

Newsletter



The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology

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Voting members-156

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President's Message

Dear Members,

With the introduction of the two prophylactic vaccines against the high risk HPV types 16/18, we have now entered into the beginning of the vaccine era in cervical cancer prevention. However, it will take some years before rational new cost-effective cervical cancer screening strategies can be established. At the moment, for the vast majority of unvaccinated women who may have already been infected, continued screening needs to be emphasized. In women vaccinated against HPV types 16/18, screening remains important to detect cervical lesions caused by high risk HPV types other than HPV16/18. Otherwise, benefits from HPV vaccines may be forfeited if vaccinated women develop a false sense of security and decrease compliance with recommended cervical cancer screening.

Our Society will continue to play an active role in the organization of education activities for our health care professions to enhance 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.

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

Best Wishes!

Annie Cheung

主席致詞

各位會員：

自從引進了兩種針對高危險 HPV16/18 的預防疫苗後，我們已進入預防子宮頸癌的疫苗時代。雖然如此，但構建一個理性而具有成本效益的子宮頸癌普查策略還需多年時間。目前，大量未注射疫苗的婦女可能已經感染，因此仍需維持持續性的篩查。除此之外，已經注射抗 HPV16/18 疫苗的婦女，仍需要接受篩查，以檢測其它除 16/18 外，高危險性 HPV 所引發的子宮頸疾病。否

則，已注射的婦女就會建立對疫苗安全的錯誤理解，並減少遵從一直推薦的子宮頸癌普查。這樣，令 HPV 疫苗所帶來的好處喪失。

本會將繼續在組織健康教育活動中扮演積極的角色，並加強對子宮頸癌的預防及處理服務。我們已經積極參與本地、地區和國際性會議及工作組。本會更會繼續與多個醫管局下屬醫院、私家醫院，以及其它本地和國際性學會保持協作。本會會員的支持，對成功舉辦這些活動至為關鍵。

歡迎對本會將來的活動發展提出寶貴意見。

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Biennial General Meeting

The coming biennial general meeting (BGM) is going to be held on 2nd December 2008 in Sheraton Hotel, Tsim Sha Tsui. Prof. Margaret Stanley and Prof. Hextan Ngan will be the speakers of the scientific meeting. The whole team of office bearers and Council Members has served two terms of office already and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office. Interested members of the Society who would like to serve in the Council are welcomed to come forward for election. Nomination forms will be distributed to members prior to the BGM.

Re-accreditation of Smear Takers

Accredited smear takers, like accredited colposcopists, are required to undergo re-accreditation exercise every 3-yearly to ensure the skill and knowledge are up to standard. 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 practicing certificate 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.)

Congratulations to the following smear takers who were successful in their re-accreditation:

Ms Leung Yuk Hing

Ms Lee Wai Lin

Ms Pang Kam Wing

Ms Kwok Sau Mei

Ms Tong Wan Ching Sara

Ms Chan Mei Ha

Ms Shum Yau Yin

Accredited smear takers who fail to apply for re-accreditation after 3 years may have their name removed from the registry of accredited smear takers. Those who do not apply for re-accreditation within 5 years from their first accreditation would need to undergo all the training criteria of that for the first accreditation before their names can re-appear on the accredited list. Smear Takers can refer to our website for logbook on re-accreditation.

Forthcoming activities

The Refresher Courses on Colposcopy

The ninth refresher course on colposcopy will be held on 23rd May 2008 (Friday) in the Auditorium of the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong. The tenth refresher course is scheduled on 3rd September 2008 (Wednesday) in Queen Elizabeth 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 July 2008. The workshop will be jointly organized with the Department of O&G, Tuen Mun Hospital. Please refer to the website later for further information and enrolment details.

Formation of Nursing Education Panel

The Nursing Education Panel is established since January 2008 with the aim of improving the continuous nursing education related to colposcopy and cervical pathology. The panel consists of the President and the Honorary Secretary of the Society together with 2-3 nursing members. Ms Siu Ka Yi of PWH and Ms Alice Choi Yin Yin of QMH are invited to be members of the Panel. The Nursing Education Panel would provide

suggestions to the Council on the scope of training needs required, draw up the objectives of the educational activities for nurses and to assure that the activities would comply with the design criteria of the Nursing Council of Hong Kong. The Panel would also be responsible for designing the evaluation form for the activities and to report to the Council on the feedbacks from nurses of the activities organized. The Society has also applied to the Nursing Council of Hong Kong as a provider of CNE.

IFCPC (International Federation for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy) XIII World Congress

IFCPC is going to hold its XIII World Congress on 19-23 October 2008 in Auckland New Zealand. The conference theme is "Can Global Control of HPV related cancers be achieved?". Members are invited to visit their website at www.wccpc.co.nz for further information about their programme and registration details.

Welcome to New Members

Dr. Lam Ka Wai was elected as Regular member in the Council Meeting held in April 2008.

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 2008 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 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. Thank you for your support!

