

COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE



DR POH YU-JIN
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS), has launched the Ethical Self-Assessment Exercise (ESAE) modules and assessments for the entire dental profession. This Singapore Dental Council (SDC)-led initiative took the CDSS two years to bring to fruition, from conceptualisation to implementation. This important project aims to uphold and improve the ethical and professional standards for all practitioners.

We have also launched the Antibiotics Guidelines for the Dental Profession, a highly relevant manual for daily dental practice and a must-have guide for every dentist.

The CDSS continues to organise and conduct the Exit Dental Specialist Examinations for would-be specialists, as well as to organise professional education programmes for our Fellows. We also assist in the managing complaints cases from both Ministry of Health (MOH) and the SDC.

We are establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MOH for the introduction of regular Clinical Practice Guidelines for the dental profession on a long-term basis

The CDSS continues to remain engaged and very relevant to the progress of the dental community.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore was set up on 6 August 2008 as a Company Limited by Guarantee (Registration No. 200815442W). It was registered under the Charities Act on 27 June 2014.

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 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.

OBJECTIVES

1. to advance the art and science of dentistry and its specialties
2. to promote study and research into dental and scientific problems
3. to sustain and foster postgraduate education
4. to conduct higher professional examinations and award diplomas

GOVERNING BOARD 2023-2024



Dr Poh Yu-Jin

President

*Date of Appointment
7 May 2014*

*Specialist in Endodontics
Mount Elizabeth Dental Surgery
Pte Ltd*



**Dr Mohanarajah S/O S
Senathirajah**

Vice President / President Elect

*Date of Appointment
31 May 2021*

*Dental Specialist in Orthodontics
Q&M Dental Group*



Dr Seow Yian San

Honorary Secretary
Chairperson, Chapter of
Orthodontists

*Date of Appointment
29 May 2024*

*Specialist in Orthodontics
Ko Djeng Dental Centre*



Dr Lai Ye Choung

Honorary Treasurer

*Date of Appointment
24 May 2018*

*Senior Consultant
National University Centre for
Oral Health Singapore*



Dr Bien Lai Wen Pui

Council Member
Date of Appointment
29 May 2023

Head & Senior Consultant
Paediatric Dentistry, Department of
Restorative Dentistry
National Dental Centre Singapore



Dr Chan Pei Yuan

Council Member
Date of Appointment
31 May 2021

Senior Consultant
Endodontic Unit, Department of
Restorative Dentistry, National
Dental Centre Singapore



Dr Wong Li Beng

Council Member
Date of Appointment
25 May 2017

Senior Consultant
Ng Teng Fong General Hospital



Dr Toh Siew Luan

Co-Opted Council Member
(Dr Toh has been co-opted into
CDSS to serve defined roles)
Date of Appointment
22 May 2013

Paediatric Dentist
Thomson Specialist Dentistry



Dr Lim Wen Yi

Chairperson, Chapter of
Endodontists
Date of Appointment
29 May 2024

Consultant, Endodontic Unit
Department of Restorative Dentistry
National Dental Centre Singapore



A/Prof Intekhab Islam

Chairman, Chapter of Oral &
Maxillofacial Surgeons
Date of Appointment
29 May 2024

Associate Professor & Senior
Consultant
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
National University Health System



Dr Teo Kuo Yih Terry

Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric
Dentists
Date of Appointment
31 May 2021

Specialist Paediatric
Dentist Child Smile



Dr Yang Jingrong

Chairperson, Chapter of
Periodontists
Date of Appointment
31 May 2021

Head
Geriatric Special Care Dentistry Clinic
Department of Restorative Dentistry,
National Dental Centre Singapore



Dr Tan Kian Meng

Chairman, Chapter of
Prosthodontists
Date of Appointment
29 May 2024

Dental Specialist in Prosthodontics
Specialist Dental Group,
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre



Dr Holy Koh

Chairman, Chapter of Public Health
Dentists
Date of Appointment
31 May 2021

Principal Dental Surgeon
National Healthcare Group
Polyclinics

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College held its 16th Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2024 at Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS), LKC Boardroom, 81 Kim Keat Road, NKF Centre Level 12, S(328836).

SPECIALTY CHAPTERS

In accordance with the Constitution of the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore, the board member of Specialty Chapters will serve a two-year term. The Committee Members of the seven Chapters of the College (2023 – 2024) are:

Chapter of Endodontists

Dr Lim Wen Yi	Chairperson
Dr Tay Li Chye	Vice Chairman
Dr Lui Jeen Nee	Committee Member
Dr Dephne Leong	Committee Member

Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

A/Prof Intekhab Islam	Chairman
Dr Ng Wee Hsuan	Vice Chairman
Dr Yong Chee Weng	Honorary Secretary
Dr Adrian Shi	Committee Member
Dr Lye Kok Weng	Committee Member

Chapter of Periodontists

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

Chapter of Orthodontists

Dr Seow Yian San	Chairperson
Dr Bryce Lee	Committee Member
Dr Ong Hoe Boon	Committee Member

Chapter of Paediatric Dentists

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

Chapter of Prosthodontists

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

Chapter of Public Health Dentists

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

In 2024, the Council met four (4) times on 1 February, 25 April, 1 August, and 28 November 2024.

Name	Designation for Council Term	No. of attendance
Elected Council Members		
Dr Poh Yu-Jin	President	4
Dr Mohanarajah S/O S Senathirajah	Vice President/President Elect	4
Dr Seow Yian San	Honorary Secretary/Chairperson, Chapter of Orthodontists	2
Dr Lai Ye Choung	Honorary Treasurer	4
Dr Bien Lai Wen Pui	Council Member	2
Dr Chan Pei Yuan	Council Member	2
Dr Wong Li Beng	Council Member	3
Dr Lim Wen Yi	Chairperson, Chapter of Endodontists	1
A/Prof Intekhab Islam	Chairman, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons	2
Dr Teo Kuo Yih Terry	Chairman, Chapter of Paediatric Dentists	3
Dr Yang Jingrong	Chairperson, Chapter of Periodontists	3
Dr Tan Kian Meng	Chairman, Chapter of Prosthodontists	1
Dr Holy Koh	Chairman, Chapter of Public Health Dentists	4
Dr Toh Siew Luan	Co-opted Member	3

MEMBERSHIP

The total number of members in the College stood at 296 as at 31 December 2023. There were 284 Local Fellows, 11 Overseas Fellows and one (1) Associate Member.

Chapter of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Date: 11 June 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Title: Maxillo-mandibular Reconstruction with Vascularized Bone Flap Using Computer Assisted Surgery

Speaker: A/Prof Zheng Lei

Synopsis: Microvascular free bone transfer using computer-aided surgery (CAS) has proved to be a very reliable solution for jaw reconstruction and yields superior functional outcomes. We concluded our clinical studies focusing on CAS integration with vascularized bone flaps such as the modified iliac flap and femur flap for maxillofacial reconstruction. We have developed a comprehensive workflow, and streamlined the utilization of in-house computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing processes, incorporating intraoral anastomosis microsurgery and super-microsurgery in maxillofacial reconstruction. Our studies have conclusively highlighted that the combined approach of CAS with vascularized bone flap techniques in maxillofacial reconstruction is not only feasible but also instrumental in simplifying complex procedures. This integration has substantially improved the predictability and reproducibility of surgical outcomes and expanded the surgical scope, consistently leading to favourable results.



Chapter of Periodontists

Date: 11 July 2024

Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Title: Navigating the Frontier: Recent Advances in Peri-Implantitis Management

Speaker: Dr Ethan Ng

Synopsis: Peri-implantitis is a

destructive inflammatory disease affecting the hard and soft tissues surrounding dental implants. It is the primary reason for dental implant failure reported in long-term studies, with an estimated prevalence of 1 in 5 dental implants. Recent developments in peri-implantitis have focused on predicting risks, treatment modalities, and preventive strategies to address the growing concern of implant failure due to peri-implant complications. (Although a range of associated factors involving both dental and systemic conditions have been reported, there is a lack of uniformity and agreement correlating these.) To successfully manage peri-implantitis, it is important to understand how these factors come together, including patient-specific characteristics and implant-related factors, which create different pathways to disease in different individuals. This presentation aims to discuss recently published information on the prevention and management of peri-implantitis, as well as the disease pathogenesis process.



Chapter of Public Health Dentists

Date: 29 Nov 2024

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Title: Re-imagining Partnerships in Oral Healthcare

Speaker: Dr Gabriel Chong

Synopsis: Rather than the dentist going the distance alone, he/she can partner other healthcare professionals to improve their patients' oral health. Go beyond allied dental professionals or the dental industry, and imagine the possibilities of partnering individuals who are not even dentally trained. The goal is to raise advocates for oral health outside of the dental profession, and to integrate dentistry into medical care.



APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its sincere appreciation to all Fellows for their support in the College's activities. We look forward to building a strong and cohesive dental fraternity together.

Enhancing Self-Governance And Self-Regulation

The Fine Edge of Dentistry 2024 Conference

The Fine Edge of Dentistry 2024 Conference, themed Bridging Science and Dental Care, took place from 12–14 September 2024 at the Cairns Convention Centre, Australia. Dr Chan Pei Yuan represented the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore (CDSS), presenting "Charting the Current Landscape of Vital Pulp Therapy: A Paradigm in Transition." The talk explored the shift from conventional methods to advanced approaches in vital pulp therapy. This prestigious event gathered global dental experts to promote advancements in research and professional development.

