

Newsletter



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President's Message

Dear Members,

HKSCCP has an important mission to provide training and education of various aspects of colposcopy and cervical pathology to our medical community. During the past few years, we followed the tradition of organizing regular refresher courses, clinical pathological conferences, basic colposcopy workshops and ad hoc seminars. However, the COVID19 pandemic has shaken the world since the beginning of 2020 and Hong Kong is no exception. We experienced the 1st wave, 2nd wave and recently the 3rd wave of outbreak with tightening of social distancing measures and shutting down of various activities, not only social events but also medical services. These limitations have not deterred us from providing continuous education to our trainees, fellows, colposcopists and nurses. Therefore, for the first time, the 28th Refresher Course for Accredited Colposcopist was conducted online by using ZOOM on 18 June 2020. The meeting went smoothly and members generally showed positive feedback on this new format of educational activity. Following the success of this refresher course in June, the subsequent CPC and the 29th Refresher Course were also held online by using ZOOM in August and September. These two events attracted more than 70 and

40 participants respectively. We are grateful for the overwhelming responses thanks to the effort of the speakers' and members' participation.

The coming Biennial General Meeting (BGM) will be held on 5th November 2020. The event will also include an educational live webinar titled “Global Elimination of Cervical Cancer” by Professor Marion Saville from Australia. We are very proud to have invited Professor Saville who is a world renowned expert in cervical cancer screening. She is also a co-Principal Investigator of the COMPASS Trial! The registration is free of charge and we look forward to seeing you there.

In spite of the negative sentiments of COVID19, we are pleased to learn that Hong Kong has taken a great step forward in cervical cancer prevention this year – the implementation of HPV vaccination to primary 5 and 6 schoolgirls under the Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme starting from the 2019/2020 school year. Although the programme is partly affected by school suspension because of the COVID19 situation, the School Immunisation Teams (SIT) of the Department of Health have taken every opportunity to facilitate the programme and make necessary arrangements. Nevertheless, cervical cancer screening still plays a pivotal role in cervical cancer prevention. Our Society will continue to organize various educational activities to uphold the standards of medical professionals and to participate in community campaigns to promote public awareness.

It is my greatest honour to be given the opportunity to serve as President of HKSCCP in the past 4 years. I have come to the end of my 4-year term. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the council and ex-officio members for their hard work and unfailing support. I must also thank all HKSCCP members for

	<p>your understanding and encouragement. I am sure the coming new council will help the Society to continue to flourish in the coming years.</p> <p>Dr Li Wai Hon President</p>
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Accreditation of Colposcopists

The HKSCCP organizes a colposcopist accreditation programme. It included Clinical Evaluation Exercise (CEX), Case Based Discussions (CBD) and Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills (OSATS). Doctors performing colposcopy in their clinical practice are welcomed to apply for accreditation as colposcopist. Details of the training criteria are published in both HKCOG and HKSCCP website. (<http://www.hksccp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>). The number of accredited colposcopist increased from 51 in January 2019 to 56 in July 2020.

Re-accreditation of Colposcopists

Re-accreditation of colposcopist is essential to ensure the standard of our colposcopists. Colposcopists are required to perform a certain number of colposcopies in order to be eligible for re-accreditation. The re-accreditation exercise will be held every 3 years and the current cycle will end on 31 December 2020. Details of the re-accreditation criteria are published in both HKCOG and HKSCCP website.

Accreditation of Smear Takers

Pap smear is the cornerstone for cervical cancer screening and detection of precancerous lesions. Nurses who perform pap smears are welcomed to apply for accreditation as smear takers. Detailed information for the application requirements are listed in our website (<http://www.hksccp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>). In 2020, there is one newly accredited smear taker.

Re-accreditation of Smear Takers

Re-accreditation of smear taker is essential to ensure the standard of our accredited smear taker. The re-accreditation exercise will be held every 3 years. Smear takers can refer to our website for details on re-accreditation. In 2020, there are 6 smear takers successfully reaccredited.

Activities in 2019 and 2020

“HPV Testing and Primary Cervical Screening” by Professor Michael Quinn, 11 April 2019

Professor Michael Quinn, past president of the International Gynaecologic Cancer Society (IGCS), was invited to Hong Kong to give a lecture “HPV Testing and Primary Cervical Screening” held in Queen Elizabeth Hospital. About 50 participants joined this seminar where the most up-to-date knowledge on cervical cancer screening was discussed.

Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society (OGSHK) of Hong Kong, 1-2 June 2019

We are proud to have invited three eminent overseas and local Professors to share with us on various aspects on cervical cancer prevention in our Society’s colposcopy session. Professor Marion Saville from Australia gave a talk on "Cervical Cancer Screening - From Cytology to HPV Testing". Professor Hextan Ngan, our Society’s founding President, updated us on “HPV Vaccine”. Professor Eliza Wong from The Chinese University of Hong Kong delivered the lecture “HPV DNA Self-sampling for Cervical Cancer Screening”.

27th Refresher Course on Colposcopy, 25th June 2019

The 27th Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organized by Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr. Matsuzono Tomoko, Associate Consultant of Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Members from both Hospital Authority and private sector actively participated in the discussion of these cases. The meeting ended with all participants passing the assessment test.

Basic Colposcopy Workshop, 28th September 2019

The workshop was organized by Prince of Wales Hospital. Various speakers including pathologist, gynaecologists and gynae-oncologists were invited to give lectures on the basic principles of colposcopy and management of abnormal cytology and cervical pathology. A video virtual laboratory tour was also included in the workshop. The Basic Colposcopy Workshop is one of the training requirements for accreditation of colposcopist.

Clinical Pathological Conference, 17th December 2019

The Clinical Pathological Conference was organized by United Christian Hospital. Pathologist Dr Ivy Cheng was invited in the multi-disciplinary discussion on interesting cases.

28th Refresher Course on Colposcopy, 18th June 2020

The Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organized by Kwong Wah Hospital via ZOOM online. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr. Chan Kit Sheung, Consultant of Kwong Wah Hospital. Members from both Hospital Authority and private sector actively participated in the discussion of these cases. The meeting ended with all participants passing the assessment test. It was the first online meeting via ZOOM organized by our Society and it was well received by most participants.

Clinical Pathological Conference, 26 August 2020

The Clinical Pathological Conference was organized by Queen Elizabeth Hospital via ZOOM online. Consultant pathologist Dr Cheuk Wah was invited in the multi-disciplinary discussion on three interesting cases related to cervical glandular pathology. The CPC attracted over 70 participants joining together online at the same time.

10th Multi-specialty Medical Mega Conference, 12-13 September 2020

A session dedicated on “HPV-related diseases and prevention” was jointly organized by the Hong Kong Society for Infectious Diseases, The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong and HKSCCP. Dr Mandy Chu presented

“HPV-related vulval diseases”, Dr Andrew Tin Yau Wong presented “HPV-related AIN and multi-zonal disease” and Dr Li Wai Hon presented “HPV vaccination”. The conference was also converted to a virtual meeting because of the COVID19 situation.

29th Refresher Course, 17 September 2020

The Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organized by Queen Mary Hospital via ZOOM online. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr Charleen Cheung, associate consultant of Queen Mary Hospital. Over 40 participants from both Hospital Authority and private sector actively involved in the discussion of these cases. The meeting ended with all participants passing the assessment test.

Reaccreditation as a Provider of Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) 29 September 2020

The Nursing Council of Hong Kong has approved to reaccredit HKSCCP as a provider of CNE for the period from 7 November 2020 to 6 November 2023.

10th BGM and Live Webinar: “Global Elimination of Cervical Cancer” by Marion Saville, Associate Professor, Victorian Cytology Services, Australia, 5th November 2020

Our Society will hold its 2020 Biennial General Meeting on the 5th November 2020. We are proud to have invited Professor Marion Saville from Australia to talk to us on the latest development of cervical cancer screening. Professor Saville is a world renowned expert in cervical cancer screening and is a co-Principal Investigator of the COMPASS Trial. We are looking forward to this live webinar. We hope this format of educational activity can benefit more health care workers who are dealing with the prevention of cervical cancer. Further details of the event will be announced once available.

Please refer to our website for all of forthcoming activities in 2021.

HKSCCP Website

News and activities of the Society are announced in our website which is updated consistently. Photos and lecture notes of our meetings can be found at the “Archive”

section. Members interested in the meeting lectures can review them on our website. Feedback on the website are welcomed, the website address is: <http://www.hksccp.org.hk/>.

Welcome to New Members

Medical practitioners, health related workers and individuals who are interested in colposcopy, cervical pathology and cervical cancer screening are welcomed to join our Society. Interested parties can refer to our website: <http://www.hksccp.org.hk> for membership application details.

Update of Member's Particular

For members who have changed their particulars, please inform us by email at admin@hksccp.org.hk

Thanks you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the Society's 2021 meetings!

Honorary Secretary
Dr. Edith Cheng