

# COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE

## 2008–2009 Interim Council

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Formation of College

The College of Dental Surgeons was officially incorporated on 6 August 2008 and held its Inaugural General Meeting on 2 December 2008.

At the time of incorporation, 6 Chapters were under the College:

Chapter of Endodontists  
Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons  
Chapter of Orthodontists  
Chapter of Paediatric Dentists

### Study Club

In collaboration with the Singapore Dental Association, a Study Club was set up in July 2008. The Study Club held monthly interactive sessions where selected journal papers or topics were presented for discussion. The interactive nature of the sessions was well-received and participants benefited immensely from the sessions. Journal clubs and lectures held from July to December 2008:

#### 8 July 2008

Evidence-Based Orthodontics: Aligners  
Dr Andrew Aw

#### 5 August 2008

The Multifacet Aspects of Third Molar Surgery  
Dr Myra Elliott

#### 9 September 2008

Evidence Based Immediate Loading of Dental Implants  
Dr Ansgar Cheng

#### 7 October 2008

Overview of the American Academy of Periodontology Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Periodontal Diseases  
Dr Marianne Ong

#### 11 November 2008

Tooth Preparations for Complete Coverage Crown Restorations – A Revisit  
Dr Elvin Leong

#### 9 December 2008

Evidence-Based Dentistry: Pulp Therapies in Primary Teeth  
Dr Rashid Tahir

### Dental Specialist Register

The Dental Specialist Register was enacted on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. With the Register, dentists who have been awarded the Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore are now eligible for direct entry into the specialists register.

The Dental Specialist Accreditation Board (DSAB) had sought the inputs of the College on specialist training in Singapore. A proposal on "Maintaining Standards in Specialist Dentistry in Singapore" was submitted to the DSAB for its consideration.

### Clinical Practice Guidelines

The efforts by past Chapter Committees and the present College was rewarded when the Ministry of Health agreed to sponsor a Clinical Practice Guideline on "Management of Edentulism" which would comprehensively cover the evidence-based aspects of clinical management chaired by Dr Chan Siew Luen.

### Geriatric and Special Needs Dentistry Workgroup

The College has successfully lobbied for the setting up of a Geriatric and Special Needs Workgroup, chaired by Dr Andrew Aw, to provide a planning backbone on which to base their thrust in this area.

More information on the College and 2008 financial statements are available at  
[http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapter/home.aspx?sec\\_id=5](http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapter/home.aspx?sec_id=5)