

ANNUAL REPORT 2008



ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

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Academy of Medicine, Singapore Annual Report 2008

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Master's Message

In 2008, the Academy continued to play an important role in providing post-graduate training and continuing professional development for the medical specialists in Singapore. During the year, the Academy successfully developed 14 Staff Registrar Scheme for the temporary registered doctors in the public institutions. Out of the 14 approved programmes, ten courses were launched with a total enrolment of 45 candidates at year end.

As an independent professional body of specialists, the Academy also played a leadership role in maintaining the highest standards of competency and ethical integrity of the medical profession and promoting the highest standard of healthcare delivery to patients. The Academy continued to provide professional information and advice to the Ministry of Health on various topics ranging from Control of Mercury Clinical Thermometers in Singapore to determination of Minimum Standards for Provision of Pediatric ENT Services. Additionally, the Academy also worked jointly with the College of Family Physicians, Singapore and the Singapore Medical Council to develop the Guidelines on aesthetic practice which was adopted by SMC in October.

In 2008, the number of Fellows admitted increased 28% over 2007. As at 31 December 2008, the total number of active Fellows was 2329. During the year, Fellows participated actively in the CME activities conducted by the specialties colleges and chapters.

2008 also marks a new milestone for the Academy when we moved into our fifth home at the NKF Centre. Occupying the 11th and 12th floor of the centre, it will be the Academy's home for the next 18 years. The new premises, twice the size of our previous home at 142 Neil Road, provides for more conducive working environment not only for both the staff of AMS and JCST, more importantly, it has several meeting rooms where exams, seminars and meetings can be held. Members can look forward to more activities held at the Academy's new premises.

New initiatives

In our continuous efforts to improve and enhance our membership benefits, the Academy has embarked on a few initiatives during the year to be implemented in the first quarter of 2009.

AMS membership card

The card is one of our efforts to go paperless and enhance the benefits of our Fellows. With the card, members no longer need to sign on the forms for CME points at ALL AMS events and conferences. The information will be contained in the card and members only need to produce the card for scanning.

New AMS website

The current AMS website is undergoing a revamp. Members can look forward to a more contemporary look and friendly website with an on-line forum to allow members to share their views on topical matters.

New membership management system

To allow AMS to be more dynamic and reacts to business model changes and challenges more quickly and better serve our members, a new membership management system will be implemented in 2009. The new membership management system is more cost-effective, increase work efficiency with quick access to accurate reports and improves the overall efficiency of AMS membership management.

1st AMM-AMS-HKAM Tripartite Congress in 2010

The Academy of Medicine, Singapore and Academy of Medicine, Malaysia, and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine have decided to consolidate and strengthen links among the three organizations. To kick-start the collaboration, the three academies will sign a Memorandum of Understanding which will provide the platform in promoting greater collaboration and exchanges in post-graduate training and continuing professional development in the region. The first tripartite congress will be held in 2010 in Hong Kong.

Internal Medicine In-Training Examination 2009

All Internal Medicine BST trainees are required to undergo the in-training examination by the American College of Physicians (ACP) annually from 2009. The Academy is pleased to be appointed by the Ministry of Health to provide administrative services to run the In-training examination for Internal-medicine scheduled in October 2009.

More information on the activities of the Academy and its Colleges during the year is outlined in the pages that follow. Finally, I would like to thank all Fellows, Council members, standing committees and the AMS administrative team for the commitment, contributions and encouragement.

Prof Fock Kwong Ming

Master
Academy of Medicine, Singapore

COUNCIL (2008–2009)

Patron: Mr S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore

Elected Council Members

Dr Fock Kwong Ming
Master

Dr Lim Shih Hui
Assistant Master

Dr Anthony Heng
Bursar

Dr Lee Kok Onn
Censor-in-Chief

Dr Chan Yew Weng
Censor

Dr George Yeo Seow Heong
Censor

Dr Sarveselan RE Sayampanathan
Censor

Dr Ho Lai Yun
Immediate Past Master

Dr Tan Kok Chai
Scribe

Dr Ng Boon Keng
Assistant Bursar

Dr Chan Heng Thye
Censor

Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping
Censor

Dr Ikshuvanam Swaminathan
Censor

Appointed Council Members

Dr Venkataraman Anantharaman
Chair, Chapter of Emergency Physicians

Dr Yap Hwa Ling
Chair, Chapter of Psychiatrists

Dr George Lim
President, College of Anaesthesiologists

Dr Ng Keng Yeen
President, College of Physicians

Dr Vijay K Sethi
President, College of Radiologists

Dr Chang Tou Choong
President, College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Dr Cuthbert Teo Eng Swee
Chair, Chapter of Pathologists

Dr Derrick Heng Mok Kwee
Chair, Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians

Dr Andrew Aw
President, College of Dental Surgeons

Dr Lee Bee Wah
President, College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Dr Chan Heng Thye
President, College of Surgeons

Ex-Officio

Dr Vernon Oh Min Sen, Editor of Annals, AMS



Standing (from left): Dr Cuthbert Teo Eng Swee, Dr Venkataraman Anantharaman, Dr Ng Keng Yeen, Dr Ikshuvanam Swaminathan, Dr Vijay Sethi, Dr Andrew Aw, Dr Derrick Heng Mok Kwee, Dr George Lim
Seated (from left): Dr Anthony Heng, Dr Ho Lai Yun, Dr Fock Kwong Ming, Dr Lim Shih Hui, Dr Yap Hwa Ling, Dr Ng Boon Keng
Not in photo: Dr Tan Kok Chai, Dr Lee Kok Onn, Dr Chan Heng Thye, Dr Chan Yew Weng, Dr Edward Pang Chee Ping, Dr George Yeo Seow Heong, Dr Sarveselan RE Sayampanathan, Dr Chang Tou Choong, Dr Lee Bee Wah, Dr Vernon Oh Min Sen

Standing Committees of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore

The Council is supported by 12 standing committees established under the AMS by-laws.

<p>Standing Committees on Membership The Standing Committee on Membership is responsible for setting policies and procedures governing membership matters; election of new fellows and appeal process; subscriptions by fellows; disciplinary action and termination of membership; growing of membership relations; obtains and reviews nominations/recommendation/endorsement of distinguished academician, visiting academician and visiting lecturer and makes recommendations to the Council.</p>	<p>Chairman Members</p> <p>Dr Lee Kok Onn Dr Chan Kin Ming Dr Huang Shouo Chyuan Dr Lai Fook Onn Dr Sim Kang Dr Tan Ai Ling Dr Vijay K Sethi</p> <p>Ex-Officio Dr Chan Heng Thye Dr Yeo Seow Heong, George</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Professional Affairs The Standing Committee on Professional Affairs sets the policies and procedures for professional affair matters; provide advice on clinical practice guidelines, medical professional bodies on new technologies and the development of specialties and subspecialties; provides recommendations to MOH on the associated policies and procedures governing the adoption of new technologies and the practice of new specialties and subspecialties; generate and disseminate information and knowledge to the public on matters related to health; independent medical expert reports; verification of foreign visiting experts.</p>	<p>Chairman Members</p> <p>Dr Ho Lai Yun Dr Boey Wah Keong Dr Christopher Cheng Dr Cuthbert Teo Eng Swee Dr Ng Li-Ling Dr Peter George Manning Dr Thomas Chee Swee Guan Dr Wong Kok Seng</p> <p>Ex-Officio Dr Ikshuvanam Swaminathan Dr Selan Sayampanathan</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Specialist Training and Examination The Standing Committee on Specialist Training and Examination nominates the representatives of AMS to JCST, subject to approval by Council; influences the policies and procedures for postgraduate specialist training and examination matters as well as oversees the postgraduate medical education and postgraduate examination board.</p>	<p>Chairmen Members</p> <p>Dr Lee Kok Onn Dr Tan Kok Chai Dr Chan Yew Weng Dr Cheah Wei Keat Dr Fong Kok Yong Dr Ikshuvanam Swaminathan Dr Lucien London Ooi Dr Ng Keng Yeen Dr Suresh s/o Anandan Sahadevan Dr Teo Eng Kiong Dr Wong Wai Keong</p> <p>Ex-Officio Dr Fock Kwong Ming</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Joint Committee on Specialists Training (JCST) The Academy participates actively with the Division of Graduate Medical Studies, National University of Singapore in training programmes for specialist trainees in all specialties. The Committee is co-chaired by the Director of the Division of Graduate Medical Studies and Master of the Academy.</p>	<p>Co-Chairman: Dr Fock Kwong Ming</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Continuing Professional Development The Standing Committee on Continuing Professional Development reviews policies and procedures for continuing medical education and training matters; programmes for continuing medical education, continuing professional development; accreditation of specialists for CME requirements; assessment and audit of CME providers/events.</p>	<p>Chairman Members</p> <p>Dr Lim Shih Hui Dr Chong Jinlong Dr Cuthbert Teo Eng Swee Dr Goh Siang Hiong Dr Heng Wee Jin Dr Ikshuvanam Swaminathan Dr Roland Chong Dr Quek Swee Tian Dr Ho Lai Yun</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Professional Conference Organisation The Standing Committee on Professional Conference Organisation sets the policies, procedures and business direction in professional congress organization; revamps the organization of the biennial congresses of AMS; provides services for annual scientific meetings and regional/international medical congresses; provides services for public seminars and forums; oversees applications for travel assistance as well as ensures financial profitability of the division.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Dr Chan Yew Weng</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Constitutional Review The Standing Committee on Constitutional Review is responsible for proposing revision and updating of the Memorandum and Articles of Association; proposing revision and updating of the By-Laws; building the relationship between AMS and Colleges and oversees the governance of AMS.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Dr Tan Kok Chai</p>

Standing Committees of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore

<p>Standing Committee on Audit The Standing Committee on Audit is responsible for establishing compliance levels to the Charities (IPCs) Regulations 2007; recommending improvements where there is non-compliance to strengthen corporate governance; covering areas concerned with use of donations, issuance of tax deduction receipts, duty to donors, maintenance of donation and accounting records, fund raising appeals and expenses as listed in the Charities (IPCs) Regulations 2007 as well as covering selective areas concerned with management practices as listed in the By-Laws of AMS.</p>	<p>Chairman Dr Chew Chin Hin Members Dr Ling Sing Lin Dr Chee Yam Cheng</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Finance and Establishment Review The Standing Committee on Finance and Establishment Review sets policies and procedures governing use of resources supporting AMS operational needs and long-term development; ensures proper books of accounts are kept and reported; ensures internal and external audits are in place; oversees the annual statement of accounts, annual capital and operational budgets, Building and Endowment Funds. The Committee also oversees the building maintenance as well as fund raising.</p>	<p>Chairman Dr Anthony Heng Members Dr Fock Kwong Ming Dr Lim Shih Hui Dr Ng Boon Keng Dr Tan Kok Chai</p>
<p>Search Committee The Search Committee for Master-Elect is responsible for identifying suitable candidates from incumbent elected councillors; requesting for and reviewing their plans for the AMS and makes nominations to the Council. The Search Committee for Councillors is responsible for identifying possible candidates from incumbent councillors serving College Councils, Chapter Committees or AMS Standing Committees; reviewing their suitability and obtaining their agreement to become councillors of AMS and making nominations to the Council.</p>	<p>Chairman Dr Fock Kwong Ming Members Dr Ho Lai Yun Dr Tan Kok Chai Dr Venkataraman Anantharaman Dr Yap Hwa Ling Dr Wong Kok Seng Dr T C Chang</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Postgraduate Education The Standing Committee on Postgraduate Education is responsible for non-specialist diploma courses; staff registrar diploma courses as well as the register of staff registrars.</p>	<p>Chairman Dr Fock Kwong Ming</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Publication The Standing Committee on Publication is responsible for setting the policies and procedures for publication matters; Publication of the Annals, AMS News and any other publications of the AMS and ensuring financial profitability of the division.</p>	<p>Chairman: Dr Vernon M S Oh (Editor) Deputy Editor: Dr Yap Hui Kim Treasurer & Dr Ng Beng Yeong Assoc Editor Assoc Editors: Dr Erle Lim Chuen Hian Dr Loke Kah Yin Dr Tan Eng King Members: Dr Cheah Jin Seng Dr Terrance SJ Chua Dr VS Rajadurai Dr Saw Seang Mei Dr A Vathsala Dr KK Madhavan* Dr Sitoh Yih Yian* Dr Kenneth Kwek* Dr Dan Yock Young* Dr Stefan Ma Sze Lok * Dr Felix X Sundram (Immediate Past Editor) Ex-officio: Dr Fock Kwong Ming Dr Anthony Heng</p> <p>*wef September 2008</p>
<p>Standing Committee on Corporate and International Relations The Standing Committee on Corporate and International Relations is responsible for setting the policies and procedures for raising the profile of AMS locally and internationally, enhancing the corporate image of AMS within the medical community and the social sphere in which AMS makes its contributions; building relationships between AMS and other medical bodies locally and internationally; as well as building and improving a virtual network for the exchange of information, knowledge and expertise in common areas of interest.</p>	<p>Chairman Dr Fock Kwong Ming</p>

YEAR IN REVIEW

March 2008	Board members and staff of the AMS attended a customized course on Board Roles & Dynamics organized by the SSTI. Topics such as: 'What is Non-Profit Governance?', 'Ten Roles of the Non-Profit Board', 'Individual Board Member Responsibilities' and 'Board-Staff Partnership' among others were covered.
May 2008	AMS's renewal of Institution of a Public Character Status (IPC) was approved and renewed for a period of one year ending 16 May 2009.
May 2008	<p>30th Annual General Meeting AMS held its 30th Annual General Meeting on 24 May 2008 at the Health Promotion Board. Resolutions passed at the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appointment of Dr Fock Kwong Ming as Master for 2008—2010 • The approval to form non-independent colleges • The formation of the College of Ophthalmologists subsisting under and subjected to the regulations of the Articles of Association of the Academy • The extension of the allocation of the 25% of members' subscription to respective colleges for a period of one year • The appointment of a Search Committee to negotiate a lease for re-location of the Academy for the maximum sum of \$3million. <p>A vote of thanks was extended to Past Master, Prof Ho Lai Yun and Dr Gilbert Chiang, Master Elect for their dedication and contributions to the AMS in the last two years.</p>
July 2008	<p>Extraordinary General meeting The EOGM held on 19 July 2008 approved the recommendation by the Search Committee to relocate the AMS from 142 Neil Road to the NKF centre for a period of 18 years at \$3 million.</p>
July 2008	<p>Media Conference on Guidelines on Aesthetic Practice The Academy hosted a media conference on "Guidelines on Aesthetic Practices by Doctors" on 24 July 2008 jointly chaired by Professor Ho Lai Yun, Immediate Past Master of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, President of the College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS). The guidelines, which were developed by AMS and CFPS, aimed to enhance the safety of patients who seek aesthetic procedures offered by doctors, especially when the procedures involved carry higher risks or have little supporting evidence of efficacy or safety.</p> <p>The guidelines were officially adopted by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) and uploaded onto their website on 31 October 2008.</p>
July—August 2008	<p>42nd Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine The 42nd Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine was held from 31st July to 3rd August 2008, with the theme 'Personalising Medicine – The A La Carte Approach'.</p> <p>The event was graced by DYT Raja Muda Perak Darul Ridzuan Raja Nazrin Shah who also delivered the 17th Tun Dr Ismail Oration. Dr Fock Kwong Ming, Dr Chan Heng Thye, Dr Chang Tou Choong, Dr Ng Keng Yeen and Dr Vijay Kumar Sethi were conferred Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine Malaysia at the ceremony.</p> <p>Since 1963, the Malaysia-Singapore/Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine has been established as the most important annual event for the Academies of the two countries.</p>
August 2008	<p>College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore The College was incorporated on 6 August 2008 with six chapters: Chapter of Endodontists, Chapter of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, Chapter of Orthodontists, Chapter of Paediatric Dentists, Chapter of Periodontists, Chapter of Prosthodontists. Dr Andrew Aw was appointed the interim President until the first elected President takes office at the 1st AGM of the College.</p>
October 2008	<p>AMS Moved to NKF Centre The Academy moved into its fifth home on 11 October 2008 after spending the last seven years at 142 Neil Road since 2001. The new office premise is nearly twice the size of 142 Neil Road and is home to the secretariats of the Colleges/Chapters, corporate services and the Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST). The increase in space facilitates the growth of Academy and JCST capabilities to address the growing challenges and needs of its members and maximizing resources and funds wisely.</p>
November 2008	<p>Induction Comitia 2008 The 2008 Induction Comitia was held on 11 November 2008 at the NKF Auditorium. A total of 57 new Fellows were inducted at the ceremony. The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Manpower & Health).</p> <p>At the event, a Past Master Medallion was presented to Professor Ho Lai Yun who served as Master of the Academy from 2006-2008. In addition, a Council Medal was also awarded to Professor Gilbert Chiang in recognition of his contribution as a Council Member of the Academy.</p> <p>The event highlight included a Distinguished Academician Lecture 2008 delivered by Professor Stephen Robson.</p>
December 2008	<p>Minister of Health visits AMS Minister of Health, Dr Khaw Boon Wan made an unofficial visit to the Academy's new premises on 11 December. The Minister was welcomed by Master, Assistant Master, Past Master and General Manager with a quick tour followed with a presentation of the Academy by Master.</p>

SPONSORSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Awards

Between 1978 to 1991, the Academy made donations to the National University of Singapore (NUS) to establish named medals. The medals are awarded on an annual basis to outstanding medical students of the University. The 2008 recipients were:

- **Academy of Medicine Medal** (*Established in 1989 with a sum of 10,000*)

\$100 book prize Tey Hwee Shinn Valerie
Faculty of Dentistry
Best student in Pathology
Second B.D.S. examination

Silver Medal Thng Zheng Xian
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
Best student in examination

Bronze Medal Wee Liang Yi Justin
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
Second best student in examination

- **G A Ransome Gold Medal**

Established in 1978 in memory of the late Emeritus Professor Sir Gordon Arthur Ransome. The medal is awarded from the proceeds of a capital sum of \$6,000 to outstanding candidates of Master of Medicine (Internal Medicine) degree.

Gold Medal Soh Lip Min
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
Best student in examination

- **Seah Cheng Siang Medal**

Established in 1991 in memory of the late Clinical Professor Seah Cheng Siang. The gold medal is awarded from the proceeds of a capital sum of \$15,000 to the most outstanding candidate who has the highest marks in the clinical section of the Examination leading to the degree of Master of Medicine (Internal Medicine).

Gold medal Koh Su-Mei, Angela
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
Top scorer in Clinical section of examination

Travel assistance

Travel grant assistance was provided to Dr Foo Chee Lam, Senior Consultant, Department of Plastic Surgery, Singapore General Hospital for his participation at the 7th Asian Pacific Craniofacial Association Conference & 6th Congress of the International Society for Simulation Surgery held in Taiwan from 5th to 8th October 2008.

Nominal sponsorship

During the year, AMS granted nominal sponsorships to the following events:

- Singapore LIVE 2008 – 17th Annual Live Interventions in Vascular Endotherapy, 7 – 9 March 2008 organised by the National Heart Centre.
- Singapore Disease Management Conference 2008, May 8 – 10, 2008 organised by National Healthcare Group
- 3rd Cardiology Update@Singapore 2008, 27-28 September 2008 organised by National Heart Centre (Endorsement)
- 1st Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session (APHR2008) in conjunction with 4th Asia-Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium (APAFS2008), 27 – 29 November 2008

2008 Distinguished Academician

The 2008 Distinguished Academician award was conferred to Professor Stephen C Robson who delivered the special lecture entitled: "Recent Advances in Fetal Medicine" in conjunction with the Induction Comitia held on 11 November 2008. Professor Robson was also the guest speaker at the College of O&G Scientific Congress 2008 and at the 4th ISUOG Outreach Course held in Singapore from 10 – 14 November 2008. In addition, he was also the Orator of the 5th College of O&G Annual Lectureship.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

AMS continues to contribute to post-graduate medical education by offering various training programmes during the year.

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

The Academy and its Colleges developed 14 SRS Programmes during the year. The programmes, approved by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC), were opened to foreign doctors whose specialist degrees and medical qualifications were not recognised by the Specialists Accreditation Board (SAB) and the SMC respectively. It also served as an avenue for the public/restructured healthcare institutions to retain temporarily registered (service) doctors. The SRS programmes were also opened to local doctors who did not wish to practice as general practitioners or specialists and preferred to work in the public/restructured healthcare institutions.

Out of the 14 approved programmes, nine SRS programmes were launched with a total enrolment of 45 candidates at year end.

S/No.	Diplomas Approved by SMC	Duration	No. of Trainees	Commencement Date
1	Diploma in Emergency Medicine	2 years	15	Apr-07 (1st intake) May -08 (2nd Intake)
2	Diploma in Paediatrics & Child Health	2 years	6	Apr-07 (1st intake) May -08 (2nd Intake)
3	Diploma in Infectious Diseases	2 years	2	Jun-07
4	Diploma in Nuclear Medicine	2 years	1	Sep-07
5	Diploma in Neurosurgery	3 years	2	Mar-08
6	Diploma in Geriatric Medicine in Hospital and Intermediate and Long Term Care (ILTC)	2 years	15	May-08
7	Diploma in Orthopaedic Surgery	3 years	2	Aug-08
8	Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery	3 years	1	Oct-08
9	Diploma in Cardiology	2 years	1	Dec-08
10	Diploma in Neurology	2 years	No trainees or intake	
11	Diploma in Palliative Medicine	2 years		
12	Diploma in Obstetrics & Gynaecology	4 years		
13	Diploma in Hand Surgery	3 years		
14	Diploma in Internal Medicine (with focus on Hospital Medicine)	2 years		

Recommendation of Core Specialty for CME Activities

Under the purview of Prof Ho Lai Yun, the Academy reviewed and made recommendations to the Singapore Medical Council for Core and Non-Core CME points for specialists CME activities. The number of self claims recommended by AMS in 2008 were up 114% over 2007.

Singapore Medical Council			Self claims submitted by Fellows		
Categories	No of applications		Categories	No. of applications	
	2007	2008		2007	2008
1A	770	803	1C	880	1678
1B	1680	1646	2	300	530
			3A	400	696
			3B	250	1008
Total	2450	2449	Total	1830	3912

AMS Distance-Learning Programme (DLP)

The AMS Distance Learning Programme (DLP) recognized and accredited by the Singapore Medical Council, is exclusive to Fellows of the Academy. It provides an alternative approach to assist Fellows in meeting the Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements in their own time and pace. A total of six modules were uploaded in 2008 bringing the total number of modules uploaded since the implementation of the DLP in 2005 to 53 modules.

College of Anaesthesiologists:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tocolysis/ Tocolytic-induced Heart Failure
College of Paediatrics and Child Health:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Some Management Issues Childhood Epilepsy Genetics: A Fitting Prediction of Risk Expanded Newborn Screening Using Tandem Mass Spectrometry
Chapter of Pathologists:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columnar Cell Lesions of the Breast
College of Surgeons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blepharoplasty

The number of logins increased significantly in 2008 by 106 % from 216 in 2007 to 445 in 2008. The average passing rate of 95% has been achieved by Fellows.

Year	Number of Logins
2008	445
2007	216
2006	352

Total number of modules submitted and attempted by Fellows (2006 – 2008)

Module Contributor	Number of Modules Submitted	Number of Total Attempts
College of Anaesthesiologists	1	3
College of Paediatrics and Child Health	7	44
College of Surgeons	3	14
College of Radiologists	7	21
College of Physicians	6	33
College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	3	6
College of Dental Surgeons	6	3
Chapter of Pathologists	7	6
Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians	7	28
Chapter of Psychiatrists	0	0
Chapter of Emergency Physicians	0	0
Annals	6	14
Total	53	172

Joint Committee on Specialist Training

Co-chaired by Master, Academy of Medicine and Director of the Division of Graduate Medical Studies, the Joint Committee on Specialist Training (JCST) oversees all the training programmes for specialist trainees in all specialities. The specialists training committee worked closely with the Ministry of Health and both healthcare clusters on manpower and postgraduate training issues. There were around 1000 trainees (Basic Specialist Trainees, Advanced Specialist Trainees and Seamless Trainees) during the year, and the number is expected to increase over the next few years to meet the national needs.

The JCST secretariat provides the administrative support to the JCST and assist with the organisation of activities such as 'Meet-the-Trainees' sessions, exit exams, Specialist Training Committee (STC) meetings, traineeship intake exercises, accreditation site visits, information sessions for selected specialities.

MEMBERSHIP

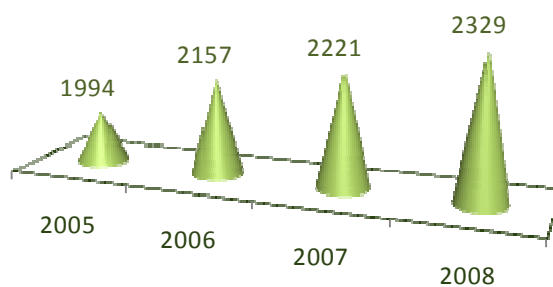
New Members

In 2008, membership increased 5% over 2007. The Board of Censors chaired by Prof Lee Kok Onn, approved a total number 106 new Fellows from various specialties. 57 of them were inducted on 11 November 2008 as Fellows of the Academy. As at 31 December 2008, the total number of Fellows under the six categories of membership were as follows:

	Fellows	Overseas	Ordinary	Associate	Honorary	Fellows (Distinguished Overseas Members)
Active	1872	117	26		22	136
Retired	318	22				
Total	2190	139	26		22	136

Breakdown of Fellows by Colleges/Chapters

Colleges/Chapters	2005	2006	2007	2008
College of Anaesthesiologists	118	122	136	138
Dental/College of Dental Surgeons	150	180	189	205
College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	190	196	203	207
College of Paediatrics and Child Health	142	152	158	167
College of Physicians	466	512	542	581
College of Radiologists	118	121	129	131
College of Surgeons	421	459	511	543
Chapter of Emergency Physicians	-	-	38	41
Chapter of Pathologists	58	60	58	60
Chapter of Psychiatrists	82	84	87	87
Chapter of Public Health & Occupational Physicians	100	98	102	108
Unspecified*	149	173	68	61
TOTAL	1994	2157	2221	2329
*Fellows with membership arrears who have not been assigned				



EVENTS

42nd Malaysia – Singapore Congress of Medicine

The 42nd Malaysia – Singapore Congress of Medicine (MSCM) co-organised by Academy of Medicine of Malaysia and the Academy was held from 31 July to 3 August 2008 at Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. The theme for the meeting was, "Personalising Medicine – The A La Carte Approach" with symposia dedicated to "Vaccine", "Tailoring Towards the Needs in Children", "TCM in Women's Health".

The Academy was represented by Master, Dr Fock Kwong Ming and Councilors: Dr Ho Lai Yun, Dr Lim Shih Hui, Dr Ng Boon Keng, Dr Chang Tou Choong, Dr Ng Keng Yeen, Dr Chan Heng Thye and Dr Vijay Sethi.

Papers presented by Councilors and Fellows of the Academy:

- An overview of pneumococcal disease and it's prevention today- *Dr Daniel Goh*
- Early interventions and continuing care of the premature infant - *Dr Ho Lai Yun*
- Diagnosis of osteoporotic surgically - *Dr Leonard Koh*
- Current issues in ERT/HRT management - *Dr Yu Su Ling*
- Thrombo-prophylaxis for gynaecological surgery - *Dr Lisa Wong*

The Academy and the College of Surgeons contributed RM1,000 each to the Academy of Medicine, Malaysia's Academy Building Fund in support of the AMM's new building.

Professional Conference Organisation

The Professional Conference Organisation (PCO) department lead by Dr Chan Yew Weng, was set up to provide professional medical conference organization (PMCO) for scientific meetings organized by the Academy and other healthcare related bodies in Singapore. During the year, the department successfully managed and participated in the following events:

- 15th – 16th August: Best of ASCO 2008
- 3rd – 5th October: Singapore Paediatric Congress 2008
- 10th – 13th November: 4th ISUOG Outreach Course

Community projects

Staff and Fellows of the Academy participated in two community and fund raising events:

- **"Hug-A-Bear"**
The Academy embarked on a "Hug-A-Bear" project in December. Fellows made donations ranging from \$25 to \$100 and above to raise funds for the Singapore Children's Society. A total of \$3,660 was raised as at 31 December 2008.
- **National Kidney Foundation**
Staff and members of the Academy donated generously to the NKF Jumble sale on 30 November to raise funds for the patient's Christmas Party in December 2008.



PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

Arising from the MOU signed with MOH in 2007, the Academy continued to develop and implement new guidelines and contribute to professional opinions in the following areas:

MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines endorsed by the Academy:

- Guidelines on the Use of ECG for Screening for coronary heart disease in asymptomatic patients with hypertension
- Guidelines on Prescribing of Benzodiazepines

MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines (in progress)

- Guidelines on the Management of Hepatitis B
- Guidelines on Rhinitis/Sinusitis

Academy-MOH CPG Development Programme (in progress)

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Children
- Management of Food Allergy

Guidelines jointly developed and published by Academy, CFPS & SMC in 28 October 2008:

- Guidelines on Aesthetic Practices

Academy Clinical Guidelines or Consensus Statements (in progress of development)

- Nutritional Management of the Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW) Infant
- Management of Gouty Arthritis
- Use of Anticoagulation and Anti-platelet with Endoscopic Procedures

Professional opinion and feedback provided to MOH, SMC and other Ministries:

- National Medical Specialty Centres
- Determination of Minimum Standards for Provision of Paediatric ENT Services
- National Expanded Newborn Screening for IEM
- Proposed Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Bill
- Proposed Liposuction Regulatory Regime
- Feedback on Control of Mercury Clinical Thermometers in Singapore
- Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) and Granulocyte Stimulating Factor (G-CSF)
- Perinatal Care at the Threshold of Viability
- Defining the limits of Viability - "How small is too small?"
- Exposure Prone Procedures
- Unauthorized Aesthetic Practices and Treatment at Medical Centre
- Liposuction Training for Medical Practitioners
- Public Consultation on the Proposed Amendments to the Human Organ Transplant Act (HOTA)
- Provision of clinical services under the Hospital Services Development Programme (HSDP)
- Human-Animal Combinations for Research

Independent medical expert opinion

The Academy through its Fellows, continued to provide independent medical reports to the Singapore Police Force. At the end of the year, 32 reports were completed, with four cases in progress. A total of \$38,000 was paid out as a token of appreciation for the medical expert's time and opinions.

Verification of visiting experts

The Academy verified eight foreign visiting experts' qualifications and expertise who applied for temporary medical registration granted by the Singapore Medical Council.

PUBLICATION

AMS News

During the year, AMS produced two issues of AMS news in March 2008 and October 2008. The newsletter, available both in soft and printed copies were circulated to all Fellows, academic and medical institutions.

Annals

A total of twelve issues of the Annals were published in 2008. In addition, the Annals published three supplements on Proceedings of the Singapore Disease Management Conference 2008 and the 1st International Conference on Healthcare Transformation: Primary Care Focus, Proceedings of the National Healthcare Group Annual Scientific Congress 2008 and Proceedings of the 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, International Society of Neonatal Screening. The Annals impact factor remains 0.772.

The implementation of the electronic Online Submission and Review system in May 2007, resulted in an increase in the number of papers submission from 385 in 2007 to 517 in 2008, a 34% increase. With the electronic review system, the average time to review a paper was three weeks compared to five weeks using the hard copy method. This has resulted in quicker and more efficient processing of manuscript and shortens the publication timeline of an accepted manuscript from six months to five months.

Volume	Month	Topic/Theme
Vol 37 No. 1	January 2008	Free Papers
Vol 37 No. 2	February 2008	Bridging the Gap Between Primary and Specialist Care <i>Guest Editors: Drs Gerald CH Koh, Jeremy FY Lim</i>
Vol 37 No. 3	March 2008	Free Papers
Vol 37 No. 4	April 2008	Sports Medicine <i>Guest Editors: Benedict Tan, Jason KK Chia, Jit Kheng Lim</i>
Vol 37 No. 5	May 2008	Free Papers
Vol 37 No. 5 (Suppl)	May 2008	Proceedings of the Singapore Disease Management Conference 2008 and the 1 st International Conference on Healthcare Transformation: Primary Care Focus
Vol 37 No. 6	June 2008	Recurring Infectious Disease Themes: Pandemic Influenza and Antimicrobial Drug Resistance (Part I) <i>Guest Editors: Kee Tai Goh, Vincent TK Chow, Paul A Tambyah</i>
Vol 37 No. 7	July 2008	Free Papers
Vol 37 No. 8	August 2008	Sleep and Its Disorders <i>Guest Editor: Lim Li Ling, Daniel YT Goh</i>
Vol 37 No. 9	September 2008	Free Papers
Vol 37 No. 10	October 2008	Recurring Infectious Disease Themes: Pandemic Influenza and Antimicrobial Drug Resistance (Part II) <i>Guest Editors: Sin Yew Wong, Li Yang Hsu</i>
Vol 37 No. 11	November 2008	Free Papers
Vol 37 No. 11 (Suppl)	November 2008	Proceedings of the National Healthcare Group Annual Scientific Congress 2008
Vol 37 No. 12	December 2008	Medical Education <i>Guest Editors: John Tam, Poh Sun Goh, Gopalakrishnakone P Woei Yun Siow, A Zubair</i>
Vol 37 No. 12 (Suppl)	December 2008	Proceedings of the 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, International Society of Neonatal Screening <i>Guest Editors: Jiun Lee, Roy Joseph, Victor Samuel Rajadurai</i>

Specialist Advisory Panel 2008

Members: Drs Balam Chowbay, Cheah Wei Keat, Chen Fun Gee, Chang Tou Choong, Pierce Kah-Hoe Chow, Fong Kok Yong, Carol Goh Yean Eng, Khoo Kei Siong, J J Mukherjee, London Lucien Ooi, Jeyaraj Prema Raj, Alex Sia Tiong Heng, Tan Bien Soo, and Hugo van Bever.

International Advisory Panel 2008

Members: Drs Paul W Brandt-Rauf, Juliana C N Chan, Peter J Ell, Richard N Fine, Ashley Grossman, Ho Yik Hong, Richard H Hunt, Arthur K C Li, Edison Liu, Harvey Marcovitch, Albert Singer and R C N Williamson.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 S\$	2007 S\$
Non Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	3,055,522	2,972,857
Other Debtors & Prepayments	2,882,261	-
	5,937,783	2,972,857
Current Assets		
Inventories	7,574	10,171
Receivables (Members' Subscriptions)	267,014	137,505
Other Debtors & Prepayments	536,601	179,691
Fixed Deposits with Financial Institutions	2,128,966	5,488,876
Cash and Bank Balances	2,437,336	2,479,050
	5,377,491	8,295,293
Less: Current Liabilities		
Amount due to Related Companies (Non Trade)	221,749	-
Other Creditors & Accruals	302,724	245,613
Subscriptions Received in Advance	12,390	11,992
	536,863	257,605
Net Current Assets	4,840,628	8,037,688
Total Assets	10,778,411	11,010,545
The Funds of the Academy		
Unrestricted Funds		
Accumulated Funds	1,056,707	1,058,186
Restricted Funds		
Annals	522,761	546,846
Building Endowment Fund	6,564,044	6,597,628
Dental Advanced Specialists Training Fund	11,183	11,183
Joint Committee on Specialist Training	643,076	819,706
Professional Affairs Division	11,388	13,910
Chapters' Funds	164,921	101,900
Lecture Funds	1,804,331	1,801,036
Staff Registration Scheme	-	60,150
Total Funds	10,778,411	11,010,545

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 <u>S\$</u>	2007 <u>S\$</u>
Incoming Resources		
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds		
<u>Voluntary Income</u>		
- Donations in Cash	73,000	210,452
- Operating Grant	255,217	23,099
<u>Investment Income</u>		
- Interest Income	62,110	126,798
<u>Charitable Income</u>		
- Advertisement/Sponsorship	43,000	17,500
- Building Funds	47,476	-
- Entrance Fees	40,102	35,067
- Events Income	86,717	96,545
- Exams Fees	-	72,831
- Registration/Application Fees	739,781	498,008
- Professional/Course Fees	388,202	181,336
- Subscription	768,146	731,263
- Miscellaneous Income	153,202	84,129
Total Incoming Resources	2,656,953	2,077,028
Resources Expended		
- Charitable Activities Expenses	523,004	372,982
- Other Operating and Administrative Expenses	2,348,006	1,652,000
Total Resources Expended	2,871,010	2,024,982
Net Movement in Funds	(214,057)	52,046
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total funds b/f	11,010,545	10,958,499
Less: Transfer of Funds	(18,077)	-
Total funds c/f	10,778,411	11,010,545

The full financial statements is available at <http://www.ams.edu.sg/newsletter.asp>

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CHAPTER OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

2008–2009 office-bearers

Chairman	:	Prof V Anantharaman
Vice-Chairperson	:	A/Prof Eillyne Seow
Honorary Secretary	:	A/Prof Goh Siang Hiong
Committee Members	:	Dr Mark K F Leong A/Prof Marcus E H Ong Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam

HIGHLIGHTS

Education and Training

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

8 November 2008

Symposium on Clinical Toxicology

Chairperson Dr Mohan Tiruchittampalam
Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline Pte Ltd.

- "Herbal Toxicology"
Dr Phua Dong Haur, Consultant
Emergency Department, Tan Tock Seng Hospital
- "Green Tea Extract & Hepatotoxicity"
Dr Adeline S-Y Ngo, Consultant
Department of Emergency Medicine, Singapore General Hospital
- "Resuscitation Issues in Poisoned Patients".
Dr Tan Hock Heng, Consultant
Accident & Emergency Department, Changi General Hospital

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

Diploma in Emergency Medicine

Four candidates have been admitted into the 2008 second intake of the Diploma in Emergency Medicine. The two year-course commenced on 1 May 2008.

Providing feedback and recommendations

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback and recommendations on:

- National Medical Specialty Centres for Emergency Medicine to the Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres, Ministry of Health, Singapore
- Public Consultation Paper On The Proposed Amendments To The Human Organ Transplant Act (HOTA)
- Control of Mercury Clinical Thermometers in Singapore to the National Environment Agency

Subcommittee on National Emergency Cardiac Care

The Chapter was represented by Prof V. Anantharaman on the Subcommittee on National Emergency Cardiac Care of the Advisory Committee on National Heart Coronary Disease Strategy, Ministry of Health, Singapore from 1 February to 30 December 2008.

Independent medical expert opinion

In the year, the Chapter provided one independent medical report to the Singapore Police Force through the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

SMA Ethics Convention, 12 November 2008

The Chapter, represented by A/Prof Goh Siang Hiong participated in the "Compensation or Incentives for Donors in Organ Transplants: Possibilities and Pitfalls" forum organised by the Singapore Medical Association Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA-CMEP) held on 12 November 2008.

More information on the Chapter is available at http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapter/home.aspx?sec_id=7

CHAPTER OF PATHOLOGISTS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

2008–2009 Office bearers

Chairperson:	Dr Cuthbert E S Teo
Vice-Chairperson:	Dr Jacqueline S G Hwang
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Yeo Chin Pin
Committee Members:	Dr Bernard C S Ho Dr Poh Wee Teng Dr Tan Ai Ling
Co-opted Members:	Dr Roland Jureen Dr Ponnudurai Kuperan A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon

HIGHLIGHTS

19th Annual Scientific Meeting, 27 September 2008, Sheraton Towers, Singapore

The theme of the 19th Annual Scientific meeting of the Chapter, "Unity Amidst Diversity" attracted 123 participants. A total of three concurrent symposiums addressed topics on Histopathology, Bits 'n Bugs (and Fleas!), Pathology in Practice. Over the half day meeting, several interesting lectures were delivered by guest speakers and members of the Chapter.

Symposium 1 - "Histopathology"

Chairman: Dr Danilo Giron

"Soft Tissue Pathology: A Selection of Interesting Cases"
Dr Chuah Khoon Leong, Senior Consultant,
Department of Pathology, Tan Tock Seng Hospital

"Giant Cell Rich Bone Tumours and Lesions"
Dr Victor K M Lee, Consultant
Department of Pathology, National University Hospital

"Diagnosis of Aggressive B-cell Lymphoma"
Dr Tan Soo Yong, Senior Consultant
Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

"Cytopathology: Some Interesting Head & Neck Cases"
Dr Jacqueline S G Hwang, Senior Consultant
Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital

Symposium 2 - "Bits 'n Bugs (and Fleas!)"

Chairman: Dr Tan Thean Yen

"Tandem Mass Spectrometry-More than a Research Tool"
Ms Jayme Wong, Scientific Officer
Biochemistry Section, Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital

"Probiotics in Clinical Diseases: From Clostridium difficile Infection to Immunomodulation"
Prof Lee Yuan Kun, Associate Professor
Department of Microbiology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore,

"Invasive Fungal Infections in Patients with Hematological Malignancies and Recipients of Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation"
Dr Koh Liang Pui, Consultant
Department of Haematology-Oncology
National University Hospital

"The Flea Hath Smaller Fleas than on him Prey"
Dr Mark Taylor, Assistant Professor
Department of Microbiology
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore

Book Review : Coroner's Practice In Medical Cases

At the request of the Singapore Academy of Law, Dr Cuthbert Teo, Chapter Chairman and Senior Consultant Forensic Pathologist (Forensic Medicine Division, Applied Sciences Group, Health Sciences Authority, Singapore), contributed a review on the book entitled: "Coroner's Practice in Medical Cases" published by the Singapore Academy of Law.

Professional Opinions

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback and recommendations on:

- Control of Mercury Clinical Thermometers in Singapore to the National Environment Agency'
- National Medical Specialty Centres for Pathology to the Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres, Ministry of Health, Singapore

Distance-Learning Programme

The chapter contributed a module: *Columnar Cell Lesions of the Breast* towards the Academy's Local Distance-Learning Programme (Category 3B).

Symposium 3 - "Pathology in Practice"

Chairman: Dr Timothy Barkham

"HPV – Should I Vaccinate My Daughter" by
Dr Veronica Lee Ventura, Consultant
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
National University Hospital

"Life as a Forensic Pathologist"
Dr Cuthbert E S Teo, Consultant
Forensic Medicine Division
Health Sciences Authority (Singapore)

"Personalised Medicine: The Right Therapy for the Right Patient at the Right Dose and at the Right Time"
A/Prof Sunil Kumar Sethi
Chief, Department of Laboratory Medicine
National University Hospital

"Method Validation at a Minimum – What is Really Needed"
Dr Robert Hawkins, Senior Consultant
Department of Laboratory Medicine
Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

Awards recipients

- 2008 BD award
Dr Tan Ai Ling, Senior Consultant
Department of Pathology
Singapore General Hospital
A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon delivered a short citation on Dr Tan Ai Ling.
Dr Tan Ai Ling delivered an oration entitled "Microbiology – The Next Lap".
- Roche Laboratory Medicine (Technical) Award
Ms Lily S Y Ng
Microbiology Laboratory
Changi General Hospital (2007 Recipient)

Ms Shirley S C Phua
Histopathology Laboratory
Health Sciences Authority (2008 Recipient).

Education and Training

In 2008, the Chapter contributed and participated actively to Continuing Medical Education programmes:

31 March 2008

Cardiomyopathy of Childhood

Professor Chow Chung Wo
Head, Department of Anatomical Pathology, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne
Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics/Pathology, University of Melbourne, Australia
Visiting Professor RCPA 2007
President, Australia and New Zealand Paediatric Pathology Group

Chairperson: A/Prof Tan Puay Hoon

Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Pathology & College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Singapore.

23 June 2008

Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma: Pathways & Precursors

Dr Jennifer L. Hunt
Section Head, Surgical Pathology, Department of Anatomic Pathology
Director, Head & Neck/Endocrine Pathology
Director, Anatomic Pathology Molecular Diagnostics
Associate Professor of Pathology, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Chairperson: Dr Jacqueline S G Hwang

Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Pathology, Chapter of Endocrinologists, College of Physicians, Singapore & Chapter of General Surgeons, College of Surgeons, Singapore

29 August 2008

Haematopathology Slide Seminar Singapore General Hospital/ Department of Haematology:

Dr Tien Sim Leng, Senior Consultant
Dr Ho Liam Pock, Consultant

National University Hospital/Department of Haematology-Oncology:

Dr Ng Chin Hin, Registrar;
Dr Michelle L M Poon, Registrar.

Tan Tock Seng Hospital/Department of Laboratory Medicine:

Dr Ong Kiat Hoe, Consultant;
Dr Ponnudurai Kuperan, Senior Consultant.

Chairperson: Dr Ponnudurai Kuperan

Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Pathology, the Singapore Society of Haematology, Chapter of Haematologists, College of Physicians, Singapore & Tan Tock Seng Hospital:

Microbiology Tutorial Sessions (CD-recorded Audio-Conference Sessions)

Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Pathology & the Department of Pathology, Singapore General Hospital:

- **17 March 2008**
The Questions You Should be Asking About Your Blood Culture Methodology
Dr Paul Bourbeau, *PhD, ABMM*.
Director of Microbiology, Geisinger Medical Laboratories, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania, USA.

Moderator: Dr Tan Ai Ling
- **7 April 2008**
Gram Positive Bacilli Identification
Dr Kathryn Bernard, *PhD*.
Head, Special Bacteriology/Bioterrorism, National Microbiology Laboratory, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Moderator: Dr Chan Kian Sing
- **28 April 2008**
Clinical Relevance in Microbiology
A/Prof Yvette S McCarter, *PhD*.
Director of Microbiology, Department of Pathology, University of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, USA.

Moderator: Dr Sng Li-Hwei
- **26 May 2008**
The Most Commonly Asked Questions About Stool Parasitology
Ms Lynne S. Garcia, *MS, MT, F(AAM)*.
Manager of Clinical Microbiology, Division of Clinical Laboratories, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, California, USA.

Moderator: Dr Mavis G C Yeo
- **30 June 2008**
The Most Commonly Asked Questions About Blood Parasitology
Ms Lynne S. Garcia, *MS, MT, F(AAM)*.
Manager of Clinical Microbiology, Division of Clinical Laboratories, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, California, USA.

Moderator: Dr Rama Narayana Deepak
- **3 November 2008**
Tick-borne Diseases
Dr Paul Rocco LaSala
Assistant Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA.

Moderator: Dr Cecilia C L Ngan
- **24 November 2008**
Clinical Implications and Detection of Newer *b*-lactamases
Dr Kenneth S. Thomson, *PhD*.
Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, Creighton University Medical Centre, Omaha, Nebraska, USA.

Moderator: Dr James H C Sim
- **15 December 2008**
Wound Cultures Workup
Dr Susan E. Sharp, *PhD, DABMM*.
Director of Microbiology, Kaiser Permanente & Pathology Regional Laboratory & Associate Professor, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon, USA.

Moderator: Dr Ng Tong Yong

More information on the Chapter is available at http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapter/home.aspx?sec_id=8

CHAPTER OF PSYCHIATRISTS, ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, SINGAPORE

2008–2009 office-bearers

Chairperson:	Dr Yap Hwa Ling
Vice-Chairperson:	A/Prof Leslie E C Lim
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Calvin S L Fones
Committee Members:	A/Prof Chong Siow Ann A/Prof Ong Thiew Chai Dr Parvathy d/o Pathy

HIGHLIGHTS

Education and Training

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

9 April 2008

Updates on the Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder

Dr Anthony W K Ang
Consultant Psychiatrist in Psychotherapy, South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS, Trust, Springfield University Hospital, London, England, United Kingdom.

Chairperson: A/Prof Leslie E C Lim

Co-organised with the Department of Psychiatry, Singapore General Hospital

16 July 2008

2nd Professional Lecture: Treatment of PTSD in Israel

Dr Gary Michael Quinn
Director, Jerusalem Stress & Trauma Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.

24 April 2008

1st Professional Lecture: How Antipsychotics Work – From Receptors to Response

Prof Shitij Kapur, Vice-Dean, Head, Section of Schizophrenia, Imaging & Therapeutics,
Department of Psychological Medicine, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London,
University of London, England, United Kingdom.
Chairperson: A/Prof Chong Siow Ann

10 November 2008

3rd Professional Lecture: Bipolar Illness & Puerperal Psychosis – Risks & Management in Pregnancy & Postpartum

Dr Margaret R Oates
Consultant Perinatal Psychiatrist, Queen's Medical Centre & Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Nottingham, England, UK.
Chairperson: Dr Yap Hwa Ling

Providing feedback and recommendations

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback and recommendations on:

- National Medical Specialty Centres for Psychiatry to the Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres, Ministry of Health, Singapore
- Update of Guidelines on Fitness to Drive to the Singapore Medical Association (SMA)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines: Prescribing of Benzodiazepines (endorsement)
- Mental Capacity Bill

Participation at International Conferences

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine's 15th Anniversary Congress

15 & 16 November 2008, Hong Kong

The Chapter represented the Academy at the Hong Kong Academy's 15th Anniversary Congress. Dr Ng Beng Yeong (Fellow Psychiatrist) delivered a presentation on "A Case with Bipolar Disorder who Responds to Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation".

Sponsorship of events

In 2008, the Chapter participated and also granted nominal sponsorship in the following events:

- 5th Congress - Asian Society For Child And Adolescent Psychiatry & Allied Professions, 29 – 31 August 2008
- Annual Medico-Legal Seminar, 11 October 2008

Collaborations

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

The Chapter is pleased to continue its support to the National Program for Mental Health: Teaching Collaboration between Cambodia & Singapore for a further two years (2009 & 2010). With the programme, seven third year residents have passed the exams and five of them have secured positions in public hospitals.

More information on the Chapter is available at http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapter/home.aspx?sec_id=10

CHAPTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH & OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICIANS

2008 – 2009 Office-bearers

Chairman	:	Dr Derrick Heng
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr Kenneth Choy
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Eugene Shum
Committee Members	:	Dr Jeffery Cutter
	:	Dr Pwee Keng Ho
	:	A/Prof Adeline Seow
Co-opted Member	:	Dr Lee Lay Tin

HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference

The 3rd Singapore Public Health & Occupational Medicine Conference was held in conjunction with the **19th Asian Conference on Occupational Health** on 16 and 17 September 2008 at the Suntec International Convention & Exhibition Centre. The theme "Public Health and Occupational Medicine in a Borderless World" was chosen to reflect the challenges of a globalised world. Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, President of the National University of Singapore, was the Guest-of-Honour at the opening of the conference. The conference with a keynote lecture, two plenary lectures, three symposiums and free papers presentation sessions drew enthusiastic responses from the 140 doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who attended the conference.

Continuing Medical Education

During the year, the Chapter contributed actively in Continuing Medical Education (CME) lectures:

Co-organiser: Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine, National University of Singapore

7 January 2008

Universal Coverage With Private Health Insurance:

The Dutch Experiment
Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Prof Christian Gericke
Professor of Public Health Policy & Director, Adelaide Centre for Health Technologies
& Services Research, University of Adelaide, Australia

18 January 2008

Essential Public Health Functions and Services

Chairman: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Assoc Prof Robert Bernstein
Expert Advisor, Internal Medical & Public Health Activities
Office of Business & International Development
Singapore Health Services
Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Health,
Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, USA

15 February 2008

Research Informed Service Improvement

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Prof John Ovretveit
Director of Research, Medical Management Centre
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
and Professor of Health Management, Faculty of Medicine
Bergen University, Norway

22 February 2008

Molecular Epidemiology of Neisseria Meningitis Before the Introduction of Serogroup C Conjugate Vaccines

Chairman: Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Dr Stuart Clarke
Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Molecular Microbiology Group
Division of Infection, Inflammation and Repair
University of Southampton Medical School

29 February 2008

The Effect of Problem-Based Learning (PBL) During Medical School on Physician Competency: A Systematic Review

Chairman: Assoc Professor Wong Mee Lian

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

6 March 2008

Occupational Health Services for Healthcare Workers

Chairman: Professor David Koh

Dr David Snashall
President of Faculty of Occupational Medicine
Royal College of Physicians, London &
Clinical Director of Occupational Health Services in Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust

10 March 2008

Cancer Survival in Developing Countries

– Lessons for Public Health
Chairman: Professor Chia Kee Seng

Dr R Sankaranarayanan
Head, Screening Group
Pathogenesis and Prevention Cluster
International Agency for Research on Cancer

14 March 2008

International Patent Laws and Access to HIV Treatment

Chairman: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Dr Arlene Chua
ID Consultant
National University Hospital

28 March 2008

The Attitudes, Concerns, Perceived Impact, Coping Strategies, Knowledge and Preparedness of Primary Care Health Personnel for Avian Influenza (AI): A Cross-Sectional Study of Indonesia and Singapore

Chairman: Assoc Professor Chia Sin Eng

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine National University of Singapore

30 May 2008

Environmental Determinants of Health Behaviours and Outcomes: What can be Learned from the US Food and Alcohol Retail Markets?

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Dr Khoa Truong, PHD
Research Fellow, RAND Corporation
USA

25 June 2008

Hospital Epidemiology That Works – Controlling Central Line Related Bloodstream Infections

Chairman: Associate Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Professor Trish Perl
Courage Fund Visiting Professor
Director of Hospital Epidemiology & Infection Control
John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

25 July 2008

National Long Term Care Severe Disability Insurance (LTCDI): The Need for Social, Rehabilitative, Cost of Care, Life Expectancy and Public Policy Considerations

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

29 July 2008
Health Futures – The Challenges for Academic Medical and Health Science Centres

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Prof John Wyn Owen
Chairman, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
Formerly Director of NHS Wales and
Director-General, NSW Health Department

30 July 2008
Mental and Physical Health Consequences of Repatriation for Vietnamese Returnees

Chairman: Associate Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Prof Mark J Vanlandingham
Thomas C Keller Professor
Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
USA

12 September 2008
Midterm Evaluation of Community Based HIV Prevention Project in Rural China

Chairman: Assoc Professor Wong Mee Lian

Assoc Prof Annelies Wilder-Smith
Dr Felicia Chang
Ms Karen Cheong

31 October 2008
The Predictors of Rehabilitation Efficiency and Effectiveness of All Patients Admitted to a Community Hospital: A 10-Year Study

Chairman: Professor Lee Hin Peng

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

27 November 2008
Health Promotion Strategies for an Ageing Workforce

Chairman: Assoc Professor Lee See Miah

Dr Gerald Koh
Assistant Professor
Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine
Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
National University of Singapore

1 August 2008
Causes of Infectious Disease Emergence: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

Chairman: Assoc Professor Annelies Wilder-Smith

Co-organisers: Department of Community, Occupational & Family Medicine, National University of Singapore and The Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology of Singapore

Prof Bruce Wilcox
Professor and Director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Infectious Disease Ecology
Asia-Pacific Institute of Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases
University of Hawaii

Feedback on National Medical Specialty Centres

During the year, the Chapter contributed feedback and recommendations to the Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres, Ministry of Health, Singapore on National Medical Specialty Centres for Public Health & Occupational Medicine.



*Standing left to right:
Dr Jeffery Cutter (Committee Member), Dr Lee Lay Tin (Co-opted Committee Member),
Dr Kenneth Choy (Vice-Chairman), Dr Derrick Heng (Chairman), Dr Eugene Shum (Honorary Secretary),
A/Prof Adeline Seow (Committee Member), Dr Pwee Keng Ho (Committee Member)*

More information on the Chapter is available at http://www.ams.edu.sg/chapter/home.aspx?sec_id=9

COLLEGE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE

2008–2009 Office Bearers

President	:	Dr George Lim
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HIGHLIGHTS

Singapore-Duke Anaesthesia and Critical Update 2008

5-6 April in the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore
This event was jointly organized by the College of Anaesthesiologists, Singapore, Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists, the Singapore Society of Intensive Care Medicine and the Duke University Medical Centre. The event attracted more than 500 participants from local and regional, private and public institution.

Annual General Meeting Dinner Lecture

held in conjunction with the 4th Annual General Meeting.
Thoracic Anaesthesia and Neuromuscular Blockade – Sharing experience. Guest speaker : Dr Ruban Poopalalingam, Consultant Anaesthesiologist in SGH, Visiting Consultant Anaesthesiologist to the National Heart Centre.

Combined Anaesthetic Meetings

co-organized with the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists

23 February 2008

Management of AIDS in ICU patients

Dr Ian Tan, Mount Elizabeth Hospital

Reducing Pancreatic Infections in Acute Pancreatitis

Dr Lee Tze Wee, Singapore General Hospital (SGH)

24 May 2008

Tocolytic Induced Heart Failure

Dr Goh Sin Yee, Dr Woo Chin Ming David, Dr Tan Chin How
KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKWCH)

Usefulness of Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) in the perioperative setting.

Dr Heng Yen Pin, Prof Ti Lian Kah
National University Hospital (NUH)

28 June 2008

Perioperative Fluid Management in Geriatric Surgical Patients

Dr David Tan & Dr Ngiam Kee Yuan
Alexandra Hospital (AH)

Dealing with HOTA patients in TTSH's ICUs

Dr Kwek Tong Kiat & Dr Tan Hui Ling
Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH)
Dr Kelvin Quek, KKWCH

23 August 2008

Anaesthetic considerations for living donor in liver transplantation

Dr Yao Che Lin, SGH

Use of simulation technology in Anaesthetics

Dr Fong Wee Kim, Dr Mah Chou Liang, Dr Leong Wai
Changi General Hospital (CGH)

25 October 2008

Management of Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease in Adults for non-cardiac surgery

Dr James Yip, Heart Institute, NUH

Critical Incidents in Paediatric Anaesthesia

Dr Siow Yew Nam, KKWCH

Audit on Post-op Nausea and vomiting in children

Dr Kelvin Quek, KKWCH

Continuing Medical Education

jointly organised with the Singapore Society of Anaesthesiologists

15 March 2008

Lecture By External Examiners

Subarachnoid haemorrhage - the place of Hypothermia and the problem of vasospasm

Dr Timothy Costello

Examiner, Australia and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

Anaesthesia in chronic renal failure, particularly for dialysis

access procedures

Dr Mark Heining

Examiner, Royal College of Anaesthetists

3 October 2008

Perioperative Cardiac Risk Reduction: Is Beta Blocker the Answer?

Dr David Wong, Associate Professor, Department of Anaesthesiology, University of Toronto

Sponsorship of Events

In 2008, the College granted nominal sponsorship for the Advanced Regional Anaesthesia & Ultrasound Guided Peripheral Nerve Block Course, 21 ~ 22 May 2008, Singapore.



Standing (left to right):

Dr Agnes Ng (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Sophia Ang (Member)

Sitting (left to right):

Dr George Lim (President), Dr Khoo Siew Tuan (President Elect)

Not in photo:

A/Prof Chen Fun Gee (Vice President), Dr Lai Fook Onn (Honorary Secretary)

Dr Boey Wah Keong (Member)

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COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS, SINGAPORE

2008–2009 Interim Council

President	:	Dr Andrew Aw
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Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Christina Sim
Council Members	:	Dr Myra Elliott Dr Neo Tee Khin Dr Rashid Tahir
Co-opted Members	:	Dr Marianne Ong A/Prof Varawan Sae-Lim A/Prof Keson Tan

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 1st 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.

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COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH, SINGAPORE

2008—2009 Office Bearers

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Vice-President	:	Dr Goh Yam Thiam Daniel
Honorary Secretary	:	Dr Chan Kwai Lin Daisy
Honorary Treasurer	:	Dr Ng Chin Yuen Steven
Council Members	:	Dr Aw Nee Chia Hui-Yong, Marion Margaret Dr Victor Samuel Rajadurai



HIGHLIGHTS

Joint Singapore Paediatric Congress & Asia-Pacific Association of Paediatric Allergy, Respiriology and Immunology (APAPARI) Meeting 2008, 3 – 5 October 2008. Co-organised with Singapore Pediatric Society and APAPARI

The three-day meeting was well attended with over 522 participants from 26 countries. The theme of the meeting was "Evidence Based Guidelines in Clinical Practice today" and focused on pediatric allergy and asthma besides covering a wide range of pediatric topics. Highlights of the meeting included special lectures and sessions on:

- **Opening Plenary Lecture:** "Early Life Nutrition & Diseases". Professor John O Warner, Head of the Department of Paediatrics at Imperial College London
- **ACAAI: AAAF Symposium on Respiratory Allergy.** Speakers included Professor Michael Blaiss, Professor Ruby Pawankar, Professor William Dolen and Professor Linda Cox.
- **Plenary lecture:** "The Development of Immune Tolerance in Early Life: Implications in Clinical Practice" and "Early Intervention for the Allergic Child". Professor Susan Prescott, Paediatric Immunologist, School of Pediatrics and Child Health, University of Western Australia, Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth
- "Asthma Guidelines in the Asia Pacific: Guidelines on Early Intervention in Korea". Professor Sang Il-Lee, Past President of APAPARI, Samsung Medical Center, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine
- **4th College of Pediatrics & Child Health Lecture.** "Reflections on the Practice of Pediatrics". Professor Quah Thuan Chong, Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist at NUH
- A lively debate on whether "Avoiding allergenic foods during the weaning process is beneficial in management of food allergy" by Professor Jonathan Hourihane & Professor Andrew Kemp;
- Guidelines in the management in urinary tract infections;
- Pre-participation screening to prevent sudden cardiac death in young athletes;
- Uses of growth hormone and the management of headache in children;
- Updates in developmental/behavioral pediatric conditions like autism and learning disorders;
- Advances in childhood vaccination;
- Guidelines in neonatology including hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, anemia of prematurity and retinopathy of prematurity;
- Sleep patterns, practices and problems in children: Development across the ages;
- A nursing symposium discussing central venous catheters, feeding of extremely low birth weight babies and bedside insertion of naso-jejunal feeding tubes in children.

Journal: Paediatrics, Child & Adolescent Health (PCAH)

The journal "Paediatrics, Child & Adolescent Health" (PCAH) is the official joint publication of Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) and CPCHS. During the year, a supplementary issue entitled: "Evidence-Based Guidelines in Clinical Practice Today" (Oct 08, Vol 48, No 1) was published.

The College and Singapore Paediatric Society are exploring ways to improve the editorial process so as to increase manuscript submission rates and stimulate readership interest. To this end, a new editorial board will be appointed in 2009. The College is grateful to Professor Quak Seng Hock for his invaluable guidance in editing.

Distance Learning Programme (DLP)

Topics contributed by the College in 2008:

- Childhood Epilepsy Genetics: A fitting prediction of risk;
- Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease: some management issues;
- Expanded Newborn Screening Using Tandem Mass Spectrometry.

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

The SRS was introduced to enable healthcare institutions to retain good temporarily registered doctors by providing them with an accredited training. Developed jointly by the Academy of Medicine and the College in May 2008, the first intake attracted two candidates and four candidates in the second intake. Upon successful completion of the 2-year structured training programme, the candidates will be awarded the Diploma in Paediatrics & Child Health (DPCH).

Participation at International and Local Conferences

The College also participated in the international conferences during the year:

**13th Ottawa International Conference on Clinical Competence
Sydney, Australia, 3 – 4 March 2008.** Dr Marian Aw

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine's 15th Anniversary Congress
15 & 16 November 2008, Hong Kong

Joint Singapore Paediatric Congress & Asia-Pacific Association of Paediatric Allergy, Respiriology and Immunology (APAPARI) Meeting 2008, 3 – 5 October 2008, Singapore (Co-organised with Singapore Pediatric Society and APAPARI)

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During the year, the College contributed actively in continuing medical education programmes:

28 March 2008

Combined Neonatal Meeting: " An Audit of IV Long Lines in Neonatal Practice"

(Co-organised with SGH Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine & Singapore Paediatric Society)

Dr Amudha Anand, Consultant
Department of Neonatology
KK Women's & Children's Hospital

Dr Krishnamoorthy Niduvaje, Consultant
Department of Neonatology
National University Hospital

Dr Imelda L. Ereno, Clinical Associate
Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine
Singapore General Hospital

Dr Yip Yeng Yoong, Consultant Neonatologist
Singapore Baby and Child Clinic

Guest Speaker:
Ms Poh Bee Yen, Principal Clinical Pharmacist, TPN Labs
Singapore General Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Daisy Chan, Senior Consultant
Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine
Singapore General Hospital

31 March 2008

Cardiomyopathy of Childhood

(Co-organised with Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, Singapore Society of Pathology & Singapore Paediatric Society)

Professor Chow Chung Wo
Head, Department of Anatomical Pathology,
Royal Children's Hospital, Australia &
Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics/ Pathology,
University of Melbourne, Australia &
Visiting Professor RCPA 2007 &
President, Australia & New Zealand Paediatric Pathology Group

Chairperson: A/ Prof Tan Puay Hoon, Head, Department of Pathology
Department of Paediatrics, Singapore General Hospital

17 April 2008

New Updates in Childhood Development & Paediatric Nutrition

(Co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

Dr Pedro Gutierrez-Castrellon MD, MSc, Dsc
Research Director of the National Pediatric Institute
Executive Director of Pediatric Evidence Analysis Centre
COCHRANE-INPed Ministry of Health, Mexico

Chairperson: Dr Lee Bee Wah, Consultant Paediatrician,
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Adj Associate Professor (Pediatrics),
National University of Singapore

9 May 2008

"Adolescence: Adjustment or Affliction?"

Dr Daniel Fung, Head & Senior Consultant
Child Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic
Institute of Mental Health

"The ABCs of Adolescent Health"

Dr Kumudhini Rajasegaran, Associate Consultant
Department of Paediatric Medicine
KK Women's & Children's Hospital

Chairperson: Dr Daisy Chan, Senior Consultant
Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine
Singapore General Hospital

15 August 2008

Combined Neonatal Meeting: CRIB Score & Neonatal Outcome

(Jointly organized by Neonatal Departments of National University Hospital, KK Women's & Children's Hospital & Singapore General Hospital)

Dr Thowfique Ibrahim, Associate Specialist
Department of Neonatology
KK Women's & Children's Hospital

Dr Agnihotri Biswas, Registrar
Department of Neonatology
National University Hospital

Dr Poon Woei Bing, Registrar
Department of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine
Singapore General Hospital

Dr Yip Yeng Yoong, Consultant Neonatologist
Singapore Baby and Child Clinic

Chairperson: Dr Lee Jiun, Senior Consultant
Department of Neonatology, National University Hospital

24 October 2008

A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding Paediatric Feeding Disorders

(Co-organised with Singapore Paediatric Society)

Dr Benny Kerzner
Chairman, Department of Gastroenterology and Nutrition
Children's National Medical Centre and Professor of Paediatrics,
George Washington University School of Medicine,
Washington DC

Ms Kim Milano
Paediatric / Maternal Dietician
Evans Army Community Hospital, Ft. Carson, Colorado

Chairperson: Dr Lee Bee Wah, Consultant Paediatrician,
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Adj Associate Professor (Pediatrics),
National University of Singapore



Standing (from left to right):

Dr Marion Aw (Council Member), Dr Daniel Goh (Vice-President), Dr Low Kah Tzay (President-Elect), Dr Lee Bee Wah (President), Dr Daisy Chan (Honorary Secretary) and Dr Steven Ng (Honorary Treasurer)
Not in photo: Dr Samuel Rajadurai (Council Member)

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COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE

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Council Members	:	Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Francis
	:	Dr Jothi Kumar
	:	Dr Yam Kwai Lam Philip



Chairpersons of Sections

Gynaecological Oncology	:	Dr Tay Eng Hseon
Maternal Fetal Medicine	:	Dr Yeo Seow Heong George
Urogynaecology	:	Dr Ng Kwok Weng Roy
Co-opted Council Members	:	Dr Chern Su Min, Bernard
	:	Dr Han How Chuan, William
	:	Dr Ho Tew Hong
	:	Dr See Tho Kai Yin

SUBSPECIALTY SECTIONS

Executive Committee of the Sections of the College:

Section of Gynaecological Oncology

Chairman	Dr Tay Eng Hseon
Committee Members	Dr A Ilancheran
	Dr Quek Swee Chong
	Dr Yam Kwai Lam Philip
Co-opted Members	Dr Chia Yin Nin
	Dr Lisa Wong

Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine

Chairman	Dr Yeo Seow Heong George
Committee Members	Dr Arijit Biswas
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Co-opted Members	Dr Chang Tou Choong
	Dr Lai Fon-Min

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	Dr Koh Chung Fai
	Dr Suresh Nair
	Dr PC Wong

Section of Urogynaecology

Chairman	Dr Ng Kwok Weng, Roy
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Committee Members	Dr Lee Lih Charn
	Dr Lee Weng Soon James
Co-opted Members	Dr Chua Hong Liang
	Dr See Tho Kai Yin



1st Row (from Left): Dr Bernard Chern, Dr Suresh Nair, Dr Arijit Biswas, Dr TC Chang, Prof YY Ong (Guest-of-Honour), Prof Stephen C Robson (Guest Lecturer), Dr Lai Fon-Min and Dr Sheila Loh
2nd Row (from Left): Dr Seetho Kai Yin, Dr SH Yeo George, Dr Han How Chuan, Dr Tay Eng Hseon, Dr Fong Chuan Wee, Dr Ho Tew Hong, Dr Roy Ng and Dr Yam Kwai Lam
Absent from photo: Dr Jothi Kumar

*Photo was taken at the 5th College of O & G Lecture & Dinner held on 12th November 2008.

Continuing Medical Education

During the year, the College contributed actively to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities and lectures:

14 January 2008

HMDP Visiting Expert Lecture: "Current Fertility Treatment for Cancer Patients"

Speaker: Professor Claus Yding Andersen
Senior Research Staff Member of the Laboratory of
Reproductive Biology, University Hospital of Copenhagen
& Professor of Medicine with the University of Aarhus, Denmark

Chairpersons:
Dr Roland Chieng, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Singapore General Hospital
Dr Suresh Nair, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist,
Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre

16 & 17 February 2008

HMDP Visiting Expert Lecture: "Fetal Surveillance in Labour" (co-organised with the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore)

Speaker: Professor Sabaratnam Arulkumaran
President, Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists &
Professor & Head, Academic Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
St George's Hospital Medical School, London, United Kingdom

Chairperson: Dr Devendra Kanagalingam
Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Singapore General Hospital

19 February 2008

Medico-Legal Symposium on "Urogynaecological Surgery" (co-organised with the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore)

Programme:

Lectures focusing on topics related to complications of mid-urethral tapes, pelvic organ prolapsed operations, Medico-Legal Issues, etc.

Speakers included:

O & G Specialists—Dr Roy Ng, Dr Lee Lih Charn, Dr Seetho Kai Yin
Partner from Rodyk & Davidson LLP— Mr Christopher Chong

11 – 13 April 2008

2nd Congress of the Asia Pacific Initiative on Reproduction (ASPIRE 2008) & the 6th Biennial Meeting of the Pacific Rim Society for Fertility & Sterility (PRFSFS 2008)

(co-hosted with the National University of Singapore & the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore)

The meetings were held simultaneously on the same days from 11 – 13 April 2008 at Suntec Singapore. The two-day event saw Asia Pacific's top O & G experts and infertility specialists, scientists and researchers exchanging ideas and participating in the discussion forums and lectures. The theme "Art – Paving the Way for New Frontiers", the Congress Scientific Programme comprised a range of topics pertinent to clinicians and scientists involved in the management of, and research into, the rapidly developing field of ART.

17 – 18 May 2008

A series of Cognitive Institute Workshops

(co-organised with the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore and Medical Protection Society)

Mastering Patient Communication

The workshop provided practitioners a thorough grounding in the issues surrounding risk management and introduced practical preventive skills and techniques that practitioners can implement immediately to reduce exposure to litigation.

Mastering Adverse Outcomes

Clinicians learnt an effective model for communicating with patients after an adverse outcome. The model addressed the patient's needs without compromising the clinician's legal position.

Mastering Difficult Patient Interactions

A practical skills development workshop designed to give healthcare professionals competence in handling difficult patient interactions.

25 June 2008

Patient Centred Approach to ART

Speaker: Dr Jan Olofsson, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor
Medical Director, Reproductive Medicine Area Asia Pacific, Schering Plough

Chairperson: Dr Yu Su Ling
Senior Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Singapore General Hospital

30 June 2008

Current Trends in Contraceptive Development

Speaker: Professor Gab Kovacs
Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (Monash University)
Director of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (Eastern Health) Melbourne, Australia

Chairperson: Dr Kang Wee
Senior Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
KK Women's & Children's Hospital

29 October 2008

Proactive Adhesion Prevention Strategies in Gynaecology Surgery: Focus on Risk Reduction

Speaker: Professor Alexander John Crandon
Brisbane Private Hospital
Gynaecological Oncology

Chairperson: A/ Prof Tay Eng Hseon
Chairman Medical Board
KK Women's & Children's Hospital
& Chairperson, Section of Gynaecological Oncology
College of O & G, Singapore

12 November 2008

5th College of O & G Lecture & Dinner: "Sub-specialisation in O & G: Boon or Bane (Lessons from the RCOG Experience)"

Chairperson: Dr Chern Su Min Bernard, Head & Senior Consultant, (Laparoscopy & Hysteroscopy), KK Women's & Children's Hospital

The 5th College of O & G Lecture & Dinner was held on 12 November 2008 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in conjunction with the 4th Obstetrics Ultrasound Outreach Course and the inaugural College of O & G Scientific Congress 2008. This year, the College is honoured to have Prof Ong Yong Yau, President of the Singapore Medical Council, as the Guest-of-Honour and Professor Stephen C Robson, Distinguished Academician of the Academy of Medicine Singapore, to deliver the lecture on "Sub-specialisation in O & G: Boon or Bane (Lessons from the RCOG Experience)".

Professor Tony Chung, President, Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, also delivered an update on his previous lecture "Obstetrics in Hong Kong: The Impact of Mainland Mothers" at the Dinner.

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COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, SINGAPORE

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Honorary Treasurer	:	Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong
Council Members	:	Dr Chan Kin Ming
		Dr Terrance Chua Siang Jin
		Dr Roland Chong Siong Eng
Ex-Officio	:	Dr Lim Shih Hui (AMS Council Representative)



Chairman of Chapters

Cardiologists	:	Dr Ho Kheng Thye
Dermatologists	:	Dr Tay Yong Kwang
Endocrinologists	:	Dr Daphne Khoo Hsu Chin
Gastroenterologists	:	Dr Roland Chong Siong Eng
General Physicians	:	Dr Tay Jam Chin
Geriatricians	:	Dr Philip Choo
Haematologists	:	Dr Lee Lai Heng
Infectious Diseases Physicians	:	Dr Leo Yee Sin
Medical Oncologists	:	Dr Kong Hwai Loong
Neurologists	:	Dr Christopher Chen Li Hsian
Rehabilitation Medicine	:	Dr Chan Kay Fei
Renal Physicians	:	Dr Wong Kok Seng
Respiratory Physicians	:	Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong
Rheumatologists	:	Dr Lau Tang Ching
Section of Palliative Care Medicine	:	Dr Cynthia Goh

HIGHLIGHTS

5th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The 5th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College, held from 5-6 July 2008 was well participated with good representation from Cardiology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Haematology, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Neurology and Renal Medicine.

Programme highlights:

Distinguished overseas speaker: Professor Liaw Yun Fan, Professor of Medicine at the Liver Research Unit, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan, delivered a lecture on "**Management of Hepatitis B Resistance**". Professor Liaw has published over 85 papers, focusing mainly on his research interests in Hepatitis and Hepatoma.

18th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture

Professor Liaw also delivered the 18th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial lecture entitled: "**Advances in the Management of Viral Hepatitis in the Last Decade**".

5th College of Physicians Lecture

Dr Chew Chin Hin, Past Master and Honorary Postgraduate Advisor & Adjunct Associate Professor of the Division of Graduate Medical Studies, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, delivered the 5th College of Physicians Lecture entitled: "**A Physician's Odyssey: Recollections and Reflections**", reminiscing the significant events in the Singapore medical scene since the 1930s.



1st row (Left to Right):
Dr Wong Kok Seng (President-Elect), Dr Chan Kin Ming, Dr Ng Keng Yeen (President), Dr Lim Shih Hui, Dr Khoo Kei Siong (Vice-President), Dr Alan Ng Wei Keong (Honorary Treasurer)

2nd row (Left to Right):
Dr Tay Jam Chin (Honorary Secretary), Dr Cynthia Goh, Dr Lee Lai Heng, Dr Kong Hwai Loong, Dr Lau Tang Ching, Dr Leo Yee Sin, Dr Daphne Khoo

Not in picture:
Dr Terrance Chua, Dr Roland Chong, Dr Ho Kheng Thye, Dr Tay Yong Kwang, Dr Philip Choo, Dr Christopher Chen, Dr Chan Kay Fei

Continuing Medical Education Activities**College of Physicians, Singapore**

5-6 July	5th Annual Scientific Meeting
5 July	5th College of Physicians Lecture & 18th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecture

Chapter of Cardiologists

5-9 March	Singapore Live 2008
27-28 September	3rd Cardiology Update

Chapter of Dermatologists

14 April	Management of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer
22 May	Chapter Update for Dermatologists
8 July	Optimising Topical Treatment for Psoriasis
4 September	Chapter Update for Dermatologists - Adverse Drug Eruptions
4 December	4th Chapter of Dermatologists Lecture

Chapter of Endocrinologist

24 March	Cardiovascular Disease - Should Management Strategies Differ in Diabetic vs Non-Diabetic Patients
17 April	Endocrinologists Lecture cum Dinner
23 June	Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma: Pathways & Precursors
1 July	Providing Quality Osteoporosis Therapy: New Evidence & Future Directions
31 July	A New Paradigm in Diabetes Treatment - The Role of Incretin Mimetics
14 November	Dyslipidemia: Understanding the Needs for Different Approaches to Lipid Management

Chapter of General Physicians

23 January	Obstructive Sleep Apnea - Evaluation and Update on Management
27 February	Management of Dyslipidaemia - New Treatments and Difficult Problems
26 March	Retardation of Renal Failure
23 April	Frequent Falls in Elderly - Evaluation and Management
28 May	EM,SJS/TENS- Evaluation and Management
6 June	Talk for General Physicians & SID(S) : Chronic Hepatitis B
23 July	Advanced Care Planning
7 August	Recent Advances in Cancer Symptom Management
27 August	Diabetes Mellitus - New Agents and Clinical Applicability
22 October	Current Anti-Retroviral Therapy
26 November	Non-viral Hepatitis - Diagnostic Work-up and Management

Chapter of Geriatricians

26 February	Update in Alzheimer's Disease
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Chapter of Haematologists

10 January	Clinical Experience in Autologous Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant for Severe Lupus Systemic Sclerosis and other Immune Mediated Diseases
18-20 September	5th Congress of the Asian-Pacific Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Chapter of Medical Oncologists

25-27 January	17th SRS ASM in conjunction with 2nd SSO-Chapter of Medical Oncologists Joint Review Course 2008
11 April	2nd Teaching Forum for the Oncology AST Trainees
15-16 August	Best of ASCO '08

Chapter of Neurologists

9 April	Epilepsy Update
19 April	Neuromuscular Update
30 June	Neuro-imaging in Epilepsy

Chapter of Rehabilitation Medicine

24 June	Updates in Spasticity Medicine and Intrathecal Baclofen
24 July	Sports and the Disabled Athlete
4 September	Basics of Rehabilitation Engineering, Current Projects and Future Collaborations in Rehabilitation Research
30 September	Sex for the Disabled. Size does not matter!
31 October- 2 November	10th Singapore Stroke Conference

Chapter of Renal Physicians

12 April	2nd Annual Chapter of Renal Physicians Lecture
2 August	PD College (CME)
23 August	3rd Scientific Meeting of Advanced Speciality Trainees in Nephrology
11 September	Chronic Haemodialysis - A Newer Look at Newer Techniques

Chapter of Respiratory Physicians

16 January	New Strategies in Smoking Cessation
14 March	Lecture - Steering the Future of COPD
12 April	Implementing Smoking Cessation Treatment into Clinical Practice

Chapter of Rheumatologists

10 January	Clinical Experience in Autologous Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant for Severe Lupus Systemic Sclerosis and other Immune Mediated Diseases
19 January	New Horizons in Osteoporosis Management
14 March	The Biphosphonates for Osteoporosis: Do We Know Everything Already?
3 April	The Rheumatology / Orthopedic Interface and Use of Biologicals in Rheumatology
25 June	1st COR Round Table (CORRT) CME
1 July	Providing Quality Osteoporosis Therapy: New Evidence & Future Directions
19-20 July	Ten Topics in Rheumatology (nominal sponsor)
6 August	New Data in Rheumatology
2 December	Update on Gout Epidemiology and Treatment

Section of Palliative Medicine

7 August	Recent Advances in Cancer Symptom Management
28-30 September	Singapore Palliative Care Conference 2008

Clinical Practice Guidelines

The College assisted with the development of the following published Clinical Practice Guidelines in 2008:

- Guidelines for Use of ECG for Screening for Coronary Heart Disease in Asymptomatic Patients with Hypertension
- Clinical Guidelines on Prescribing of Benzodiazepine
- Clinical Guidelines on the Management of Asthma

Professional Opinions

The College contributed professional opinions on the following topics to the Ministry of Health, Singapore:

- National Medical Specialty Centres
- Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) and Granulocyte Stimulating Factor (G-CSF)
- Exposure-Prone Procedures
- Provision of Clinical Services (Health Services Development Programme)
- Cell Therapy
- Use of Anticoagulation and Anti-platelet Agents with Endoscopic Procedures

Staff Registrars Scheme (SRS)

During the year, the College successfully implemented four diplomas:

- Diploma in Infectious Diseases
- Diploma in Geriatric Medicine in Hospital and ILTC (Intermediate and Long-Term Care)
- Diploma in Cardiology
- Diploma in Neurology
- Diploma in Palliative Medicine
- Diploma in Internal Medicine (with focus on Hospital Medicine)

Upon successful completion of the SRS programme and exit examination, the candidates will be awarded a Diploma conferred jointly by the Academy of Medicine and the College of Surgeons. The candidates will also have the opportunity to work as a Staff Registrar in a public institution under the supervision of the hospital's consultants.

Participation in International and Regional Conferences

During the year, the College participated in the following conferences:

- 2008 Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), Adelaide, Australia, 11-15 May 2008 represented by Dr Ng Keen Yeen, College President
- 42nd Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine organized by the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, 31 July—3 August, 2008, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. Dr Ng Keng Yeen was conferred a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Malaysia at the meeting, and Dr Tan Yew Oo, Fellow, Chapter of Medical Oncologists delivered two lectures entitled:

"Molecular targeted therapies in lung cancer – 2008"

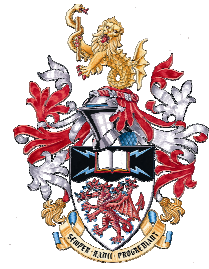
"Tailoring or individualizing therapy in advanced colorectal cancer"

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COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE

2008–2009 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	:	Dr Vijay Kumar Sethi
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Specialty Chapters

Chapter of Diagnostic Radiologists

Chairman	Dr Ong Chiou Li
Vice-Chairman	Dr Ian Tsou
Secretary	A/Prof Tay Kiang Hiong
Committee Members	Dr Quek Swee Tian Dr Kwek Jin Wei Dr Chong Bee Kiang

Chapter of Radiation Oncologists

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Vice-Chairman	Dr Terence Tan
Secretary	Dr Lee Kuo Ann
Committee Members	Dr Lee Kim Shang Dr Lee Khai Mun Dr Khor Tong Hong

Chapter of Nuclear Medicine Physicians

Chairman	Dr Anthony Goh
Vice-Chairman	Dr Mahmood Shahid
Secretary	Dr David Ng
Committee Members	Dr Gilbert Keng Dr Ong Seng Chuan Dr Wong Wai Yin

HIGHLIGHTS

The College contributed actively to continuing medical education activities and lectures during the year.

Continuing Medical Education Activities

13 February 2008

Imaging of Degenerative Joint Disease of the Spine
Prof Wendy Smoker
Department of Radiology
University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, USA

25 February 2008

Telemedicine - Medical negligence and Litigation Risks
Dr Teoh Ming Keng
International Medicolegal Advisor, MPS

29 February 2008

MR imaging of focal liver lesions: Basic to Advanced
Dr Koh Dow Mu
Senior Lecture & Honorary Consultant
Royal Marsden Hospital

5 March 2008

Molecular Imaging (Receptor PET/CT) and radionuclide therapy of Neuroendocrine tumours using somatostatin analogues
Prof Richard Baum
Chairman & Director
Department of Nuclear Medicine-Center for PET/CT
Zentralklinik Bad Perka, Germany

6 March 2008

CME Research Forum - "Research - Looking back over the years"
Dr Vincent Chong
Chief, Department of Diagnostic Imaging
National University Hospital

11 April 2008

Novel Approaches to Acute Stroke Imaging – and stroke therapy development
Prof Leif Ostergaard
Director, Center of Functionally Integrative Neuroscience
Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark

Symposiums co-organised by the College in 2008:

13 April 2008

Symposium in clinical 3T MR Imaging

28 April 2008

Evening Symposium: Identifying the CIN risk factors and Practical techniques to minimize the risk of CIN

28 June 2008

Seminar on Ultrasound : Tips from the Expert

24 July 2008

Philips Healthcare New Standard for whole body imaging with Brilliant ICT

1 November 2008

New Horizons in interventional Radiology Hybrid Angiography – CT Live Symposium

13 December 2008

Liver Symposium: Portal Hypertension and Liver Transplantation

16 June 2008

Recent Advances in Hepatic Radioembolization for Primary and Metastatic Cancers
Prof Andrew S.Kennedy
Wake Radiology Oncology
North Carolina, USA

14 October 2008

Adaptive IMRT for Head and Neck Tumors
Dr Vincent Gregoire
Chef de Clinique Associé, Department of Radiation Oncology,
St. Luc University Hospital, Belgium

29 November 2008

TomoTherapy Proton - Single Gantry Proton
Prof Rock Mackie
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

9 December 2008

Biliary Interventions in Liver Transplant
Prof Ziv Haskal
University of Maryland, School of Medicine in Baltimore

11 December 2008

Vascular Interventions in Liver Transplant
Prof Ziv Haskal
University of Maryland, School of Medicine in Baltimore

12 December 2008

Percutaneous Treatment of
Prof Ziv Haskal
University of Maryland, School of Medicine in Baltimore

AST CME lectures

10 January 2008

Breast MRI

Dr Sim Shao Jen (Moderator)

Dr Lena Lo (AST)

28 February 2008

Pelvic MRI – Imaging Techniques and common Pathologies

Dr Gan Yu Unn (Moderator)

Dr Eugene Liu (AST)

20 March 2008

Practical Knee and Shoulder MRI

Dr Koh Wan Lin (Moderator)

Dr Daniel Wong (AST)

10 April 2008

PET/Molecular Imaging in Oncology

Dr Gilbert Keng (Moderator)

Dr Shoen Low (AST)

8 May 2008

Non invasive CT and MRI angiography

Dr John Huang (Moderator)

Dr Lester Leong (AST)

5 June 2008

ATS/ERS classification of idiopathic interstitial pneumonia

Dr Kwek Boon Han (Moderator)

Dr Narayan Lath (AST)

3 July 2008

Mammogram & Ultrasound - Missing cancers

Dr Chong Bee Kiang (Moderator)

Dr Tham Seng Choe (AST)

7 August 2008

Paediatric abdominal Imaging

Prof David Stringer (Moderator)

Dr Eng Chee Way (AST)

11 September 2008

The Essentials of ENT Radiology

Dr Tan Tiong Yong (Moderator)

Dr Arun Thomas (AST)

2 October 2008

Adult and Paediatric Cardiac MRI

Dr Kevin Chen (Moderator)

Dr Khoo Ree Nee (AST)

13 November 2008

Imaging in Liver Transplantation

Dr Albert Low (Moderator)

Dr Teo Tze Hern (AST)

Spinal Infection Imaging

Dr P Chandran Mohan (Moderator)

Dr Wong Bak Siew (AST)

4 December 2008

MRI abdomen – What is new and what is hot

Dr Andrew Tan (Moderator)

Dr Martin H'ng (AST)

MRI of High Risk Pregnancy

Dr Ong Chiou Li (Moderator)

Dr Khin Yadanar Thein (AST)

5 January 2008

Scholarship In Radiology Education: Teach The Teacher's Workshop, Singapore General Hospital

The Centre for Education in Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Western Ontario presented the Workshop to help participants gain more information regarding education theories, pedagogies, evaluation tools, teaching and mentoring skills in radiology.

Speakers: Dr Rethy Chhem, Dr Kathy Hibbert and Dr Teresa Van Deven

19 July 2008

Forum on Careers in Radiology

National Cancer Centre

The interactive forum presented housemen and medical officers an opportunity to learn more about radiology in the different specialties. Participants were also given a tour of the state of the art equipment in the diagnostic and therapy departments. Topics covered include:

- Diagnostic Radiology—*Dr Ian Tsou*
- Interventional Radiology—*A/Prof Tay Kiang Hiong*
- Radiation Oncology – Overview of specialty - development and available training – schemes (FRCR & FRANZCR) - *Dr Keith Lim*
- Nuclear Medicine - *Dr Kelvin Loke*
- Radiological Research - *Dr Tchoyoson Lim*

17th Singapore Radiological Society Annual Scientific Meeting in Conjunction With 2nd Singapore Society Of Oncology- Chapter of Medical Oncologists Joint Review Course 2008, 25 – 27 Jan 2008 at Novotel Clarke Quay

Jointly organised by the College, the Singapore Radiological Society, Singapore Society of Oncology and College of Physicians, Singapore (Chapter of Medical Oncologists)

The three-day meeting held from 25 – 27 January 2008 attracted around 200 participants. The overseas faculty included: Prof Ron Allison (USA), Prof Stephen Birrell (Australia), A/Prof Michael Boyer (Australia), A/Prof Daniel Chua (Hong Kong), Prof John Forbes (Australia), Prof Stefan Gluck (USA), Prof Tim Illidge (Manchester), A/Prof Revathy Iyer (USA), A/Prof John Kirkpatrick (USA), Prof Teh Bin Sing (USA), Prof Teh Bin Tean (USA) and Dr Arlene Chan (Australia).

26th January 2008 4th FY KHOO MEMORIAL LECTURE in conjunction with the 17th Singapore Radiological Society Annual Scientific Meeting

Dr Joseph Wee, National Cancer Centre delivered the 4th FY Khoo Memorial lecture entitled: Nasopharyngeal Cancer Workgroup – The Past, The Present and The Future.

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

Diploma in Nuclear Medicine

Initiated by Chairman, Chapter of Nuclear Medicine, the two year diploma course started in September 2007. The trainee participates in the lecture series and tutorials organised for the current Nuclear Medicine ASTs. Upon successful completion in 2009, the trainee would have the opportunity to work as a Staff Registrar in a public institution.

Public Education

The Steering Committee for Public Education chaired by Dr Kenneth Sheah contributed seven articles which were made available on the College's website.

- Brain Aneurysms - Reviewed by Dr Wickly Lee
- Myths of Radiology - Reviewed by Dr Tan Kim Ping, Dr Chua Eu Tiong & Dr Anthony Goh
- Uterine fibroids and fibroid embolisation treatment - Reviewed by A/Prof Tay Kiang Hiong
- Coronary artery disease and CT of the heart - Reviewed by Dr John Huang
- Knee Pain - Reviewed by Dr Elizabeth Chan
- Injuries of the shoulder and role of MRI - Reviewed by Dr Kenneth Sheah
- Treatment of Varicose vein - Reviewed by Dr Teo Ngee

Sponsorship of Events

In 2008, the College is proud to be a nominal sponsor for the following events:

7 -9 March

Singapore Live 2008

12 November

Singapore Orthopaedic Association Annual Scientific Meeting - Orthopaedic Radiology - Surgery Pre-Congress Course: The Shoulder



Council Members

Standing (left to right) :

Dr Chua Eu Tiong (Chairman, Chapter of Radiation Oncologists), Dr Quek Swee Tian (Member),
Dr Samuel Ng (Member), Dr Anthony Goh (Honorary Secretary/ Chairman, Chapter of Nuclear Medicine Physicians),
Dr Gregory Kaw (Honorary Treasurer)

Sitting (left to right) :

Dr Ong Chiou Li (Chairman, Chapter of Diagnostic Radiologists), Dr Vijay Kumar Sethi (President),
Dr Tan Bien Soo (President Elect/ Vice President)

Not in photo:

Dr Tchoyoson Lim (Chairman of Education Subcommittee, Member)

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- General Surgeons Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam
- Hand Surgeons A/Prof Lim Beng Hai
- Neurosurgeons A/Prof Ng Hua Bak, Ivan
- Otorhinolaryngologists A/Prof Siow Jin Keat
- Ophthalmologists* A/Prof Lim Tock Han
(till 2 September 2008)
- Orthopaedic Surgeons Dr Low Cheng Ooi
- Paediatric Surgeons A/Prof Anette Jacobsen
- Plastic Surgeons Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent
- Urologists Dr David Terrence Consigliere



Board of Specialty Chapters

Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Chua Yeow Leng
Vice-Chairman: Dr Sriram Shankar
Hon Secretary: Dr Lim Chong Hee
Members: Dr Lim See Lim
 Dr Ooi Oon Cheong
 Dr Sim K W, Eugene
Co-opted Member: Dr Tan T T, Christie

Chapter of General Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Swaminathan Ikshuvanam
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Members: Dr Chan Hsiang Sui
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 Dr So B Y, Jimmy
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 Dr Chow K H, Pierce

Chapter of Hand Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Lim Beng Hai
Vice-Chairman: Dr Tan Soo Heong
Hon Secretary: Dr Chin Yuan Hui, Andrew
Members: Dr Chong K S, Alphonsus
 Dr Tan Ter Chyan

Chapter of Otorhinolaryngologists

Chairman: Dr Siow Jin Keat
Vice-Chairman: Dr Leong Hoo Kwong
Honorary Secretary: Dr Huang Shoo Chyuan
Members: Dr Chee Wang Cheng, Nelson
 Dr Lim Hsueh Yee, Lynne
 Dr Yeo Seng Beng

Chapter of Paediatric Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Anette S. Jacobsen
Vice-Chairman: Dr Loh Ser Kheng, Dale Lincoln
Honorary Secretary: Dr Low Yee
Members: Dr Chui Chan Hon
 Dr Ong Choo Phaik, Caroline
 Dr Ong Nai Theow

Chapter of Neurosurgeons

Chairman: Dr Ng Hua Bak, Ivan
Vice-Chairman: Dr Ong Peck Leong
Hon Secretary: Dr Seow Wan Tew
Members: Dr Ang B T, Christopher
 Dr Chumpon C
 Dr Tan Kheng Kooi
 Dr Yeo Tseng Tsai
Co-opted Member

Chapter of Ophthalmologists

[till 2 September 2008]
Chairman: Dr Lim Tock Han
Vice-Chairman: Dr Ong Sze Guan
Honorary Secretary: Dr Lim Li
Members: Dr Heng Wee Jin
 Dr Koh H C, Adrian
 Dr Lee Hung Ming

Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Low Cheng Ooi
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Honorary Secretary: Dr Sathappan SS
Members: Dr Chang Wei Chun
 Dr Tan Jee Lim
 Dr Wong Hee Kit
Co-opted Member:

Chapter of Plastic Surgeons

Chairman: Dr Yeow Kok Leng, Vincent
Vice-Chairman: Dr Lim Jiun, Ivor
Honorary Secretary: Dr Ang Sze Wee, Erik
Members: Dr Khoo Kian Ming, Andrew
 Dr Sng Wei-Ee, Karen
 Dr Wu Tze-Liang, Woffles

Chapter of Urologists

Chairman: Dr David Terrence Consigliere
Vice-Chairman: Dr Chia Sing Joo
Honorary Secretary: Dr Tan Peng Kok
Members: Dr Cheng Wai Sam, Christopher
 Dr Foo Keong Tatt
 Dr Ng Foo Cheong
 Dr Liew Choon How, Lewis
Co-opted Member

Continuing Medical Education Activities (presented in chronological order)

Date	Event/Organiser	Title/Speaker
11 January	2nd Update Session on Cardiothoracic Surgery Updates Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Eugene Sim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgery for Atrial Fibrillation - <i>Dr Lim See Lim</i> Stem Cell Therapy for Heart Failure - <i>Dr Eugene Sim</i>
18 January	Glaucoma Symposium – Moving Pressure Co-organisers: Chapter of Ophthalmologists and Singapore Society of Ophthalmology (SSO) Chairman: Dr Francis Oen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance in Glaucoma Management - <i>Dr Harvey Dubiner, US.</i> Efficacy & Safety of a Systemic Switch from Latanoprost to Travaprost in Patients with Glaucoma - <i>A/Prof Aung Tin</i> Strategies in the Management of Glaucoma - <i>Dr Steve Seah</i>
30 January	Inaugural Dinner Lecture of Chapter of Hand Surgeons Chapter of Hand Surgeons Chairman: A/Prof Lim Beng Hai Citation: Dr Alphonsus Chong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex Forearm and Elbow Fracture - <i>A/Prof Tu Yuan-Kun, Director of Orthopaedics of E-Da Hospital, Professor I-Shou University, Taiwan</i>
18 April	OCT Symposium – What Lies Beneath? Co-organisers: Chapter of Ophthalmologists and Singapore Society of Ophthalmology (SSO) Chairman: A/Prof Lim Tock Han	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Role of OCT in the Diagnosis & Treatment of Retinal Diseases—<i>Dr Adrian Koh</i> Beyond Standard Time-Domain OCT - <i>Dr Nikolle Tan</i> OCT “Hands-On” Reading – Pearls and Pitfalls - <i>A/Prof Lim Tock Han</i>
2 May	3rd Update Session on Lung Cancer Updates Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Agasthian Thirugnanam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjuvant Therapy for Lung Cancer - <i>Dr Tay Miah Hiang</i> Surgery for Lung Cancer - <i>A/Prof Koong Heng Nung</i>
25-28 June	Exit Examination Preparatory Course 2008 for Advanced Surgical Trainees in General Surgery Organiser: Chapter of General Surgeons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Convener: A/Prof Cheah Wei Keat Hospital conveners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A/Prof Cheah Wei Keat (National University Hospital) A/Prof Pierce Chow (Singapore General Hospital) A/Prof Chia Kok Hoong (Tan Tock Seng Hospital)
23 June	Chapter of General Surgeons - Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma: Pathways & Precursors Co-organisers: Chapter of Pathologists, Academy of Medicine and Chapter of General Surgeons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Jennifer L. Hunt
11 July	Third Dinner Lecture of Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman/Citation: Dr Chua Yeow Leng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valve Repair or Replacement: The Thai Experience - <i>Dr Taweesak Chotivatanapong, Head, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chest Disease Institute of Thailand</i>
12 July	4th Update Session on Mitral Valve Surgery Updates Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Ooi Oon Cheong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Techniques in Mitral Valve Reconstruction - <i>Dr Taweesak Chotivatanapong</i> Indications & Decision-Making in Mitral Valve Surgery - <i>Dr Saw Huat Seong</i> Case discussion moderator: Dr Chua Yeow Leng
22-24 August	24th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology – Current Trends in Ophthalmology Co-organisers: Singapore Society of Ophthalmology (SSO), Chapter of Ophthalmologists and Malaysian Medical Association Ophthalmological Society	
5 September	Inaugural Dinner Lecture of Chapter of Neurosurgeons Organiser: Chapter of Neurosurgeons Chairman/Citation: A/Prof Ang Beng Ti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale and Strategies for Enhancing Oxygen Delivery to the Injured Brain - <i>Prof Ross Bullock, Clinical Director of Neurotrauma, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami</i>
11 October	5th Update Session on Surgery of the Aorta Organiser: Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Chairman: Dr Christie Tan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imaging of Aortic Disease & Percutaneous Aortic Valve Replacement - <i>Dr Victor Chao</i> Open Surgery of the Aorta & Organ Protection - <i>Dr Kenny Sin</i> Elephant Trunks, Innovations & Complications in Aortic Surgery - <i>Prof Uwe Klima</i> Endovascular Solutions, Hybrids & the Future - <i>A/Prof Peter Robless</i>
14 November	Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons Symposium – Specialist Training & Accreditation In conjunction with the 31 st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Singapore Orthopaedic Association (SOA) jointly organised by SOA and the Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons Chairmen: Dr Low Cheng Ooi and A/Prof Low Yin Peng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry's Perspective of the Role of the Singapore Medical Council and Singapore Accreditation Board - <i>Dr Lau Hong Choon, Director of Manpower Standards & Development, Ministry of Health (MOH)</i> Role of the Joint Committee on Specialist Training and Division Graduate Medical Studies—<i>Prof Lee Eng Hin, Co-Chairmen, Joint Committee on Specialist Training & Director, Division of Graduate Medical Studies</i> The Role of the Specialist Training Committee - <i>Prof Shamal Das De, Chairman of Specialist Training Committee of Orthopaedic Surgery</i> The Role of the Academy of Medicine Singapore - <i>Dr Tan Kok Chai, Scribe, Academy of Medicine</i>

College of Surgeons Dinner 2008

The college celebrated its inaugural College of Surgeons dinner on 19 September at the Regent Singapore. Programme highlights of the dinner were the presentation of awards to outstanding advanced surgical trainees (ASTs) and named lectureships by renowned surgeons:

- **13TH Yahya Cohen Memorial Lectureship**
Dr Sathappan SS (Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons) presented "Clinical Outcome of Total Hip Arthroplasty using the Normalized Proportionalized Femoral Stem with a Minimum 20-Year Follow-Up*."
**Full paper will be published in the Annals of the Academy of Medicine*
- **3RD College of Surgeons Lectureship**
Dr Ong Siew Chey, a renowned surgeon in the general surgery community, presented the prestigious 3rd College of Surgeons Lectureship: "Bringing Up Surgeons".*

**Full paper will be published in the Annals of the Academy of Medicine. An excerpt of the paper will be published in the 5th Issue of the Chapter Connection - a quarterly newsletter published by the Chapter of General Surgeons.*

- **College of Surgeons Gold Medal Award 2008**
The annual College of Surgeons Gold Medal was established to recognise and encourage outstanding ASTs in the surgical specialties. A total of 11 awards were presented at the dinner as follows:

Dr Mark Wong Te Ching , Singapore General Hospital (SGH)	- General Surgery
Dr Amitabha Lahiri , National University Hospital (NUH)	- Hand Surgery
Dr Anette Ang , SGH	- Otorhinolaryngology
Dr Ong Yew Kwang , NUH	
Dr Tan Chyn Hong , NUH	- Orthopaedic Surgery
Dr Ong Lin Yin , KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH)	- Paediatric Surgery
Dr Marcus Wong Thien Chong , Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH)	- Plastic Surgery
Dr Ong Yee Siang , SGH	
Dr Ong Chin Hu , Alexandra Hospital (AH)	- Urology

Fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery

The Fellowship was established in 1976 by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore through generous donations from the Lee Foundation, Shaw Foundation and the World Orthopaedic Concern. The Fellowship, transferred to the College in 2005, provides eligible surgical registrars from the developing countries the opportunity to receive advanced orthopaedic training in Singapore.

2008 Fellowship recipients

- **Dr To Manh Tuan**, Department of Hand & Reconstructive Microsurgery, NUH
- **Dr Achmad Fauzi Kamal**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, SGH
- **Dr Usman Saleem**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, SGH
- **Dr Abdulfajar Zikriya Modak**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH
- **Dr Rizki Rahmadian**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NUH

College of Surgeons Travelling Fellowship

Established in 1997 by Dr V K Pillay from his own donations as well as donations from the World Orthopaedic Concern, Lee Foundation, Shaw Foundation, it provides funding to members of the College for their participation at conferences/seminars/workshops/teaching programmes to have further understanding of the surgical problems in the developing world and gain knowledge on the development/advancement of the surgical specialties. The Travelling Fellowship Recipients of the 2008 College of Surgeons were:

Prof Adrian Leong

International Conference on Surgical Education & Training of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Melbourne, Australia
4-5 March 2008

Dr Chan Heng Thye

11th Congress of the Asian Association of Endocrine Surgeons & Annual Scientific Meeting of the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia, 20-22 March 2008

Dr Chua Yeow Leng

Conjoint Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, 12-16 May 2008 on behalf of the College President

A/Prof Siow Jin Keat

33rd Annual Scientific Congress of the Japanese College of Surgeons in Tokyo, Japan, 1-13 June 2008 on behalf of the College President

Dr Chan Heng Thye

33rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in Pattaya, Thailand from 17-20 July 2008.

Dr Chan Heng Thye

42nd Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia & Academy of Medicine, Singapore in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 31 July to 3 August 2008.

A/Prof Low Yin Peng

94th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in San Francisco, California from 12-16 October 2008 on behalf of the College President.

Dr Chan Heng Thye

64th Annual Clinical Congress of the Philippine College of Surgeons in Mandaluyong City, Philippines from 7-10 December 2008.

Full meeting report from the individual recipient is available at www.css.edu.sg under "Other Medical Events".

Sponsorship of Events

In 2008, the College is proud to be a nominal sponsor for the following events:

26 January - 1 February 2008

Lecture series and teachings by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Health Manpower Development Plan (HMDP) Visiting Expert in Craniofacial Surgery, Dr Eric J. Arnaud, organized by KKH.

1-2 February 2008

17th Comprehensive Hand Review Course of the Singapore Society for Hand Surgery (SSHS) at NUH.

3 March 2008

Lecture on *Pediatric Surgical Oncology: The Challenge* by the MOH HMDP Visiting Expert in Pediatric Surgical Oncology, Dr Stephen J. Shochat, organized by KKH.

3-7 March 2008

Lecture Series by the MOH HMDP Visiting Expert in Colon and Rectal Surgery, Dr Jeffrey W. Milsom, jointly organized by AH, Changi General Hospital (CGH), NUH, SGH and TTSH.

13-16 March 2008

16th Annual Meeting of the Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore.

5 April 2008

1st Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus Symposium, National Neuroscience Institute, Tan Tock Seng campus.

24-25 May 2008

1st Singapore-Malaysia Combined Breast Surgeon Conference 2008 of the Novartis Oncology, Prince Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

17 August 2008

Singapore-Malaysia Combined ENT Scientific Meeting of the Society of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, Singapore and Malaysian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists – Head & Neck Surgery, Sheraton Towers Hotel.

1 August 2008

Combined Journal Club Meetings of KKH and NUH—*Is Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Children with Vesicoureteral Reflux Effective in Preventing Pyelonephritis and Renal Scars? A Randomized, Controlled Trial*, KKH.

26 September 2008

Combined Journal Club Meetings of KKH and NUH -*Biliary Atresia with Extrahepatic Biliary Cysts – Cholangiographic Patterns Influencing the Prognosis*, KKH and *Is Excision of a Choledochal Cyst in the Neonatal Period Necessary?*, NUH.

15-16 November 2008

Workshop on Paediatric Laparoscopic Surgery of the South-East-Asia Paediatric Endoscopic Group (SEAPEG), NUH.

27-29 November 2008

1st Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session in conjunction with 4th Asia-Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium of the Singapore Cardiac Society, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore.

28 November - 5 December 2008

Lecture series and teachings by the MOH HMDP Visiting Expert in Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Dr Randolph Sherman, organized by KKH.

Distance Learning Programme (DLP)

The Chapter of Plastic Surgeons contributed the module on *Blepharoplasty* authored by Dr Andrew P Trussler and Dr Rod J Rohrich. The article was first published in the Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Journal.

Staff Registrar Scheme (SRS)

During the year, Chapters under the College successfully implemented four diplomas:

- Diploma in Cardiothoracic Surgery - Chapter of Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Diploma in Hand Surgery - Chapter of Hand Surgeons
- Diploma in Neurosurgery - Chapter of Neurosurgeons
- Diploma in Orthopaedic Surgery - Chapter of Orthopaedic Surgeons

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Professional Opinions

During the year, the College contributed feedback and recommendations to the Ministry of Health on the following topics:

- The feasibility of establishing National Medical Specialty Centres (NMSC) for the individual specialty and the mission and roles of the NMSC to the Committee on Strategy for National Medical Specialisation Centres
- Guidelines on Exposure-Prone Procedures
- Study on the Determination of the Minimum Standards Required for the Provision of Paediatric ENT Services
- Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) on Rhinitis & Sinusitis
- Review on the Table of Surgical Procedures (TOSP) returned by MOH

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Staff directory (As at 31 December 2008)

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Edwin Lim Accountant

Chng Ai Choo, Cindy (Ms) Senior Accounts Officer

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Cheryl Ng (Ms), Executive, HR

Membership / IT

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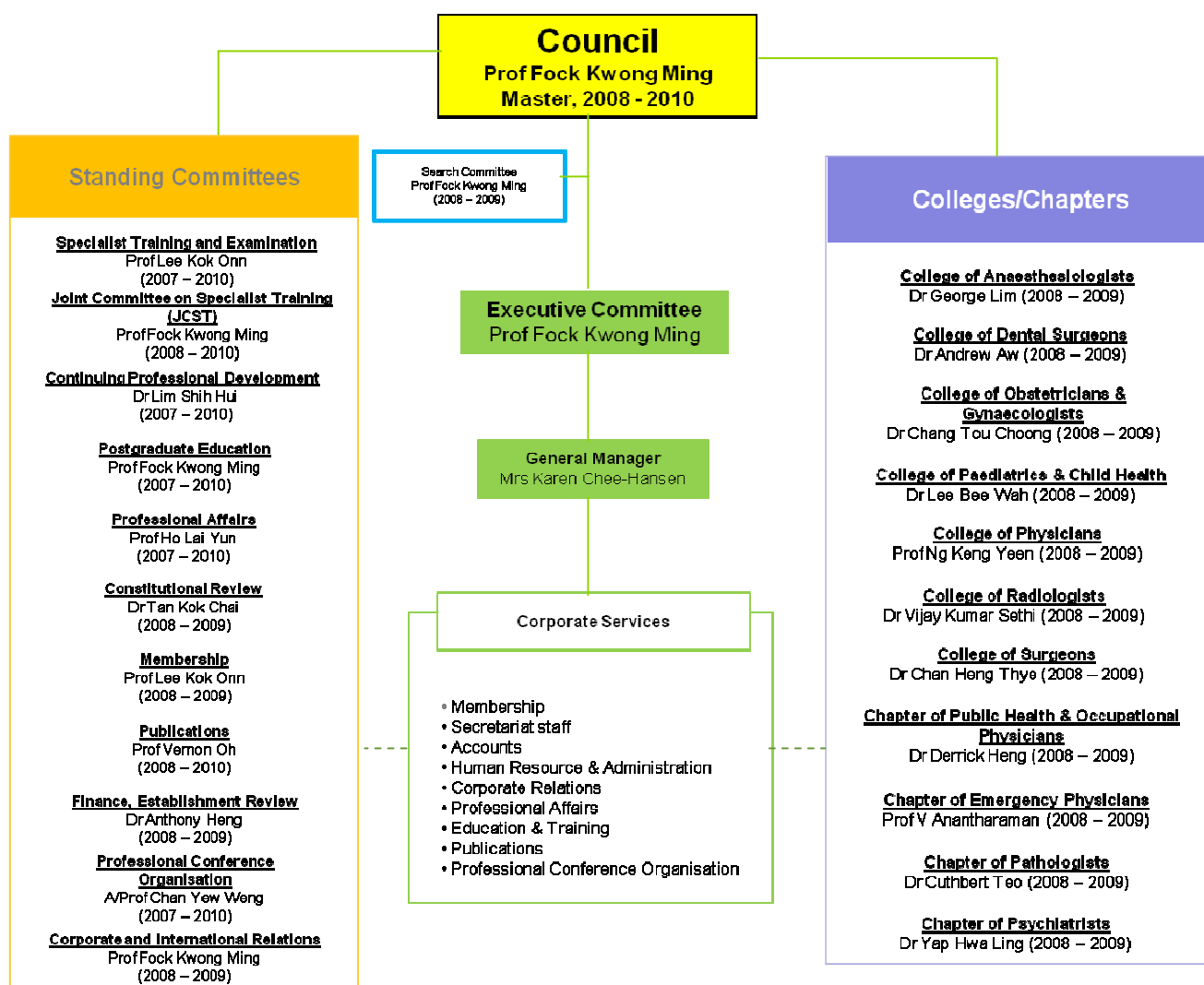
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To be a leading institution for postgraduate medical education in the region

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Advancing the art and science of medicine through postgraduate specialist training; maintenance of high standards of competency and ethical integrity through continuous professional development; generation and dissemination of information and knowledge to the public on matters related to health



“Recta Sapere” To Seek And Savour The Truth At All Times

'Per pale and per chevron Gules and Azure a Chevron cotised between Three Leopards' faces Or And for the Crest on a Wreath, Or Gules and Azure Two Eagles' heads addorsed Azure beaked Or and gorged with chaplet of Roses - Gules barbed and seeded in each beak a Poppy slipped and leave proper'.

In the centre of the Shield, the Chevron symbolizes the coming –together of the specialists of medicine under one roof—the Academy. The three leopards represent the territories in the Singapore-Malaysia region. The two Eagles' heads of the Crest remind us of the privilege we had of using the family Arms of our first Master, Gordon Ransome, in the early years of our existence. The Poppies denote our common desire to relieve pain.

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