

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH & OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2020 has been truly extraordinary. We witnessed how the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded and spread rapidly worldwide. Our Fellows are at the frontlines across many sectors dealing with a wide range of COVID-19 issues, making important decisions and formulating policies to keep Singapore safe. I salute our Fellows and Preventive Medicine Residents who work tirelessly to contain the viral spread.

On 15 May 2020, we held the first tele-Annual General Meeting (AGM) for College of Public Health and Occupational Physicians during the height of a pandemic. I thank A/Prof Vernon Lee, our immediate Past President, for his visionary leadership and invaluable contributions during the past four years and increasing the standing of our College nationally.

With the world busy fighting the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the 15th Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine (PHOM) Conference had to be postponed. The College is exploring the possibility of a fully online edition in 2021. We continued to organize Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities using video-conferencing platform. We invited Fellows to present their work and share with the community.

Our College received a generous gift from the late Dr André Wansaicheong's estate to establish the André Wansaicheong Lectureship. This Lectureship seeks to advance the practice of public health and occupational medicine, while perpetuating the memory of a distinguished Public Health Physician and Academician who dedicated much of his professional life in the service of public health. The Academy of Medicine Council and the College invited additional donations. With the dollar-for-dollar Government matching by the Bicentennial Community Fund (BCF) until 31 December 2020, a total of \$76,310 was added to the initial donation.

As we progress into 2021, the Council wishes to record its appreciation and thank all College Fellows and Ordinary Members for their continued support. Stay physically and mentally strong as we ride through this pandemic.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Public Health and Occupational Physicians was inaugurated on 1 February 2013, from the Chapter of Public Health and Occupational Physicians founded in 1980.

As part of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, the College is a professional institution of Public Health, Occupational Medicine and Aviation Medicine specialists to advance the art and science of Preventive Medicine in Singapore through postgraduate specialist training, maintenance of high standards and ethical integrity through continuous professional development. The College provides professional leadership and makes recommendations to the Academy on respective Specialist qualification and

training. The College engages challenges related to the health and well-being of the population, and its Fellows serve on many national academic, training and intervention programmes.

The vision of the College is to be an Entrusted Profession for a Healthy Population. The mission of the College is to promote and protect the health and well-being of everyone in society by:

- Equipping the practitioner
- Enriching our community
- Exemplifying excellence
- Engaging public health challenges



DR MATTHIAS TOH

THE 2020 – 2021 COUNCIL



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 7th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College of Public Health & Occupational Physicians was held on 15 May 2020 via electronic means. It was attended by some 22 Fellows who came to support and witness the 7th Council of the College take office virtually.



Screen capture of the attendees at the 7th College AGM.

MEMBERSHIP

College membership stood at 151 as at 31 December 2020. There were 126 Local Fellows, 11 Overseas Fellows, 13 Ordinary Members and one Associate Member.

The following were admitted as Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (FAMS) and welcomed into the College:

- Dr Chng Jeremiah
- Dr Lam Meng Chon
- Dr Lim Dwee Wee
- Dr Tan Aidan Lyanzhiang

The following were admitted as Ordinary Members of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (CPHOP):

- Dr Chan Tyson Kin-Chung
- Dr Li Zongbin
- Dr Tan Mei Ling
- Dr Yong Ee Fang Sarah

MAKING AN IMPACT: OUR WORK IN 2020



STRENGTHENING ADVOCACY TO SHAPE AND INFLUENCE HEALTHCARE POLICIES

Professional Opinion Requests

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

DATE	TOPIC	ORGANISATION
23 March	Use of Hyperbaric Chamber in a Special Needs kindergarten to treat cerebral palsy and autism spectrum disorder	MOH
28 December	Invitation to review and endorse the ACE Clinical Guidance on Chest X-ray	ACE



ADVANCING PROFESSIONALISM AND UPHOLDING COMPETENCY STANDARDS

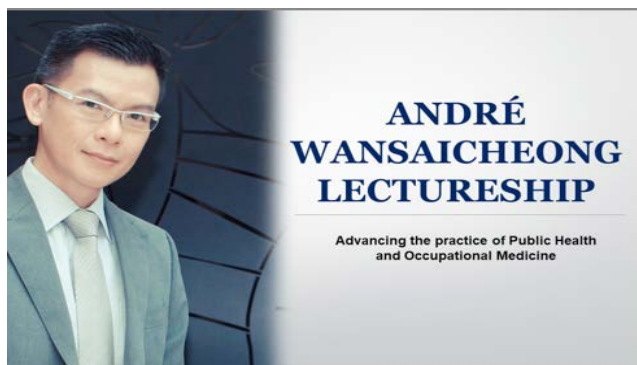
André Wansaicheong Lectureship

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The André Wansaicheong Lectureship seeks to advance the practice of public health and occupational medicine, while perpetuating the memory of a distinguished Public Health Physician and Academician who dedicated much of his professional life in the service of public health.

The Lectureship will be delivered during the flagship Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine (PHOM) Conference of the Academy of Medicine Singapore's College of Public Health & Occupational Physicians (CPHOP) that is held annually, and will cover topics relevant to the advancement of public health or occupational medicine for Singapore and the region.

In view of the dollar-for-dollar Government matching by the Bicentennial Community Fund (BCF) until 31 December 2020, the Councils of the Academy and the College took the opportunity to organize a donation drive in support of the André Wansaicheong Lectureship and further its cause.



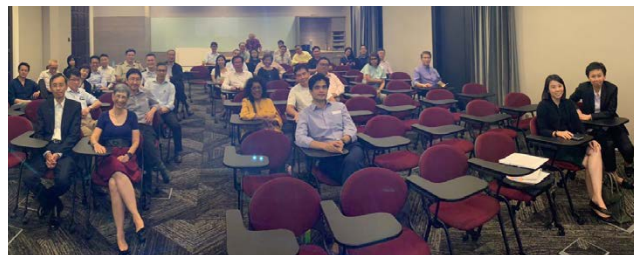
The André Wansaicheong Lectureship

CME Session: 'Informed Consent and the Potential Impact on the MOH Workgroup's Recommendations on this – A Perspective'

The College organised a CME talk on 15 January 2020 where Mr Lek Siang Pheng, Deputy Managing partner, Dentons Rodyk, gave a talk on the topic 'Informed Consent and the Potential Impact on the MOH Workgroup's Recommendations on this—A Perspective'. The talk was held at the Ministry of Health, Singapore.



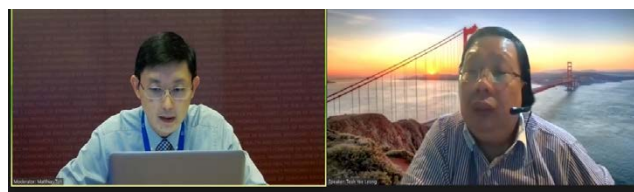
Mr Lek Siang Pheng (standing) speaking on the potential impact of MOH Workgroup's recommendations on informed consent.



Participants of the CME Talk on informed consent held on 15 January 2020.

CME Session: 'COVID-19 Epidemiological Investigation'

The College organised a CME talk on 'COVID-19 Epidemiological Investigation' on 26 June 2020 via electronic means. We were honoured to invite A/Prof Teoh Yee Leong, Chief Scientific Advisor of CRIS, as the speaker.



Screen capture of Dr Matthias Toh, College President (left) with invited speaker, A/Prof Teoh Yee Leong, Chief Scientific Advisor, CRIS (right) during the CME session on 26 June 2020.

CME Session: 'Ops Assurance: Managing COVID-19 in Migrant Workers in Singapore'

The second CME talk on 'Ops Assurance: Managing COVID-19 in Migrant Workers in Singapore' was held on 25 August 2020 via electronic means. We were honoured to invite distinguished panelists, Dr Lionel Cheng, Dr Mohan Tiru, Dr Wu Hong King, A/Prof Jeremy Lim and A/Prof Hsu Li Yang to share their insights.



Screen capture of the distinguished panelists during the CME Talk on 'Ops Assurance: Managing COVID-19 in Migrant Workers in Singapore'.

CME Session: 'Re-telecast of 2nd Changi Aviation Medicine Symposium - Facing the Impact of COVID-19 as an Aviator'

CGH's Changi Aviation Medicine Centre (CAMC) and the Civil Aviation Medical Board of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore co-organised the 2nd Changi Aviation Medicine (CAM) Symposium on 30 September 2020. The Symposium provided perspectives on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on commercial pilots, and sought to support pilots with practical tips to safeguard their health and wellbeing.

At the request of the College Council, CAMC has agreed to re-telecast the recording of the 2nd CAM Symposium to allow our Fellows to glean a better understand of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on this unique occupational group. The re-telecast was held on 28 October 2020 virtually.

CME Session: 'Dengue in Singapore 2020'

The College organised a CME talk on 'Dengue in Singapore 2020' on 1 December 2020 via electronic means. We were honoured to invite Dr Leong Hoe Nam and Dr Ooi Eng Eong as speakers.



Screen capture of the moderator and speakers during the CME session on 'Dengue in Singapore 2020'.

Top row: Dr Ooi Eng Eong, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, NUS (left), Dr Dennis Chia, Honorary Treasurer (right).

Bottom row: Dr Leong Hoe Nam, infectious disease specialist, Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital, Singapore.

College of Public Health & Occupational Physicians Travel Assistance Fund

This travel assistance fund sponsors Fellows to attend overseas meetings and conferences. Through participation, the College aims to: (a) develop ties and collaboration with public health colleges in other countries; and (b) promote the College annual Public Health and Occupational Medicine conference. Funding may include registration fee for the meeting, return economy class airfare and accommodation. In view of travel restrictions globally as a result of the pandemic, there was no application submitted in 2020.

College of Public Health & Occupational Physicians Newsletter

The College published Issue 16 and 17 of the newsletters in January and June 2020 respectively. The newsletter provides Fellows with updates of the College activities and useful specialty-specific information. It also reaches out to the College visitors.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Bulletins

The College published the CPD Bulletin for Occupational Medicine and Aviation Medicine issue in June and November 2020 respectively.

APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its thanks to all Fellows and friends who have supported the various activities throughout the year. The College also places on record its appreciation of the Secretariat.