

To: All Fellow, Members and Associates of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Please read this IMPORTANT announcement about the application for accreditation of the proposed Subspecialty of Paediatric Haematology & Oncology (PHO).

As you are no doubt aware, our College is responsible for ensuring the standards and progress of paediatric subspecialty development in Hong Kong. In order to ensure that we maintain the highest standards possible for any subspecialty accredited by our College, we strictly follow all pre-requisite criteria set by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and our College. The relevant application procedures are available on our College's website (<http://www.paediatrician.org.hk>) under the section on "Subspecialties". So far, six paediatric subspecialty groups have applied for accreditation and have become accredited subspecialties under our College, i.e., Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (PIID), Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics (DBP), Paediatric Neurology (PN), Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM), Genetics & Genomics Paediatrics (GGP) and Paediatric Endocrinology (PE).

We now announce that our College has received an application for accreditation of the proposed Subspecialty of Paediatric Haematology & Oncology (PHO). In order to facilitate open consultation on the accreditation of PHO as a paediatric subspecialty, our College has uploaded the application documents (i.e., application forms, proposed training programme, and supporting letters from external referees) to our College website for your information and review. Please follow the link below to access the section on the proposed Subspecialty of Paediatric Haematology & Oncology (PHO):

http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=277&Itemid=130

A full set of the documents is also kept at the College Secretariat at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building and interested Fellows can request to examine them during office hours from Monday to Friday.

As part of the open consultation process, ALL Fellows, Members and Associates are encouraged to send us any comments on this application. This is an important step in the future development of paediatric services and may substantially affect current paediatric practice and services in both private and public sectors throughout Hong Kong.

Please send in your comments on this application on or before 21st August 2020 (Friday). Our College will determine whether to proceed with the formal accreditation process based on the initial evaluation by the Committee for Subspecialty Boards and any comments from this open consultation process.

Dr Simon Lam
Honorary Secretary
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