

CHAPTER OF PSYCHIATRISTS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

2009—2010 office-bearers

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HIGHLIGHTS

Education and Training

The Chapter contributed actively to Continuing Medical Education programmes and lectures :

Quarterly Professional Lectures

29 July 2009

1st Professional Lecture: "Sequenced Treatment Alternatives to Relieve Depression (Star*D)".

Prof Augustus John Rush, Vice-Dean for Clinical Sciences, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School Singapore

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28 August 2009

2nd Professional Lecture: "The Psychiatrist as an Expert Witness & Some of the Pitfalls".

Prof Gail Erlick Robinson, Senior Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry; Director, Women's Mental Health Clinic, University Health Network & Professor of Psychiatry & Obstetric/Gynecology, Toronto General Hospital, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Chairperson: Dr Wong Chee Meng John

Events

Symposium on the 'Mental Capacity Act 2008—What it Means to You', 30 October 2009.

The Chapter & the Department of Psychological Medicine, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore were co-organisers of the above event. The venue was at the Theatre, Level 1, Main Building, TTSH. Interesting topics were covered by a Lawyer, Psychiatrist and Assistant Director from the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG)/Ministry of Community Development, Youth & Sports (MCYS).

Training for Community & Family Court Judges on Mental Health Issues.

The Chapter held 6 lunch-time lectures for the above programme at the Judicial Officer Conference Room, Level 9 of the Subordinate Courts, in joint collaboration with the Counselling & Psychological Services of the Family and Juvenile Justice Centre.

CLINICAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Chapter submitted a list of clinical interests (Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Addiction Psychiatry, Psychotherapy & Liaison Psychiatry) to the Academy to upload to its E-Specialists' Directory.

Providing feedback and recommendations

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback and recommendations to the Ministry of Health (MOH), Singapore:

- Levels of Medical Capability (LMC) for Psychiatry Services
- Opinion of Clinical Services for General Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry of the Health Services Development Programme
- Clinical Hypnosis being practised by lay persons within the Psychiatry fraternity

Adoption of American Medical Association (AMA) Guidelines

The Chapter adopted the AMA Guidelines for Medical Assessment of Permanent Incapacity Arising from Work-Related Psychological Injuries which was requested by the Ministry of Manpower, Singapore.

COLLABORATIONS

National Program For Mental Health: Teaching Collaboration Between Cambodia & Singapore

The Chapter and the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) would continue to support the above program for another 2 years from 2009 to 2011. The teaching sessions benefitted the Cambodian community. 7 out of 9 3rd year Residents passed the exams and 5 were offered positions in public hospitals.