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POSITION STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, SINGAPORE CHAPTER, ON ITS CONFERMENT OF THE FICS TITLE

The College of Surgeons, Singapore (CSS) is aware of the existence of the International College of Surgeons (ICS) and its Singapore Chapter. The Constitution of the ICS Singapore Chapter (<https://www.icssingapore.com/membership>), para 3(g) states that "All Fellows in Surgery are permitted to use the initials F.I.C.S. following their names".

In the interest of public safety, the CSS would like to state:

1. In the current day context, a "surgeon" is a medical practitioner who has obtained specialist qualification in various specialties within the field of surgery. This necessitates completion of a structured, formal residency training program of 6 – 8 years duration, and successful clearance of the relevant surgical board examination. This training and its subsequent board examination have to be conducted in a country recognised by the Singapore Medical Council.
2. The International College of Surgeons does not require its members to have completed a structured formal residency program prior to their acceptance. Not all practitioners who display the F.I.C.S. title are specialist surgeons or have met the requirements to be a specialist.
3. The F.I.C.S. title is not recognized by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). Practitioners who display such a title are in breach of its regulations.
4. The Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS), is the only local professional body given the right to confer the title of Fellow, Academy of Medicine, Singapore (FAMS) to specialists, by the Ministry of Education. The right to display the FAMS title has been affirmed by the SMC. As such, all surgeons who display the FAMS title have fulfilled the requirements of being a specialist.
5. The titles of FAMS and F.I.C.S. are not equivalent or comparable.

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