support of the Treatment Guidelines for Children and Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria	MOH

Independent Medical Expert

The College provided nil independent medical expert advice for court cases in 2024.

Advancing Professionalism And Upholding Competency Standards

12th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (SiPPAC)

The 12th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (SiPPAC) took place over two days, from 8-9 November 2024, at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront in Singapore. The theme, "Navigating Paediatric Care in an Uncertain World," highlighted the challenges facing today's children, including the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the looming climate crisis, the dual impact of rapid technological advancements, and the rising prevalence of mental and metabolic health issues.

Organised by the College with support from

the Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) and the Perinatal Society of Singapore (PSS), the event drew 332 delegates, including paediatricians, neonatologists, medical students, nurses, allied health professionals, residents, trainees, and international participants. The Congress featured three (3) plenary lectures, 80 invited speakers and chairs, 44 session topics, and three (3) lunch symposia, supported by 19 sponsors. In addition to plenary sessions, symposiums and poster sessions, there was a Young Doctors' Forum and Young Investigator Award to engage our next generation of budding paediatricians.

A total of 78 abstracts were submitted, with five (5) selected for Oral Presentations, five (5) for Poster Presentations and four (4) for Young Investigator Award. Furthermore, 65 abstracts were showcased on poster panels at the event.

The Congress also had the privilege of welcoming internationally renowned experts such as Professor Dominic Wilkinson, Professor of Medical Ethics at the University of Oxford, who delivered a lecture on "Avoiding Unnecessary Conflicts," and Professor Tomohiro Morio, Executive Vice President for Global Affairs at the Institute of Science Tokyo, who gave the Stuart Gan Memorial Lecture on "What Clinicians Can Learn from Inborn Errors of Immunity." Their participation provided valuable opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

In addition, two pre-congress workshops were held on 7 November 2024: the Paediatric Point of Care Ultrasound Workshop at The Academia and the SiPPAC Paediatrics Ethics Colloquium at Shaw Foundation NUS Alumni House, both of which were well-attended.

The congress dinner on 9 November 2024 offered a delightful opportunity for medical professionals, speakers, and guests to relax and build camaraderie in a welcoming and engaging

atmosphere. The dinner truly embodied the spirit of collaboration that defines SiPPAC, making it a memorable highlight of the congress.

The 12th SiPPAC was a tremendous success, bringing together medical professionals and thought leaders for impactful discussions on paediatric care and ethical matters. We express our sincere thanks to our distinguished speakers and faculty for their invaluable contributions, as well as to our generous sponsors for their support. A special thank you goes to the members of the Organising Committee for their unwavering efforts in making this congress possible.



Pre-congress Paediatric Ethics Colloquium



College Dinner



Poster judging session



Industry sponsors engaging conference participants



Paediatric Point of Care Ultrasound Workshop



Attendees at SiPPAC 2024

The prizes awarded:

ORAL PRESENTATION

Gold	Development and Validation of a Smartphone-based Screening Tool for Neonatal Jaundice	Author: Dr Alvin Ngeow
Silver	Validity and Feasibility of Using the MCHAT-R/F for Autism Screening Among Well Children Within the Existing Primary Care System in Singapore	Author: Dr Aishworiya Ramkumar
Bronze	Cardiac Functional Assessment using Tissue Doppler Imaging in Extremely Low Birth Weight Infants with Persistent Patent Ductus Arteriosus	Author: Dr Dong Xiaobao

POSTER PRESENTATION

Gold	Molecular Basis of Sepsis-Induced Cardiomyopathy under Anthracycline Treatment: Insights from Paediatric Mouse Model	Author: Dr Chen Ching Kit
Silver	Parent- and Teacher-rated Impairments in Executive Function Predict Abnormal Total and Hyperactive Behaviours in Preschoolers by Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire	Author: Dr Rashmi Arun Mittal
Bronze	Utility of Umbilical Arterial Blood Gas Lactate Levels in Predicting Short-Term Neonatal Morbidity – A Retrospective Audit in a Tertiary Neonatal Unit	Author: Dr Gayatiri Raveen-theran

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Gold	T-Cell Hypo-Responsiveness in Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis Responsive to Rituximab is Associated with B-Cell Activation and the Production of Podocyte Damaging Factors	Author: Dr David Lu Liangjian
Silver	Alport Syndrome is an Under-diagnosed Condition Among Asian Children with Nephrotic Syndrome and Heavy Proteinuria: Results from “Deciphering Diversities – Renal Asian Genetics Network (DRAGoN)”	Author: Dr Koh Chee Teck
Bronze	Cardiovascular Outcomes in Adult Survivors of Childhood Cancer Study: A Prospective Cohort Study of the Singapore Childhood Cancer Survivor	Author: Dr Lee Sz-Ying

17th College of Paediatrics and Child Health Lecture

In conjunction with the 12th SiPPAC, the 17th College Lecture took place on 9 November 2024 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel in Singapore, during the College Dinner. Professor Quek Swee Chye, Head & Senior Consultant of the Division of Paediatric Cardiology at the Department of Paediatrics, Khoo Teck Puat-National University Children's Medical Institute, National University Hospital, delivered this year's lecture titled "Evolving Trends in the Practice of Paediatric Cardiology."

To honor his contributions, Dr Chua Mei Chien, College President, presented Professor Quek with a plaque and honorarium.



Continuing Medical Education and Mandatory Medical Education Activities

[LIVE WEBINAR] INVESTING IN OUR YOUTHS' MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING – HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?

Date	6 April 2024, Saturday
Chairperson	Dr Chua Mei Chien
Topics and Speakers	Deciphering the Developmental Origins of the Adolescent Brain – How it Affects the Teenage View of Life Dr Oh Jean Yin Senior Consultant, Adolescent Medicine Service, KK Women's and Children's Hospital

Non-Suicidal Self-Injury in our Youths – What a General Paediatrician & Community Physician need to know
Dr Ganesh Kudva
Consultant Psychiatrist, Dept of Psychological Medicine, NUH

Managing Youths & Their Mental Health and Well-Being – From a Psychologist's Lens/ The Role of the Psychologist
Ms Jamie Ong
Clinical Psychologists & Instructor, Dept of Psychology, NUS

Our Community Assets: Caring and Supporting our Youths in their Communities
Dr Lim Hong Huay
CEO, CaringSG

[LIVE WEBINAR] THE ETHICS OF GENETIC SCREENING – TRIUMPHS, PROBLEMS AND CONTROVERSIES

Date	3 August 2024, Saturday
Chairperson	Dr Joyce Lam Ching Mei / Dr Chin Hui-Lin

Topics and Speakers	Newborn Genomic Sequencing – Are we ready? Dr Ting Teck Wah Senior Consultant, Genetic Service, KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital Genetic Screening in Neurodevelopment Disorders Dr Saumya Jamuar Senior Consultant, Genetic Service, KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital Ethical Considerations in the Practice and Implementation of Genetic/Genomic Testing in Children Dr Chin Hui-Lin Consultant, Division of Genetics and Metabolism, National University Hospital Dr Aishworiya Ramkumar Senior Consultant, Division of Developmental & Behavioural Paediatrics National University Hospital
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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Chapter of Neonatologists organised/ supported the following activities in 2024:

Date	Activity
16 April 2024	12th Annual General Meeting



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Back row from left to right: Dr Lian Wee Bin, Dr Suresh Chandran, Dr Ong Eng Keow, Dr Low Kah Tzay, Dr Lee Le Ye and Dr Abdul Haium Abdul Alim

LOOKING AHEAD: OUR COMMITMENT

The College is committed to further and enhance continuing medical education for the paediatric fraternity in Singapore, by organising workshops, annual scientific meetings and courses that will benefit paediatricians at large. A particular focus of the College in the coming years will be provision of educational activities centered around ethical issues relevant to paediatric and neonatal practice, in light of the upcoming compulsory CME requirements on Medical Ethics.

APPRECIATION

The College records its note of appreciation to all Fellows for their unfailing support and efforts rendered in the past year for ongoing projects and activities. The College also places on record its appreciation of the Secretariat.