

Newsletter



The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology

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OFFICE BEARERS:	President's Message
President: Prof. Annie Cheung	Happy Easter!
Vice President: Dr. TC Pun	There has been great advancements in the prevention of cervical cancer in the last decade as a result of better understanding on the pathogenesis of the disease and improvement in the technology.
Honorary Treasurer: Dr. Philip Ip	A relatively widely accepted cervical cytology reporting system, the Bethesda system and liquid based cytology has been widely adopted in the world including Hong Kong. The application of human papilloma virus (HPV) molecular detection test and computer assisted screening further enhance the standard of detection for cervical cancer and its precursors. It is also envisaged that vaccination for HPV is likely to become available as an option for the prevention of oncogenic HPV infection that cause majority of cervical cancer.
Honorary Secretary: Dr. Grace Wong	Our Society will continue to take up an active role in the organization of education activities for our professions to better the service for cervical cancer prevention and management. We have been active in the participation of local, regional and international conferences and workshops. Collaboration with various Hospital Authority administered hospitals and private hospitals as well as other local and international societies will continue. Support of members of our Society is most crucial to the success of such activities.
COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Your suggestions regarding future activities of our Society will be most welcome.
Dr. SK Lam	Best Wishes!
Dr. KM Mok	Annie Cheung
Dr. Peter Kwok	
Dr. Amelia Wong	
Dr. SF Yim	
EX-OFFICIO: Prof. Hextan Ngan	
NO. OF MEMBERS:	
Voting members-139	
Associate members-57	

Audit exercise for accredited colposcopists

All accredited colposcopists are required to submit data on colposcopic examinations and procedures starting from 1st January 2006 onward. Colposcopists can either download the computer audit programme from HKCOG or HKSCCP website to enter data or fill in the data form provided on those websites. Levy fee will be collected if forms are submitted. The deadline for submission of 2006 data will be on 31st March 2007.

Accreditation of Smear Takers

Accreditation of Smear Takers is considered to be an important marker for attaining high quality cervical screening and cytological surveillance program for women in Hong Kong. 45 nurses had been accredited as Smear Takers of the Society. The list of accredited smear takers is available on our website <http://www.hksccp.org.hk/>. We would like to invite more medical professionals to come forward for Accreditation as Smear Taker. The criteria for accreditation is available on our website. The new cycle of Pap Smear Taking Course jointly held by The University of Hong Kong and the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong is now opened for application. Please refer to our website or the website of the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong at www.famplan.org.hk for information and enrolment details.

Re-accreditation of Smear Takers

Re-accreditation exercise of Smear Taker is essential in maintaining the high standard of our accredited Smear Taker. The re-accreditation exercise will be held every 3 years. The criteria for re-accreditation includes:

1. Previously be an accredited smear taker from HKSCCP (within 5 years from the first accreditation or re-accreditation)
2. Be a current member of HKSCCP
3. Be a current holder of nursing or medical qualification recognized by the Hong Kong Nursing Board or the Hong Kong Medical Council respectively. (Please provide documents of proof)
4. Submit a logbook consisting of 50 consecutive cases done within 3 years. (The identities of the subjects should be kept confidential.) Smear Takers may be requested to submit more detail if required.
5. Have the logbook signed by the medical practitioner supervising the cervical cancer screening service

6. Submit evidence of attending continuous training equivalent to 2 CNE/CME points on cervical screening, cytology or colposcopy within 3 years
7. Pay the HK\$ 100 assessment fee (The assessment is not refundable even if the re-accreditation fails.)

The first batch of Accredited Smear Takers of the Society due for re-accreditation would be in March 2007. Smear Takers can refer to our website for logbook on re-accreditation.

Forthcoming activities

The Refresher Courses on Colposcopy

The fifth refresher course on colposcopy was held on 20th April 2006 in FPAHK. The sixth refresher course is preliminary scheduled in September 2006 and will be held in Baptist Hospital. Twenty-five colposcopy cases will be discussed in each refresher course and the cases can be counted for re-accreditation purpose. Certificate of attendance will be available during the event only if payment is received prior to the activity. Please note that the activities are aimed not only for accredited colposcopists, but also medical staff undergoing colposcopy training, pathologists as well as allied medical staff. You may refer to the website for the latest update about the forthcoming course and enrolment details.

Colposcopy workshop for clinicians and paramedics

The colposcopy workshop is preliminary scheduled in July 2006. The workshop will be run in PWH. Accredited Smear Taker as well as laboratory staff will be invited as speaker to broaden the audience understanding of services closely related to colposcopy. Please refer to the website later for further information and enrolment details.

Biennial General Meeting

The biennial general meeting is preliminary scheduled in December 2006. Office bearers and Council Members are deemed for re-election. Members who are interested to serve the Society are welcomed to come forward for the election. Nominations form for election of Office bearers and Council Members of The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology together with the agenda for the biennial general meeting will be distributed to members later.

AOGIN (Asia-Oceania Research Organization in Genital Infection and Neoplasia)

AOGIN is an organization aims to promote and develop, at an Asia-Oceania level, research, training, screening, prevention and information concerning genital infections, pre-cancers and cancers in women. The 4 National/Regional Representatives from Hong Kong were Prof. Annie NY Cheung, Dr. TH Cheung, Dr. SK Lam and Prof. Hextan YS Ngan. You can visit their website at www.aogin.com for information about their events and seminars.

Welcome to New Members

The following members were elected as Associate members in the last Council Meeting held in February 2006:

Dr. Poon Man Li Isabella

Dr. Li Kwok To Thomas

Dr. Yau Tat Nga

Ms Wong Wai Chu

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

Annual Subscription and update of Member's particular

The Annual Membership Subscription for the year 2006 is due now. We need the full physical and financial support from all of you for the continue development of the Society. The payment advice slip is attached. Please send in your subscription at your earliest convenience. Members are also encouraged to update us with any changes of their correspondence or e-mail address. You can do so by sending us a note during the renewal of your annual subscription or through e-mail contact at pmykwok@hkucc.hku.hk.

Donations

Our society is in need of funds for our development and regular activities. Any suggestions from members regarding ways in fundraising or potential sponsor would be

much appreciated. Please contact the Honorary Secretary for any of your ideas through the email pmykwok@hkucc.hku.hk.

Thanks again for your support.

Honorary Secretary