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Message from The Council

To clarify the interpretation of the College Guidelines on Training in Paediatrics, Hon. Secretary issued 2 letters to all COSs and Training Supervisors of our Training Centres (see Appendix I & II) on 22 January 2002. As these may have impact on trainees undergoing Basic and Higher Training in Paediatrics, all members of the College are advised to examine closely both documents.

College Council and Committees 2002 - 2003

The constituent members of the College Council and Standing Committees are as follows.

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From Education Committee

Guidelines on Certification for Specialist Registration

The College may consider recommending Paediatricians who have fulfilled all the following criteria for certification for Specialist Registration:

1. Having undergone and satisfactorily completed training in Paediatrics which is comparable to the training that leads to the Fellowship of the College;
2. Currently in active practice in Paediatrics;
3. Having acquired the status of Specialist Paediatrician or equivalent in his / her place of practice;
4. Possession of higher qualification(s) in Paediatrics recognized by the College;
5. Having passed an assessment conducted by the College.

From Examination Committee

For those Members and Associates who are going to attempt examinations this year, please note the dates of the respective examinations.

Year 2002 Planner - Activities of the Examination Committee

	Activity	Date
1.	MRCPC/Intermediate Examination Part I Written	29 th January 2002 (Tue)
2.	MRCP(UK)/MRCPC/Intermediate Examination Part II Clinical Examination	26 th & 27 th February 2002 (Tue & Wed)
3.	Announcement of the Exit Assessment to COS of HA Hospitals	February 2002
4.	Deadline for application of June Exit Assessment	31 st March 2002
5.	Processing of applications for Exit Assessment; letters to candidates and Assessors	April 2002
6.	Exit Assessment	21 st June 2002 (Fri)
7.	Joint MRCP(UK)/MRCPC/Intermediate Examination Part II Written Examination	2 nd July 2002 (Tue)
8.	Announcement of Exit Assessment to COS of HA Hospitals	July 2002
9.	MRCPC/Intermediate Examination Part I Written	24 th September 2002 (Tue)
10.	Deadline for application of December Exit Assessment	30 th September 2002

11.	Processing of applications for Exit Assessment; letters to candidates and Assessors	October 2002
12.	MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Clinical Examination	The week of 28 th October 2002
13.	Joint MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Written Examination	13 th November 2002 (Wed)
14.	Exit Assessment	13 th December 2002 (Fri)
15.	Deadline for application for the MRCPCH Part I Examination, MRCP/Intermediate examination Part II (Written and Clinical)	Will be announced by the Staff Training and Development Unit of the Hospital Authority

Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics

With great dedications and support from Editors of the Journal, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and Hong Kong Paediatric Society, Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics will become a quarterly publication in 2002.

Do support our Journal by contributing articles on your research data, clinical studies, topical reviews or personal practice for us. Trainees and post-graduates are encouraged to contribute to the Journal especially to the "Post-graduate Column". We also welcome submission of educational clinical photographs and radiographic materials.

All manuscripts, correspondence and subscription should be addressed to:- Chief Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics Limited, c/o Department of Paediatrics, The University of Hong Kong, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong [FAX: (852) 2855 1523]

Message from Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

The following document from the Academy is for information of all members.

STANDING ORDER FOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Fellowship Admission –
Applicants convicted of a serious offence punishable by imprisonment

Approved by Council on 19 April 2001

An applicant who was previously convicted of a serious offence punishable by imprisonment will be considered for admission of Fellowship provided that:

- a) The application can only be submitted after the applicant has served his sentenced imprisonment, or in the case of suspended imprisonment after the period of the sentenced imprisonment from the date of verdict (e.g. if the applicant was sentenced on 1 January 2001 for a 6-month imprisonment but suspended for 2 years, the applicant can apply for admission after 6 months from 1 January 2001, i.e. after 30 June 2001) subject to (b) below; and
- b) The applicant has been registered with Medical Council of Hong Kong or Dental Council of Hong Kong for at least 1 year after satisfying (a) above; and
- c) The applicant has not been subject to any disciplinary investigation, or found guilty of serious professional misconduct by Medical Council of Hong Kong, Dental Council of Hong Kong or similar regulatory organizations overseas during the 1-year period mentioned in (b) above; and
- d) The applicant can provide 2 personal references from Fellows of the same College relating the applicant's conduct and medical practice during the period mentioned in (b) above; and
- e) The application must be accompanied by a statutory declaration by the applicant that he/she has fulfilled the conditions (a) to (c) above.

Paediatric Exchange Meetings

The College is pleased to announce that we'll have two exchange meetings with our Colleagues in China this year.

The 4th Guangdong Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting "第四屆粵港兒科學術交流會" is jointly organized with the Guangdong Pediatric Society. It will be held on the 25th and 26th May 2002 in

Guangdong. Prof. T.F. Fok was invited to be the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of this meeting. Stay tuned on further details of the meeting.

We'll also have a Beijing, Urumchi (烏魯木齊), Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting “京、烏、港交流會” It was proposed to organize this meeting around the end of August / early September 2002. Prof. Fok was invited to be the organizer for this meeting as well.

AAP News

Our College has established a cordial relationship with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and a continued dialogue is being maintained. AAP is sending copies of the AAP News (their official new magazine) regularly to our College. This is being kept in the College Chamber for members' access.

New Year Greetings

The Editors of College Newsletter wish you all a fruitful and prosperous year of Horse.

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CME Category A Activity

The following is an abbreviated list of Category A activities organized by the College and other paediatric institutions/organizations. For a complete list of activities, please refer to the College homepage (http://www.medicine.org.hk/hkcpaed/cme_a1.htm)

February 2002	
21 st Feb (Thu) CME Cat A 1 pt	Topic: Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children Venue: Room 052, 1/F, Main Block, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Organizer: Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, PYNEH Enquiry: Ms Erica Chung, Tel: 25956410
March 2002	
8 th – 10 th Mar (Fri – Sun) CME Cat A Max. 11 pts	Topic: Neuro-ophthalmology Annual Scientific Meeting 2002 Venue: M Ground Lecture Theatre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Speakers: Dr David Taylor & Local Speakers Organizer: HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics Enquiry: Dr W.H. Lau, Tel: 23771228
11 th Mar (Mon) CME Cat A 2 pts	Topic: An Apparently Blind Child Venue: Great Eagle Hotel, Kowloon Time: 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm Speaker: Dr David Taylor Organizer: HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics Enquiry: Dr W.H. Lau, Tel: 23771228
12 th Mar (Tue) CME Cat A 2 pts	Topic: Hypervitaminosis A: A Family with 3 Different Presentations Venue: Block D, G/F, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm Speakers: Dr David Lau; Ms Karen Li Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Enquiry: Dr Leung Ying Kit, Tel: 27710698

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) Category B Activities

Approved Regular Continuing Medical Education (CME) Meetings (updated on 16.01.2002)

Name of Hospital / Organizer	Event	Venue	Date	Time	CME Points / session	Contact Person	Remark
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital	Lecture / Case presentation	Room 7, 7/F., Block E AHNH, 11 Chuen On Road, Taipo	Every Wednesday	2:30 – 3:30 pm	1	Dr. Yam Ka Ling (2689 2286 Janet)	Note 2
Caritas Medical Centre	Seminar / Journal Club	Library Conf. Room, Wai Oi Block, 1 F.	Every Friday	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	1	Dr. Alex Chan (2310 7452 Angela)	
Child Assessment Service / Dept. of Health	Journal / Clinical presentation	Ha Kwai Chung CAC 77 Lai Cho Road Hai Kwai Chung, N.T.	Second Saturday & fourth Monday each month	9:00 – 10:00 am	1	Dr. Florence Lee (2246 6634 Carol)	Note 2
Clinical Genetic Service / Dept. of Health	Journal Club	Clinic Genetic Service Centre (Conference Room)	Every Monday	9:00 – 10:00 am	1	Dr. Stephen Lam (2304 2063 Margaret Wong)	
	Postgraduate seminar		Every Wednesday	9:00 – 10:00 am	1		
Grantham Hospital	Lecture / Cardiac conference	Lecture theatre, G/F Kwok Tak Seng Centre Grantham Hospital	Every Friday	9:30 – 10:30 am	1	Dr. Yung Tak Cheung (2518 2629 Anna)	
Kwong Wah Hospital	Clinical presentation / Journal Club	Lecture Room, 1/F., Nurses' Quarters Kwong Wah Hospital	Every Thursday	2:00 – 3:00 pm	1	Dr. Robert Yuen (2781 5055) Annie	
North District Hospital	Journal Club	Auditorium , 1/F. North District Hospital	2nd & 4th Monday	11:30 am-12:30 pm	1	Dr. Wong Tak Wai (2683 7578 Karen)	
	CME meeting		Every Thursday	2:30 – 3:30 pm	1		
NTS Cluster Hospital	Suspended for time being						
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	Journal Club / topic discussion	Conference Room, D6 ward, PYNEH	Every Wednesday	1:30 – 2:30 pm	1	Dr. So Lok Yee (2595 6409 Lisa Chim; 2595 6410 Erica Chung)	
	X-ray meeting	Conference Room, Dept. of Diagnostic Radiology, Main Blk	Last Friday of each month	1:00-2:00 pm	1		

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) Category B Activities (Continued)

Approved Regular Continuing Medical Education (CME) Meetings (updated on 16.01.2002)

Name of Hospital / Organizer	Event	Venue	Date	Time	CME Points / session	Contact Person	Remark
Prince of Wales Hospital	Journal Club	Seminar Room, 6/F. Clinical Science Building, PWH	Every Monday (except 3 rd Monday of even month)	1:00 – 2:00 pm	1	Dr. Rita Sung (2632 2849 Florence)	
	Clinical Meeting	Seminar Room, 6/F. Clinical Science Building, PWH	Every Tuesday (except last Tuesday of each month)	2:15 – 4:00 pm	1		
Princess Margaret Hospital	Update / clinical presentation	Room 615, Block G, PMH	Every Monday	2:00 – 3:00 pm	1	Dr. Chan Kwok Yin (2990 3757 Julie)	Note 2
	Journal Club			3:00 – 4:00 pm	1		
Private Practising Paediatricians Study Group	Paediatric Updates / Lectures	Banquet Suite Eaton Hotel, 2/F., 380 Nathan Road	Second Friday of each month (or if it is PH, the following Friday)	2:00 – 3:00 pm	1	Dr. Cheng Chun Fai (2385 5655)	Note 2
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Seminar / Journal Club	M4 Library Discussion Room	Every Monday	12:00 noon – 1:00 pm	1	Dr. Shirley Ho (29586741 Elena)	
	Grand Round	A Ground Seminar Room	Every Wednesday	12:45 – 2:00 pm	1		
Queen Mary Hospital	Journal Club	Seminar Room Paediatric Department 1/F. New Clinical Building QMH	Every Monday	12:30 – 2:00 pm	1	Dr. Louis Low (2855 4091 Jessica)	
	Grand Round		Every Thursday	8:30 – 9:30 am	1		
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Case presentation- Journal Club / review Topic	Department Conference Room 4/F., Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Every Friday	13:30 – 14:30	1	Dr. Huen Kwai Fun (2208 1057 Winnie)	
Tuen Mun Hospital	Topic review / Case presentation	Seminar Room AB 1038, 1/F Main Block TMH	Every Tuesday	2:00 – 3:00 pm	1	Dr. Wong Sik Nin (2468 5392 Johanna)	Note 2
United Christian Hospital	X-Ray meeting	Radiology Dept. Block S, B1	Every 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of the month	8:30 – 9:30 am	1	Dr. VK Sugunan (2379 4861 Carmen Chui)	Note 1
	Journal presentation / Topics discussion	Seminar Room Block P, 3/F.	Every Thursday	2:15 – 3:15 pm	1		
Yan Chai Hospital	Grand Round	B12N & B12S ward 12/F., Block B, YCH	Every Monday	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	1	Dr. C.B. Chow (2417 8357 Daisy)	
	Case Presentation / Journal Club & Review Topic	Conference Room 1, 3/F., Block B, YCH	Every Thursday	1:00 – 2:00 pm	1		

Notes: 1. To be advised by contact person; 2. Prior registration essential

To : All COSs & Training Supervisors

From : Prof. Louis C.K. Low
Honorary Secretary

Date : 22nd January 2002

Re : Guidelines on Higher Training

Further to the letter sent on 31st May 2001 by Professor Louis C.K. Low to all the Chiefs of Service regarding the Guidelines on Higher Training in Paediatrics, there has been concern on the interpretation of the sentence "The following training requirements will be strictly enforced on 1st July 2001 irrespective of the stage of training of the trainee". After much deliberation at the Council meeting held on 29th October 2001, Council resolved that:

With effect from the 1st July 2001 and thereafter, **ALL** trainees entering into Higher Training in Paediatrics should adhere to the Guidelines on Higher Training (vide infra). During the interim period between 1st July 2001 and 30th June 2004, the College would deal with minor infractions of these rules by trainees sympathetically provided there is a good reason. **ALL** trainees sitting the Exit Assessment in June 2004 or thereafter, irrespective of the date of commencement of training, should fulfill **ALL** of the following training requirements:

- (1) The duration of supervised Higher Training should be no less than 3 years in College accredited centres.
- (2) There should be at least 2 years of hospital-based paediatrics, of which not less than 12 months should be devoted to general paediatrics with acute emergency hospital admission of children not restricted to any age group or paediatric subspecialty.
- (3) The trainee may opt to undergo training for not more than 12 months in one paediatric subspecialty (as defined in the Guideline for Paediatric Training) inclusive of the 6 months obligatory rotation to local and overseas training centres should such a rotation is through the same paediatric subspecialty opted for.
- (4) The trainee may also opt to undergo training for not more than 12 months in child health related specialties (e.g. child psychiatry, maternity child health clinics, school health service, etc.) of which not more than 6 months should be spent in any single specialty and inclusive of the 6 months obligatory rotation to local and overseas training centres should such a rotation is through the same child health related specialty.
- (5) All trainees must undergo a 6-month obligatory rotation through other training unit(s) (local/overseas). Prospective applications must be submitted, at least 3 months before the commencement of overseas training, to the Accreditation Committee together with the basic and essential information required to accompany any such application. The Accreditation Committee should also be notified before a trainee starts the rotation to other local training unit(s).



Prof. Louis C.K. Low
Honorary Secretary

c.c. Prof. N.K. Leung, President
Dr. Chan Chok-Wan, Chairman, Accreditation Committee

To : **All COSs and Training Supervisors**
From : Prof. Louis C.K. Low
Honorary Secretary
Date : 22nd January 2002

Re : Recent Council Resolutions

At the Council Meetings in 2001, several resolutions were passed by Council which may have an impact on your trainees undergoing Basic and Higher Training in Paediatrics in your unit.

- (1) The regular day-time duties of a trainee would be assessed as the recognized training in that paediatric subspecialty / child health related specialty irrespective of the outpatient and on-call duties.
- (2) Paediatric Intensive Care is reaffirmed as a subspecialty in Higher Training.
- (3) In view of the recent de-linking of the Written and Clinical examinations of the MRCPCH Part II Examination, Council resolved that all trainees who have undergone more than 18 months of the Basic Training programme will be eligible to attend the Postgraduate Training Course organized by our College.
- (4) The College Council resolved that an administrative vetting fee of HK\$10,000 would be charged for each individual submission of application for retrospective accreditation of paediatric training irrespective of whether the doctors are trained locally or in overseas centres.

Trainees should be advised that the vetting process takes time and the outcome cannot be predicted. COSs and Training Supervisors should try their best to encourage their trainees to join our College as Associates, Members or Fellows as soon as they are eligible. Also, COSs should bring this resolution to the notice of those trainees who did not join the College as Associates/Members within the 6 months grace period and thus resulting in a delay in the recognition of their Basic or Higher Training.



Prof. Louis C.K. Low
Honorary Secretary

c.c. Prof. N.K. Leung, President
Prof. T.F. Fok, Vice-President
Dr. Chan Chok-Wan, Chairman, Accreditation Committee
Dr. Alex K.H. Chan, Chairman, Membership Committee