

Newsletter



The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology

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Voting members-148

Associate members-56

President's Message

Happy Easter!

There have been great advancements in the prevention of cervical cancer. A territory wide organized screening programme involving collaboration between Department of Health and other health care professionals has been launched in March 2004. Besides the technical improvement in cervical cytology screening and human papilloma virus (HPV) molecular detection test, vaccination for high risk oncogenic HPV types, that caused 70% of cervical cancer, is now available in Hong Kong. Our community and profession need to prepare for wise application of such advancement.

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. Collaboration with various Hospital Authority administered hospitals and private hospitals as well as other local and international societies will continue.

A list of activities is provided in this newsletter. Support of members of our Society is most crucial to the success of such activities.

Your suggestions regarding future activities of our Society will be most welcome.

Best Wishes!

Annie Cheung

主席致詞

復活節快樂！

目前，子宮頸癌的預防工作已取得顯著的進步。全港大規模鼓勵篩查計劃已於 2004 年 3 月展開，當中包含著衛生署和其他單位的醫護人員的參與和合作。除了子宮頸細胞學篩查和人類乳突狀病毒（HPV）分子檢測技術改進外，香港現時已有針對引致 70% 子宮頸癌的高危致癌型 HPV 的疫苗接種。我們的社會及各醫護專業需要為這些先進技術的應用而作出準備。本會將繼續積極為醫護人員組織各項專業培訓活動，從而優化子宮頸癌的預防和管理，並繼續加強與各醫院管理局醫院、私家醫院、本地及國際團體的合作。

各項活動已詳列於本通訊內，成員的支持對活動的成功有著關鍵的作用。歡迎對本會日後的活動提供寶貴的建議。

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Biennial General Meeting

The latest biennial general meeting (BGM) was successfully held on 17th November 2006. The whole team of office bearers and Council Members were re-elected to serve for one more term of office. The scientific lectures followed the BGM were well attended by members and non-members. Interested members can recapitulate the PowerPoint slides of the lectures at the member's area of our Society's website.

Audit exercise for accredited colposcopists

All accredited colposcopists are reminded to submit data on colposcopic examinations and procedures for the year of 2006 to HKCOG the latest by the end of March 2007. 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 from HKCOG if forms are submitted.

Accreditation of Smear Takers

Pap smear is still currently the most widely used tool for detection of cervical cancer and precancerous lesions. Taking good quality smear forms the cornerstone for the cervical cancer screening in Hong Kong. Accreditation enhances quality assurance of smear takers. 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. Please visit our website for the criteria for accreditation.

Re-accreditation of Smear Takers

Re-accreditation exercise of Smear Taker is essential in assuring the 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 is due for re-accreditation in March 2007. Smear Takers can refer to our website for logbook on re-accreditation.

Forthcoming activities

The Refresher Courses on Colposcopy

The seventh refresher course on colposcopy will be held in June 2007 in UCH. The eighth refresher course is scheduled on 17th November 2007 (Saturday) from 3-5 p.m. and will be held in Union Hospital. Twenty-five colposcopy cases will be discussed in each refresher course. Certificate of attendance will be issued so that the cases reviewed can be counted for re-accreditation purpose. Please note that the activities are aimed not only for accredited colposcopists. Medical staff undergoing colposcopy training, pathologists as well as allied medical staff are also welcomed. You may refer to the website for the latest update about the forthcoming course and enrolment details.

Colposcopy workshop

The colposcopy workshop is preliminary scheduled in September 2007. The workshop will be run in QMH. Please refer to the website later for further information and enrolment details.

Talk for nurses: Updates on HPV and HPV vaccine

The talk will be held on 11 May 2007 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Auditorium of the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong on 8/F, Southorn Centre, Wanchai. Members will enjoy **half price** for the talk. Details of the talk and the enrolment form will be available from our website as well as in FPAHK website at www.famplan.org.hk. The deadline for registration will be on 25th April 2007.

IFCPC (International Federation for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy)

IFCPC is an eminent international organization in promoting knowledge and research, standardizing terminology and evaluating diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the field of uterine cervical pathology and colposcopy. HKSCCP became one of its national societies in 2006. The Federation holds at regular intervals world congresses related to its objectives in different countries. The coming IFCPC World Congress will be held on 19-23 October in Auckland New Zealand. Members are invited to visit their website at www.ifcpc.org for further information about the world congress.

Welcome to New Members

The following members were elected as Regular members in the last Council Meeting held in March 2007:

Dr. Lau Nga Ting Winnie

Dr. Liang Hui Xin

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.hkscgp.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 2007 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. Please also kindly update your personal particulars especially your e-mail address and correspondence in the form attached during the renewal of your annual subscription or through e-mail contact at pmykwok@hkucc.hku.hk.

Chinese Domain Name of the Society

The Chinese Domain name of the Society [www. 香港陰道鏡及子宮頸病理學會.hk](http://www.香港陰道鏡及子宮頸病理學會.hk) is now available. We hope there will be more visitors accessing our website.

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