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Message from the Editors

The challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic to organizations, medical professionals and the general public have been evident and severe. As COVID-19 vaccination programs are launched locally and worldwide, are we finally starting to see a way to restore health, economies and societies together? Are we moving from the "new normal" to a "new future"? For our trainees, the COVID-adapted MRCPCH Clinical Examination is certainly the long-awaited "new future". Please read the President's Message and other sections in this newsletter to find out the latest development.

President's Message

As paediatricians, we are delighted to learn that there will be further easing to allow more students to resume attendance on school campuses after the Easter holidays. Hopefully, other areas of our daily living will be closer to the "old" selves soon (just a humble appeal here – if your health conditions allow, please get the jab and join the vaccine force to fight COVID-19).

MRCPCH Clinical Examination candidates finally see light at the end of the tunnel. With the tremendous and persevering effort of the Examination Committee under Dr Alan So's leadership, the Examination will be resumed and scheduled on 31 May to 2 June, 2021 at the Academy Building. It's a COVID-adapted examination format but conducted face-to-face with the examiner, candidate +/- role player in the room. This hybrid format actually will be to our candidates' favour as it removes the hassles of any internet glitches and I believe it's less stressful for candidates to meet with the examiner and role player physically than on the screen. The notice to candidates about the examination dates is admittedly short, so is the deadline for application. However, I understand that candidates and trainers have had the opportunity to understand well the COVID-adapted clinical examination from Dr So's comprehensive talk on 13 January evening, the recording of which is available on the College website, so the format does not pose a surprise bomb. I would like to express my supporting words to our candidates not to worry - the examiner only needs you to describe what you will exactly do when you see a real patient by the bedside or in the clinic, therefore, just stay calm and be your natural self. I would also thank all our trainers who have been behind our candidates all the while, training them up and helping them to deal with the stress of uncertainty and frustration, and department heads for the considerate relieving arrangements because a lot of candidates at the same time need to be granted the time and individual attention to prepare well for the examination.

We notice there has been a substantial reduction in inpatient statistics across all training institutions because of the pandemic. While the Accreditation Committee has recommended and Council endorsed to exercise flexibility in interpreting the reports from training units, the Education Committee is requesting training supervisors and trainers to explore into additional resources and opportunities to enrich the clinical exposures and learning experiences for trainees. Simulation- and scenario-based teachings, and trainees undertaking small clinical research projects, writing and presenting audit and case reports are among the examples.

According to the Report on Healthcare Management Projection 2020, there is significant medical manpower shortage in the public services currently and projected. The Legislative Council Panel on Health Services is proposing an amendment to the Medical Registration Ordinance to admit non-locally trained doctors from a list of recognised medical schools. The new scheme will have bearings over time on both the private and public sectors. College Council has discussed and decided that a letter will be submitted to the Secretary for Food and Health to present the paediatricians' views. An email will be sent to invite College members for comments and suggestions. Please do share your thoughts.

I would like to end this message with an equally positive note as that I began with – 2021 is College's 30th anniversary year and the HM Lui Memorial Fund's 20th! An Organising Committee will be charged with designing and implementing some innovative celebratory events that encompass medical knowledge enhancement and bringing in fun (and we stay optimistic about the impacts from the pandemic). We shall let you know and book your availability as the plans unfold. In the meantime, please do visit many of the district parks and gardens to appreciate the blossoms of spring everywhere.

Yours sincerely,
Winnie

Announcement from College Council

Administrative charges for College services (updated on 16 March 2021)

Item	Description	Charges	Remarks
1.	Certification, copies, re-issuance or retrieval of other documents (Example: Reissue COPIES of Examination fee receipts/admission letters/certificates/College annual subscription fee receipts/Subspecialty admission letters/certificates)	\$500	per item
2.	Re-write cheques to course instructors who fail to deposit the cheque within 6 months	\$100	per item
3.	Prospective approval of elective training should be submitted 3-month before the commencement of training with required documents for AC to vet. Administrative charge is required if the submission of documents is delayed.	\$2,000	per approval
4.	Verification of training periods / Request for details of training records, rotation time & location/miscellaneous request	\$2,000-\$10,000	\$2,000 per College committee involved, maximum charge \$10,000 per application
5.	Outstanding annual subscription fees by 30 Jun or 31 Dec of the 1 st year	25% or 50% of the outstanding amount, respectively	If fees remain unpaid by 31 Dec of 2 nd year will initiate procedures to remove from College registry

Remarks:

Items 1 – endorsed at the 171st Council Meeting on 8 November 2017 and update endorsed at the 191st Council Meeting on 16 March 2021

Item 3 – endorsed at the 171st Council Meeting on 8 November 2017

Items 2, 4 – endorsed at the 191st Council Meeting on 16 March 2021

Item 5 – endorsed at the 187th Council Meeting on 28 July 2020

Accreditation Committee

The College Council has resolved at the 191st Council Meeting on 16 March 2021 that at least 12 months of the 18-month Core General Paediatrics training in the Basic Paediatric Training Program should be conducted at training institutions that admit paediatric patients from an Emergency Department without selection of age or subspecialty.

This has aligned Basic training with Higher training with the same requirement. It will ensure that trainees learn about common emergency conditions for at least 24 months during the two phases of training and impart them with the essential competence in dealing with these conditions.

The College requests the attention of all Chiefs of Service, Training Supervisors, trainers and trainees of this requirement.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be held on **13 May 2021 (Thursday)** at 6:30 pm in MG Room 2, Ground Floor, M Block of Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The Council hopes that at this EGM, the successful candidates of the December 2020 Exit Assessment, whose names are set out in the Appendix to the Notice, will, by your Ordinary Resolution, be admitted as new Fellows.

Please do come to the EGM to show your support. It is necessary to have at least 15 Fellows physically present in order to constitute a quorum.

Announcement from Committee for Subspecialty Boards

Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology (PN) - Invitation for Enrollment of Training Programme (commencing from 2 July 2021)

Dear Fellows and Members of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians,

The Paediatric Neurology (PN) is now recognized as a Paediatric Subspecialty in the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, it has been registered in the Specialist Register in The Medical Council of Hong Kong since September 2013. We are now calling for application enrollment of PN trainees for Year 2021. Please kindly find enclosed files of **Training Programme Information** and **Application Form (Appendix)** for your kind attention. Information is also available at the College website: www.paediatrician.org.hk

Please be reminded that the training programme will commence from 2 July 2021. The deadline for enrollment of the PN Training Programme will be on 3 May 2021 (Monday), 5:00 pm. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Best regards,
Dr Eva Fung
Honorary Secretary, PN Subspecialty Board
Email: eva_fung@cuhk.edu.hk

c/o Kitty Ho
College Secretary, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Tel: 2871 8769 Fax: 2785 1850 Email: enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk

Professional and General Affairs Committee

New Update of Clinical Practice Guideline

Management of Atopic Dermatitis in Children: 2020 Review by the Guidelines Development Panel of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

TNH Leung, JWCH Cheng, SCW Chan, CM Chow, PY Chow, KL Hon, KM Ho, YY Lam, DCK Luk, SC Ng, VK Sugunan

http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=365&Itemid=28

Abstract: The Guidelines Development Panel on "Management of Atopic Dermatitis (AD) in Children" has performed the first updated review on the topic since the publication of the management guidelines by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians in 2013. While most of the recommendations of the original guidelines are still valid, various management issues are further elaborated based on recent evidences in addition to the latest international and regional guidelines. Using validated clinical scores for assessment of severity of AD are advocated by the European guidelines to guide stepwise management and monitor progress. There are more evidences to support the proactive approach with use of topical anti-inflammatory agents as long-term treatment for the control of chronic recurrent AD. Topical corticosteroids remain first line topical agents for AD, while topical calcineurin inhibitors are indicated for sensitive areas and can be used as maintenance treatment. The role of newer therapeutic agents including topical phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitors, biologics and allergen immunotherapy for use in paediatric patients are deliberated. Management of itch, tackling issues of steroid phobia and compliance remain challenges in AD management. The concepts of skin barrier dysfunction in AD and targeting the skin for allergy prevention strategies are discussed.

Invitation to Submit Review Articles and Updates on Common Paediatric Topics

Professional and General Affairs Committee (PGAC) of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians strives to make recommendations to improve matters related to general health and medical care of children. The Committee has been actively inviting various paediatric subspecialty societies to review and formulate review articles and updates on various common paediatric topics to give up-to-date information to paediatric trainees and paediatricians in Hong Kong.

In order to broaden the scope of topics, we would like to invite our College members and fellows to submit their latest published articles on common paediatric topics. The articles with focus on updated information and reference to our local context is preferred. If accepted by PGAC, the original article or the summary in point form will be posted in College website.

Furthermore, if members or fellows come across good quality recent review articles or guidelines in various journals of relevance to paediatric practice in Hong Kong, they are also welcomed to submit their suggestions to PGAC. If appropriate, the links of recommended published articles will be posted in College website.

Please kindly submit your work or suggestions to College Secretariat, Ms. Stephanie Lai, at stephanie.lai@paediatrician.org.hk. The information will be open to the public. College reserves the right to post, replace or remove the articles / links in the future.

Thank you very much for all your support to College activity for the betterment of child health in Hong Kong.

Membership Committee

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

1. LEUNG Wing Hang
2. DUDI, Amrita

The following Members who had passed the Exit Assessment on 20 December 2020 were recommended for elevation to Fellowship and nomination for FHKAM (Paed).

1. CHUNG Ying Ki
2. LEUNG Po Yiu
3. NGAI Noelle Anne
4. WU Hui Jun

Dr TSANG Yee Hoi Hannah was approved for conversion to Overseas Fellow w.e.f. Year 2022.

The application of reinstatement of College membership from Dr LEUNG Lai Ting was approved.

Dr OR Siu Fong did not settle her annual subscription for two consecutive years and will be removed from College Overseas Member list.

Dr TO Cheuk Kiu Fiona and Dr SUN Dione Tinoi had resigned from College Associateship and will be removed from College Associates List.

Membership Committee holds 4 meetings a year and most of the time in February, May, August and November. Application will be processed in the meeting provided all relevant documents have reached the Committee in advance at least 14 days before the meeting.

Examination Committee

Results of recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
17 December 2020	45 th Exit Assessment	4/4	100%
10 February 2021	MRCPCH Foundation of Practice, Theory and Science Exam		
	Foundation of Practice	14/23	61%
	Theory and Science	10/16	63%

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians HM Lui Memorial Fund

The HM Lui Memorial Fund was established with the generous donation of the Providence Foundation in 2001 to promote postgraduate study and research in liver diseases and related disciplines in children. Applications are invited for the HM Lui Fellowship, which will be awarded to residents of the Hong Kong SAR who are able to meet the following minimum criteria:

The HM Lui Fellowship

The HM Lui Fellowship will be awarded to paediatricians for education, training and research in overseas countries **in any field of Paediatrics**, preferably liver diseases and gastroenterology in the year 2022. The applicant must be aged below 40 years; residents of the Hong Kong SAR and are currently working in the Hong Kong SAR.

The award of the Fellowship will consist of:

1. Round trip airfare (economy class) by the most economical route.
2. Monthly allowance of HK\$12,000-HK\$15,000.
3. Reimbursement of course fees and books up to HK\$6,000.

The award of the Fellowship shall range from three (3) to twelve (12) months. Application must be made by nomination by the Head of the Department of Paediatrics or Hospital Chief Executive. Application will start from 1 July 2021. **The deadline of application is 30 September 2021.**

Application forms are available on the College website at www.paediatrician.org.hk or by contacting Ms Joyce HO of College Secretariat of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Room 801 Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong at Tel: (852) 2871 8871 / Fax: (852) 2785 1850 / Email: enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk.

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 Website on 26 Mar 2021. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alternations.*

Apr 2021		
7 Apr (Wed)	Topic:	Skin Rash and Submandibular Swelling in a Healthy Girl
	Venue:	Online Zoom details: https://cuhk.zoom.us/j/91841791037?pwd=cDgzQUtuYlhqem85T1N3aHlRTm8rdz09 Meeting ID: 918 4179 1037 Passcode: 854908
	Time:	18:00 to 19:00
	Speaker:	Dr Stephanie LAI Dr CHAN Wai Hung
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	The Hong Kong Society For Paediatric Immunology Allergy And Infectious Diseases
	Coordinator:	Dr Agnes LEUNG
	Enquiry:	Email: agnes.syl@cuhk.edu.hk
9 Apr (Fri)	Topic:	Rotavirus: prevent is better than cure
	Venue:	Online Please register through this link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BHxhiGOETjuYutnIOEy0qQ Webinar link and passcode will be sent to attendees individually
	Time:	13:30 to 14:30
	Speaker:	Prof. Hyun-mi KANG
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Respiriology and Allergy
	Coordinator:	Ms Melissa LEUNG
	Enquiry:	Email: hkspra@gmail.com
16 Apr (Fri)	Topic:	Interventional Radiology for Children
	Venue:	Online Zoom details: https://zoom.us/j/95348784394 Webinar ID: 953 4878 4394 Passcode: 630487
	Time:	13:15 to 14:15
	Speaker:	Dr Kevin FUNG
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	Simulation Training Centre, Hong Kong Children's Hospital
	Coordinator:	Ms Mandy IP
	Enquiry:	Email: iym554@ha.org.hk Tel: 57413126

21 Apr (Wed)	Topic:	Scientific Webinar on New Advancement in Clinical Assessment for Atopic Dermatitis
	Venue:	Online Please contact the coordinator for updated registration details
	Time:	19:30 to 20:35
	Speaker:	Prof Yu-Huei HUANG
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Dermatology & Venereology
	Coordinator:	Ms Jasmine AU
	Enquiry:	Email: jasmine.au@mims.com

23 Apr (Fri)	Topic:	Innovate to Get Smart Smarter Hospitals, Smarter Clinical Practices and Smarter Patients
	Venue:	Online Zoom details: https://zoom.us/j/92018743854 Webinar ID: 920 1874 3854 Passcode: 960982
	Time:	13:15 to 14:15
	Speaker:	Mr Raymond CHENG
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	Simulation Training Centre, Hong Kong Children's Hospital
	Coordinator:	Ms Mandy IP
	Enquiry:	Email: iym554@ha.org.hk Tel: 57413126

May 2021		
4 May (Tue)	Topic:	From Proteinuria, to Nephrotic Syndrome
	Venue:	Online Zoom details: https://zoom.us/j/94873182528 Webinar ID: 948 7318 2528 Passcode: 903625
	Time:	13:15 to 14:15
	Speaker:	Dr TONG Pak Chiu
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	Simulation Training Centre, Hong Kong Children's Hospital
	Coordinator:	Ms Mandy IP
	Enquiry:	Email: iym554@ha.org.hk Tel: 57413126

18 May (Tue)	Topic:	Scientific Webinar on How will Novel Treatment and Pathogenic advances satisfy the needs of Atopic Dermatitis Patients?
	Venue:	Online Please contact the coordinator for updated registration details
	Time:	20:00 to 21:10
	Speaker:	Dr Amy PALLER
Cat. A 1 point	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Dermatology & Venereology
	Coordinator:	Ms Jasmine AU
	Enquiry:	Email: jasmine.au@mims.com

Call for Application of Training in the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology

兒童腦神經科

from The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Paediatric Neurology 兒童腦神經科

Subspecialty Description

Paediatric neurology (PN) is the medical discipline devoted to normal and abnormal development of the central nervous system and peripheral neuromuscular systems. It encompasses the different stages of development from fetal life to adolescents and the transition into adulthood. It involves the diagnosis, assessment, treatment, habilitation – rehabilitation of diseases of these systems and the comprehensive management of the accompanying disabilities, impairment, limitation and participation restrictions.

In the field of paediatric neurology a subspecialist is required to have a specific range of knowledge and skills. These include the performance and interpretation of specialized electrophysiological tests, use of specific assessment tools in neurological and developmental conditions, employment of specific therapeutic techniques and the skill to work in a multidisciplinary setting with other clinical, para-clinical and community based professionals to provide holistic care for children with acute or chronic neurological conditions.

Commencement of programme

Date of commencement of training programme: 2nd July 2021

Invitations for training will normally be issued subject to availability of trainers and clinical rotations.

Eligibility

- Candidates who have completed 3 years basic training in general paediatrics and have passed the Joint MRCPCH (UK) / Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Intermediate Examination are eligible to receive up to a maximum of one cumulated year of PN subspecialty training experience during their higher training in general paediatrics (the overlapping year), subject to prior approval of the proposed training by the PN Subspecialty Board. Or
- Specialists holding the qualification of FHKAM (Paediatrics) or its equivalent.

Training programme

- The subspecialty training in paediatric neurology is made up of a minimum of three years of supervised accredited training.
- In the training programme, a trainee is required to go through a minimum of two training centres and to be under the training and supervision of at least two accredited trainers. The training offered in the different units should be complementary.
- During the undertaking of Paediatric Neurology Subspecialty training, any one period of interruption should not be more than 12 weeks. Only one period of continuous or cumulative 12-week leave would be allowed during the three-year training program (statutory leave, annual leave and casual leave that is within the trainee's entitlement are not counted). A trainee taking leave for more than 12 weeks would be required to extend his/ her training period to make up for the interruption in excess during the Paediatric Neurology training. A declaration of any interruption of training should be made by trainee on his/ her application for subspecialty Board Examination.
- The training programme is divided into **four** mandatory modules namely:

Module A: Hospital based Paediatric neurology Training

A minimum period of 24 months training in a hospital setting is required. This period is dedicated to the acquisition of experience and skills in looking after acute neurological and chronic neurological problems both in neonates, children and adolescents in the in-patient hospital setting. There should be training in regular out-patient setting where children are managed at subspecialty clinics. There is also the period when specialized skills in electrophysiological tests, neurological investigations and treatment measures be learned. The trainee is also expected to acquire skill of working with different health care providers both in the hospital and in the community so multidisciplinary care can be rendered to patients.

Module B: Adult Neurology Training

A minimum of 3 months training in hospital based adult neurology training in hospitals fully accredited for subspecialty training in Adult Neurology by the Hong Kong college of Physicians to provide 24 months of adult neurology training.

Module C: Neurorehabilitation training

A minimum of 3 months training in an institution or hospital dedicated to the rehabilitation-habilitation of children with neurological conditions.

Module D: Neuro-Developmental Paediatrics

A minimum of 3 months training in Neuro-developmental Paediatrics conducted in units that are accredited in Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics Subspecialty.

Assessment

This consists of on-going interim assessments and final exit assessment. A trainee in this programme is expected to keep log of activities by means of log book that will be reviewed at annual interim assessments. The final Exit Assessment normally takes place in June and/or December each year. The trainee has to submit 2 original dissertations; one of the dissertations should be accepted for publication by peer reviewed journal, either local or overseas. The other dissertation can be the same as the dissertation submitted for Exit Assessment at the end of Higher Training In General Paediatrics. An examination which can be in the format of oral, written and clinical examination will be conducted.

Application

Please send your Application and documents required to (Fill in the form below):

*Dr Eva Fung, Hon. Secretary of PN Subspecialty Board
c/o Ms Kitty Ho, College Secretary, The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong*

Enquiries

Full details about the programme are available at the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians website <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk>

For any query, please direct enquires to Dr Eva Fung, Hon. Secretary via email to eva_fung@cuhk.edu.hk.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Paediatric Neurology 兒童腦神經科
Subspecialty Training Application Form

I Applicant's particular

Name: : _____
(Block Letters) (Surname) (Given Name)

Chinese Name : _____

Gender : M/F Basic Medical Degree/ year : _____

Other medical qualification : _____

Date of Birth : _____ Place of Birth : _____

Correspondence Address : _____

Office Address : _____

Rank/Post : _____

Tel : _____

E-mail : _____

Recent photo

Stages of general paediatrics training (please ☒):

- ☐ Candidates who have completed 3 years basic training in general paediatrics and have passed the Joint MRCPCH (UK) / Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Intermediate Examination are eligible to receive up to a maximum of one cumulated year of PN subspecialty training experience during their higher training in general paediatrics (the overlapping year), subject to prior approval of the proposed training by the PN Subspecialty Board. Or
- ☐ Specialists holding the qualification of FHKAM (Paediatrics) or its equivalent.

II Curriculum Vitae

Please submit Curriculum Vitae that should include the following items whenever applicable:

- Academic Record and Professional Qualification with dates
- Present and Previous Appointments with dates
- Involvement in activities/committees at departmental, hospital, head office level as well as local college and professional bodies
- Previous training record with dates including courses/conferences, local & overseas training, professional & administrative.
- Publications & Presentations in both local and overseas conferences
- Research or projects completed or in progress
- Teaching activity
- Community service
- Previous awards/prizes/scholarships/fellowships obtained with dates

III Referees

Name and Address of two referees who are Fellows of College of Paediatricians

IV Declaration of Applicant

I, the undersigned, hereby 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.

_____	_____	_____
Name (Block letter)	Signature of Applicant	Date

V Support of the Chief of Service (COS) or Service Head (if applicable)

I support/ do not support the above candidate's application for training in Paediatric Neurology.

Additional comments:

_____	_____	_____
Name (Block letter)	Signature of COS or service head	Date

Note

- 1) The personal data provided by means of this form will be used by the College solely for the purpose of processing application for the training programme in PN.
- 2) Application has to be supported by Chief of Service or Service Head (if applicable) of applicant's department.
- 3) Please return the duly completed application form, with curriculum vitae to:

**Dr Eva Fung, Hon Secretary,
PN Subspecialty Board
c/o Kitty Ho, College Secretary,
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, HONG KONG**

Tel: 2871 8769

Fax: 2785 1850

Email: enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk

- 4) Confidential statement of the referee may be sent either with the completed application or separately to the Hon Secretary by the referee under confidential cover and should reach the Hon Secretary's Office as soon as possible.