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Message from the Editors

More than one million people globally have now been infected with COVID-19, a small proportion of which are children and infants. As the pandemic rapidly evolves and the death toll spirals, health care systems worldwide are under great pressure. By staying safe and vigilant, we shall continue to battle to keep the pandemic under control. In this newsletter, you will find useful information about special arrangement of educational activities and upcoming exams.

The President's Message

At the time of writing, a 40-day-old baby was confirmed to suffer from COVID-19, the youngest patient locally so far. Although the number of children (aged 18 or under) diagnosed locally remains relatively low and they often have fewer symptoms, there are already reported deaths of several paediatric patients overseas, the youngest being only 6 months of age. We are deeply indebted to the dedication and self-sacrifice of all our front-line health professionals in one of the hardest medical battles in our home city to safeguard the health of us all! I am truly humbled by the professionalism and contribution each and every one of our paediatricians is putting in in all sectors of child health to ensure good and comprehensive care to our young ones.

For the trainees and trainers in the public service, this is a most trying time. Infection-related workload soars and with the meticulous division of clinical responsibilities and extra precautions to minimise occupational health hazards, in many departments, the problem of staff shortage is multiplied. Trainees are particularly concerned whether the job rotations necessitated by operational needs will affect their recognised training, and trainers feel uncertain if they are allowed to alter the trainees' posting etc. College Council has resolved that there will be flexibility in accrediting temporary re-posting of trainees. For rotation to non-paediatric specialties, provided there is good documentation of the training experiences, up to 3 months of elective training (for Basic Trainees) and 6 months (for Higher Trainees) may be accredited. We understand that such re-posting may be arranged at short notice, application for retrospective accreditation is allowed.

The RCPCCH has announced that all examinations will be suspended before August. The February diet of Clinical Examination and a computer-based Theory Examination were already cancelled. Council has also approved that as long as candidates already registered for the February Clinical Examination remain on recognised training and if they pass the next available clinical examination, their Higher Training will be dated back to 1 July 2020 if they entered Basic Training on 1 July 2017, and to 27 February 2020 if they have completed three years of Basic Training on 26 February 2020. We expect there will be a lot more candidates for the upcoming Clinical Examination. Hoping that the October diet will proceed as scheduled, the Examination Committee is prepared to run an extra day of Clinical Examination, totalling three days.

The Exit Assessment in mid June will be hosted as planned, unless the COVID-19 outbreak worsens so much that re-consideration is necessary. The Assessment is in a viva-type format in the Academy Building, not involving clinical patients, and attendance at the Assessment of both the candidates and assessors should not pose extra infection risks (we shall implement infection control measures on site certainly). By this time, the candidates sitting the June Exit Assessment should have handed in their dissertations. Good luck!

In view of deferred examinations and in some instances, rescheduled Exit Assessment dates, trainees may worry if this will possibly affect their elevation to the Specialist status (not for our College so far), Academy has conveyed trainees' concerns to the Hospital Authority. Academy has reassured that Extraordinary General Meeting(s) will be held if necessary to admit affected graduating trainees and the Hospital Authority will too give special considerations in promotion and pay raise when circumstances arise.

College Council also realises many CME/CPD activities have been cancelled in the past six months. College has the core mission to promote the standard of paediatric practice through providing and facilitating quality and adequate continuing medical education. Council has decided to engage paediatric professional societies to host regular web-based educational events very soon. We expect this new form of academic exchanges will satisfy the educational desires of many more colleagues who can participate in the office or even at home. We hope this series of educational events will be announced in due course. Please stay tuned.

Medical indemnity has been on the Council agenda since we were informed by the Medical Protection Society (MPS) last fall that there would be significant policy changes starting in early 2020. Council has delegated a working group comprising both public and private paediatricians who have communicated with representatives of both MPS and HK Medical Association face-to-face, via telephone and emails all along. We were able to pressurise MPS to postpone the implementation date of the new policies to 1 May 2020. About 30 paediatricians attended a forum with the MPS delegation and HKMA representatives on 19 January 2020. We have again expressed our strong objection to MPS's unilateral changes in medical protection policies, the sky-rocketed membership fees for the high-risk paediatric category in recent years and our dire concerns that such unfair changes would upset the milieu of private paediatric practice with possible undesirable consequences on the standard and safety of perinatal care.

Meanwhile our working group has been in contact with potential alternative medical protection insurance providers. We have just received a proposal from AON, an established insurance broker, which is now serving more than half of the private obstetricians in Hong Kong. Further liaison will be underway with regard to asking AON to give comprehensive information to our paediatrician colleagues in the near future. College Council has defined clearly that we are only in a position to help members to source alternative suppliers and not to endorse any product. Colleagues have the sole discretion and liberty to subscribe to a medical protection provider to suit individual professional requirements.

We have also reported the medical indemnity matter and our actions to the Academy Council. The Academy Working Group on Professional Indemnity Insurance (WG) formed after the MPS quite suddenly replaced the occurrence-based policy with a claims-made policy for obstetricians in 2016/17 was thus re-activated. The WG has recommended and the Academy Council has endorsed that Academy would spearhead to source alternative medical insurance provider(s) that can provide a competitive product for non-obstetric specialties. Work is in progress and you will be updated as matters evolve.

You may share my feeling that in order to overcome the fierce and rampant COVID-19, we have to adapt to new ways of living and working, plus, we should make efforts to show our compassion and

love for others, through sending words of kindness, sharing links of free online arts, clapping for our healthcare fighters, and in our own ingenious ways, and not the least, taking good care of ourselves and our loved ones by always staying positive and showing appreciation and respect to one another and to nature.

Stay well, all of us. Thank you so much!

Yours sincerely,
Winnie

Education Committee

The College Council is well aware that many Fellows encountered great difficulty in obtaining CME points, especially under Category A, over the past few months due to the cancellation of many professional meetings and events.

In view of the ongoing COVID-19, the College would expect this serious problem to continue at least until this summer.

During the recent Council Meeting, the College resolved to support all Paediatric Subspecialty Societies in organizing online Category A activities using the Zoom platform. We hope that such initiative would allow all our Fellows to continue their professional development in this 2020-22 CME cycle without taking the risk to attend face-to-face meetings.

The College is working with all Societies on the relevant logistics at this moment. Our secretariat will update all of you regularly about the details of all coming Category A CME activities by blast emails very soon.

Here is a link to view the 2020-22 CME guideline:

http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=1810&Itemid=66

Membership Committee

The following doctors were approved to join the College as Associates.

1. YEUNG Hoi Tat

The following doctors were recommended for elevation to Membership.

1. LAM Hi Yuet
2. LEE Wing Chi
3. TSOI Yi Man

The following Members who had passed the Exit Assessment in December 2019 were recommended for elevation to Fellowship and nominated for FHKAM (Paed).

1. CHOI Florence
2. SO Kin Mo
3. YEUNG Yun Sang
4. YUEN Hoi Wing

Announcement from Examination Committee

Cancellation of May 2020 Applied Knowledge of Practice Examination

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, RCPCH has suspended all scheduled MRCPCH and DCH examinations in the UK and internationally until the end of August 2020, including the AKP (Applied Knowledge in Practice) exam which was scheduled to be held in Hong Kong on 13 May 2020.

Candidates registered for the May AKP exam will be given priority to sit the next scheduled AKP exam due to take place on **16 September 2020**. RCPCH has informed the May AKP exam candidates with more details.

44th Exit Assessment - 18 June 2020

At this point, the Exit Assessment which is scheduled to take place on **18 June 2020 (Thursday)** will proceed as planned unless the pandemic situation deteriorates significantly over the coming months. Candidates who have registered for the Exit Assessment will be notified should there be any updates.

Committee for Subspecialty Boards

Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) - Call for Application of Exit Assessment

Dear Trainees of Subspecialty in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM),

The PRM Subspecialty is now calling for Application for Exit Assessment which will be held on **9 July 2020 (Thursday)**. The PRM Subspecialty Trainees who are eligible and would like to sit for the Exit Assessment please submit the application form and the required documents to enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk by **11 May 2020 (Monday)**.

Please kindly find enclosed the Application Form (**Appendix I**), Summary of Training Record (**Appendix II**) and Record Sheet (**Appendix III**) of the PRM Exit Assessment for your attention. The form can be downloaded from the College website www.paediatrician.org.hk → Subspecialties → PRM → Announcement

Dr Carrie Kwok
Honorary Secretary
Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) Subspecialty Board

Professional and General Affairs Committee

We compiled a condense update of simple management pathway for febrile seizures including acute management, diagnosis, lumbar puncture, neuroimaging and electroencephalography. Acute management of convulsive seizures should follow the local prevailing guideline. Counselling is most important: prognosis is excellent for typical febrile seizure, antipyretics are not recommended for febrile seizure prophylaxis, long-term or intermittent anticonvulsants may be useful to reduce recurrence, rescue medication and intermittent oral benzodiazepines could be considered.

Latest version available at:

Febrile Seizures in Children: a Condensed Update

<https://www.hkmj.org/system/files/hkmj198189.pdf>

Authors: Dr Yau Man Mut, Dr Hon Kam Lun Ellis, Dr Cheng Chun Fai

Young Fellows Subcommittee

Hello! We are the newest members of the Young Fellows' Subcommittee and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and invite you all to join us in our journey ahead. It has been a challenging year for the medical community with COVID-19, but as the younger ones of our college we could surely bring new perspectives to build on the experience and knowledge of our more seasoned college members.

It has always been the aim of our subcommittee to connect young fellow members of our college with each other, organise social activities (see photo below), deliver professional knowledge, and bring the views of our fellow members to the attention of the college. In the future we hope to not only build connections within our own paediatric community, but to also create opportunities to work with society and collaborate with other young fellow societies locally and internationally.



Young Fellows Subcommittee - Coffee-making

As the first step, we would like to start a 'Young Fellow's Club' and gather the contact information of Fellows who attained their fellowships after 2010. Please fill in the Google form from the link below should you be interested to join.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMyS99VgexZinnHrAtmQXnnD5Z7C8NnH0_cIInJYJ8Ksr-oQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Stay tuned for our updates and we look forward to seeing all of you in our upcoming activities!

Scientific & Research Subcommittee

2020 Best Young Investigator Prize

To encourage research by colleagues, the Best Young Investigator Prize was created in 2015 to be awarded annually to the best paper published between 1st July of previous year and 30th June of the awarding year.

Eligibility

Entry into the Best Young Investigator Prize competition is voluntary.

Applicants must be members of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (including Associate Members, Members and Fellows) AND aged 46 years or under as at 30 June 2020.

The papers should be published in peer-reviewed print or electronic journals, and written in English or translated into English if they are written in languages other than English.

Only the first author **or** corresponding author is eligible to apply. One paper is eligible for only one submission, and each paper will be allowed to compete for only one prize.

If the paper has previously been awarded the Best Dissertation Prize of the College prior to publication, it will not be eligible for the Best Young Investigator Prize and vice versa.

The decision of the assessment panel will be final.

Submission

Submission deadline for the year 2020 Prize is 31 August 2020. Interested colleagues can email their papers (PDF or MS Word format) together with the Application Form (**Appendix IV**) to the College Secretariat (enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk) **on or before 31 August 2020**.

The Best Young Investigator Prize will include a cash reward of HK\$5,000 and will be presented during the College annual dinner in December 2020.

CME Category A Activities

Listed below are CME Category A activities organized by the HKCPaed, various paediatric societies and institutions, and selected paediatrics-focused topics. For the complete list of Category A activities, including continuous courses, and Category B activities, please refer to the homepage of the HKCPaed. The accuracy of the information has been checked according to the details submitted by the responsible organizers. The information below is abstracted from the College Web site on 9 April 2020. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alternations.*

Apr 2020		
8 & 16 Apr	Topic:	Induction Course on Breastfeeding
	Venue:	Conference Rm A, FHS Head Office, 13/F, Guardian House, 32 Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai
	Time:	09:00 to 17:30 & 14:00 to 17:30
	Speaker:	Dr FOK Oi-ling, Annie
Cat. A 6 points & 3 points respectively	Organizer:	Department of Health, Family Health Service
	Coordinator :	Miss. April Hon
	Enquiry:	Email: rnd_fhs@dh.gov.hk ; Tel: 3796 0820

18 Apr, 25Apr, 02 May, 09 May, 16 May, 23 May	Topic:	Certificate Courses in Mental Health - Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Problem
	Venue:	YIA, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
	Time:	13:30 To 18:15 / online platform
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 18 points (3 points per day)	Organizer:	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
	Coordinator :	Ms. Sarah Chia
	Enquiry:	Email: sarahccp@cuhk.edu.hk ; Tel: 2607 6053; Fax: 2667 5464

25 Apr	Topic:	American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor Course (PALS-I)
	Venue:	Caritas Medical Centre Resuscitation Training Centre, 5/F, Wai Oi Block, 111 Wing Hong Street, Shamshuipo, Kowloon , Hong Kong
	Time:	09:00 To 17:00
	Speaker:	AHA Current PALS Faculty
Cat. A 5 points	Organizer:	Caritas Medical Centre Resuscitation Training Centre (CMCRTC)
	Coordinator :	Mr. Bob Ng,
	Enquiry:	Email: ngcm3@ha.org.hk ; Tel: 3408 6326; Fax: 2785 9535

29 Apr	Topic:	Disease relapse in lupus nephritis- promises of conventional and novel immunosuppressive treatments
	Venue:	Multi-function room, B9 Doctors' office, Hong Kong Children's Hospital
	Time:	18:00 to 19:00
	Speaker:	Dr YAP Yat Hin, Desmond
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	Hong Kong Paediatric Nephrology Society
	Coordinator :	Ms. Rose Yau
	Enquiry:	Email: ywt832@ha.org.hk ; Tel: 3513 3888

May 2020			
20 May	Topic:	Paediatric Vaccine	
	Venue:	The HKMA Central Premises, Dr Li Shu Pui Professional Education Centre, 2/F, Chinese Club Building, 21- 22 Connaught Road, Central	
	Time:	13:00 To 15:00	
	Speaker:	Dr Tam Yuen Shan	
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	HKMA - Central, Western & Southern Community Network	
	Coordinator	Ms. Antonia Lee	
	Enquiry:	Tel: 2527 8285; Fax: 2865 0943	
June 2020			
2 June	Topic:	1) Understanding of Emollients and its Use in Eczema 2) Patient Education for Child Eczema	
	Venue:	Jade Garden, Shop 302, 3/F., Tai Wo Plaza Phase I, 12 Tai Wo Road, Tai Wo	
	Time:	13:00 To 15:20	
	Speaker:	Dr. Wu Wai Fuk; Dr Chow Chun Kwan, John	
Cat. A 2 points	Organizer:	HKMA - Tai Po Community Network	
	Coordinator	Ms. Candice Tong	
	Enquiry:	Tel: 2527 8285; Fax: 2865 0943	

4 June	Topic:	Childhood Anxiety Disorder	
	Venue:	V Cuisine, 6/F, Holiday Inn Express Hong Kong Kowloon East, 3 Tong Tak Street, Tseung Kwan O	
	Time:	13:00 To 15:00	
	Speaker:	Dr. Lin Hoi Yun, Candy	
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	HKMA - Kowloon East Community Network	
	Coordinator:	Ms. Antonia Lee	
	Enquiry:	Tel: 2527 8285; Fax: 2865 0943	

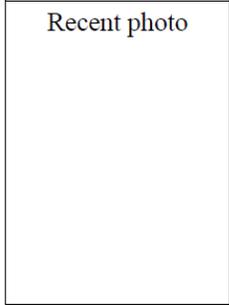
July 2020			
10, 11 & 12 July	Topic:	2020 AIRP Course in Hong Kong	
	Venue:	Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building	
	Time:	08:00 To 17:30	
	Speaker:	Various	
Cat. A 9 points (6 points for 11 July & 3 points for 12 July PM)	Organizer:	Hong Kong College of Radiologists / American Institute for Radiologic Pathology	
	Coordinator:	Hong Kong College of Radiologists	
	Enquiry:	Email: enquiries@hkr.org ; Tel: 2871 8788	

Appendix I

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS
Paediatric Respiratory Medicine Subspecialty (PRM)
APPLICATION FOR EXIT ASSESSMENT

Part A *Applicant's particulars*

Name: _____
(IN BLOCK LETTERS, Surname first) (in Chinese)



Gender: M / F Basic medical degree / year: _____

Other medical qualifications:

Medical Council Hong Kong Registration no.: _____

Present appointment:

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____ e-mail: _____

Current practice address:

Correspondence address:

Part B *Working Experience / Training*

Put a tick in () to those relevant to training in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)

	<u>Post</u>	<u>Institute</u>	<u>Period</u>
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(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.)

Part C Supervisors & Trainers during period of accredited training in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Institute</u>	<u>Period</u>
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(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)

Part D Proposers

Proposers must be Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

PROPOSER 1: _____
(Name in BLOCK LETTERS, Surname first) (Position)

e-mail: _____ Tel: _____

Contact address: _____

Signature of Proposer

PROPOSER 2: _____
(Name in BLOCK LETTERS, Surname first) (Position)

e-mail: _____ Tel: _____

Contact address: _____

Signature of Proposer

Part E *Declaration of Candidate*

I declare that by _____ I will have completed 3-year PRM Structural training to fulfill the eligibility requirements of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians to sit for the Exit Assessment.

I declare that all information given or attached is true, accurate and complete and authorize the College to verify and to communicate the above information with whatever sources the College may choose.

(Signature)

(Date)

The personal data provided by means of this form will be used by the College solely for the purpose of processing application for the Exit Assessment in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine.

Important notes:

1. Please submit this application form, together with electronic copies of certificates for any quotable professional qualifications, by **11th May 2020** to Secretariat Office via enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk or by post to

Dr Carrie Kwok – Hon Secretary, PRM Subspecialty Board
c/o Kitty Ho, Secretariat Office
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, HONG KONG

2. To confirm your application for exit assessment, you must submit a portfolio containing your curriculum vitae*, logsheets, interim and summative supervisor's reports and item 3 of below Two Forms up to **30th April 2020** together with a cheque in the amount of HK\$6,000 for assessment fee made payable to "Hong Kong College of Paediatricians", by **11th May 2020 (postmark)**. You will be informed of College's acceptance of your application to sit for the PRM Exit Assessment by **mid-June 2020**.

*Please include the following information in your curriculum vitae:

- Clinical rotations fulfilling the requirement of PRM training, and training supervisor(s) for each rotation.
 - Two original dissertations submitted for appraisal. One of the dissertations should be accepted for publication by peer reviewed journal, either local or overseas. The deadline for acceptance would be 11th May 2020, 5:00 pm. One of the dissertations can be the same as dissertation submitted for Exit Assessment at the end of Higher Training in General Paediatrics. The two dissertations should be submitted to the Secretariat Office by **11th May 2020, 5:00 pm (postmark)**.
 - Participation in professional meetings and conference
3. Two Forms, please complete
 - Summary of training records (**Appendix I**)
 - Record Sheet (**Appendix II**) (Please complete the form by extracting relevant data from Appendix I)
 4. In the event of a discrepancy in the submitted training record and the actual training undertaken by a trainee being detected, the College reserves the right to declare the assessment result as invalid and the candidate would have to re-sit the Exit Assessment after the training deficiency had been corrected.

Appendix II

Appendix I

PN - RECORDS OF LOGSHEETS SUBMITTED BY TRAINEES

Summary of training records

No.	Clinical Cases Log Sheet	Hospital/Institutions/Department	Position	Training Period (dd/mm/yy)		F/P*	Duration accredited for training (in months)	Summary Log Sheet	Clinical Cases Log Sheet ("Y" = Submitted)	Interim Assessment (6 months)	Summative Assessment (12 months)	Supervisor(s)/Trainer(s)	Cluster Programme Director in Charge
				From	To								
e.g.		Queen Mary Hospital, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine	Resident Specialist	01/07/14	30/09/15	F	15 months	Y	Y	Y	Y	Dr	Dr
1													
2													

*Please indicate F (full time)/P (part time) as appropriate.

Appendix III

HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
Post-Fellowship Accreditation of Specialty/Subspecialty

Name :

College : Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Examination/Assessment

Post-Fellowship specialty/subspecialty
accredited:

Subspecialty of
Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)

Date of passing the examination/assessment of
the specialty/subspecialty: 09 July 2020
dd/mm/yyyy

Supervised Training

Hospital/Institutions	Department	Position	From/To (d/m/y)	F/P*	Duration Accredited for Training

* Please indicate F (full time)/P (part time) as appropriate.

Exit Assessment on 9 July 2020: Pass

Dr Winnie Tse Wing-ye
Authorised signature

President, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Position at College

Date:

Enclosure: Exit assessment result on summative scores

Appendix IV



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
香港兒科醫學院
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2020 Best Young Investigator Prize

Submission Form

Name (please print)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr / <input type="checkbox"/> Prof _____		
College Membership:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fellow No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Member No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate No. _____
Date of birth:	_____(day) _____ (month) _____ (year)		

Hospital/Institution	_____
Contact Telephone No.	_____
Email Address (please print):	_____

Correspondence Address:	_____ _____
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Title of Research Paper	_____ _____
Date Published:	_____
Publication	_____

Declaration

I hereby declare that I am the first author or corresponding author of the research paper submitted.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Submission Deadline: 31 August 2020 (Monday)