

Newsletter



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President's Message

The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology had strived to provide high-quality education on cervical pathologies to the healthcare community since its establishment in 2001. The COVID pandemic had revolutionized the provision of medical education with restrictions on social gatherings. Since our first online 28th Refresher Course on 18th June 2020 which proved to be very welcoming to our members, HKSCCP continues to organize educational activities through online platforms in the years 2021 and 2022. I have to thank all my council members for their endeavors of making these activities a success amidst the difficulties of the COVID pandemic. We organized the Clinical Pathological Conference on 6th May 2021 and 4th April 2022, Refresher Course on 21st October 2021, 17th June 2022 and 19th September 2022. We also co-organized the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong on 27th June 2021 and 26 June 2022 where we invited Dr. Ida Ismail-Pratt and Dr. Timothy Lim from Singapore, Professor Eric Leblanc from France and Dr. Ngu Siew Fei from Hong Kong University to lecture on various topics on gynaecological cancer prevention and treatment. We have to thank our members for their continued support of our activities with the Hybrid Basic Colposcopy Workshop held on 18th September 2021 enrolling a record-high number of 80 participants.

In this year's BGM, we are honoured to have invited Professor Jack Cuzick, John Snow Professor of Epidemiology from the

Queen Mary University of London to present on “A comparison of DNA and mRNA HPV testing in primary screening and the new WHO guidelines”. We look forward to seeing all of you in this hybrid meeting.

In the coming year, HKSCCP will launch its first Smear Taker Course and Practicum for nurses to acquire smear-taking skills and qualifications to provide high-standard cervical cancer screening. We hereby thank the University of Hong Kong and the Family Planning Association for their contribution in previous years to the education of smear takers. The Hong Kong government introduced HPV-based testing into the cervical cancer screening program in August 2021. The combat against cervical cancer is everchanging with the emergence of new evidence. HKSCCP will continue to take the lead in providing an up-to-date education for the healthcare community to uphold the standard in cervical pathologies management.

In the past few years, we had waived the annual subscription fee for members in view of sound financial situation of the Society. In appreciation of the healthcare profession in the fight against the covid, our society had continued to waive the annual subscription fee of our members. Currently, HKSCCP has a total of 19 life members, 251 regular members and 147 associate members. Your support is the cornerstone of our success. We look forward to seeing you in our coming activities and we welcome any suggestions for improvement.



Dr. Jacqueline Lee Ho Sze
President

The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology

Accreditation of Colposcopists

The HKSCCP organizes a colposcopist accreditation programme. It includes 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>). This has been last updated in December 2021. The number of accredited colposcopist increased from 51 in January 2019 to 60 in July 2022- 40 of whom are also colposcopy trainers.

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 2023.

The rules and regulation of the re-accreditation of specialist colposcopist, colposcopy trainer and colposcopy service centre have been revised in December 2021. Details of the update 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 is listed in our website (<http://www.hksccp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>). In 2021-2022, there are 2 newly accredited smear takers.

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 2021, there are 1 smear takers successfully reaccredited.

Activities in 2021 and 2022

Affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, our activities have continued to adopt a hybrid (onsite/online) or online only mode of delivery

Clinical Pathological Conference, 6th May 2021

The Clinical Pathological Conference was organized by The Prince of Wales Hospital via ZOOM, with 35 participants. Pathologist Dr Joshua Li was invited in the multi-disciplinary discussion on interesting cases.

Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society (OGSHK) of Hong Kong, 27 June 2021

We are proud to have invited 2 eminent overseas speakers to share with us on various aspects on cervical cancer prevention in our Society's colposcopy session. Dr Ida Ismail-Pratt from Singapore gave a lecture on "HPV testing as cervical cancer screening".

Basic Colposcopy Workshop, 18th Sept 2021

This workshop was organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital. It was the first time we have organized the basic colposcopy workshop via a hybrid mode (onsite and online). 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, as well as part of O&G Specialist training. We had a great response to the workshop with 84 participants attending the workshop.

30th Refresher Course for Accredited Colposcopists, 21st October 2021

The 30th Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organized by Family Planning Association. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr. Gladys Kwok. Members from both Hospital Authority and private sector actively participated in the discussion of these cases. There were 30 participants.

Clinical Pathology Conference, 4th April 2022

The Clinical Pathological Conference was organized by Queen Mary Hospital, with 33 participants. Pathologist Dr Philip Ip was invited in the multi-disciplinary discussion on cases of extramammary Paget's disease.

31th Refresher Course for Accredited Colposcopists, 17th June 2022

The 31th Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, United Christian Hospital. There were 30 participants. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr. Gladys Kwok. Members from both Hospital Authority and private sector actively participated in the discussion of these cases.

Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society (OGSHK) of Hong Kong, 26 June 2022

We are proud to have invited 2 eminent overseas and local experts share with us on various aspects on cervical cancer prevention in our Society's session. Dr Timothy Lim from Singapore gave a lecture on "Fertility Sparing Treatment for Cervical Cancer and the Management of Post Treatment Pregnancies". Dr Siew Fei Ng gave a lecture on "HPV testing versus Cytology in Hong Kong".

32th Refresher Course for Accredited Colposcopists, 19th Sept 2022

The 32th Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Princess Margaret Hospital. There were 24 participants. Twenty five cases were presented and a quiz of 10 questions related to colposcopy was gone through.

11th BGM and Live Hybrid Webinar: "A comparison of DNA and mRNA HPV testing in primary screening and the new WHO guidelines" by Professor Jack Cuzick John Snow Professor of Epidemiology from the Queen Mary University of London, 24th November 2022

Our Society will hold its 11th Biennial General Meeting on the 24th November 2022 in a hybrid format.

Please refer to our website for all of forthcoming activities in 2022 and onwards.

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 is most 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 future meetings!

Honorary Secretary
Dr. Jessica Law

