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Message from the Editors

As we welcome the Year of the Snake, on behalf of the House Committee, we would like to wish everyone a prosperous and healthy new year.

Response to consultation on “Hong Kong Code of Marketing and Quality of Formula Milk and Related Products, and Food Products for Infants & Young Children”

Our College is an active member of the Taskforce on Hong Kong Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes which has been working on the code over the past few years.

The final draft was released for consultation and interested members may refer to the various documents (http://www.fhs.gov.hk/english/adhoc/hkcode/hk_code.pdf , summary [appendix A], FAQ [appendix B]). After detailed study of the code and thorough discussion, we have prepared a response stating our advocacy for breast feeding and support for regulation of marketing of formula milk (Appendix C).

Web Revamp Working Group

We are pleased to inform members that the College website has been re-designed. We tried to streamline the viewing experiences for users based on different functional categories in the College. We migrated all important documents from the old College website to the new one, and added new functions on CME, Photo Gallery and Document Centre. We hope that the revamped web site can fulfill the requirements of being an informative site, manageable by non-technical staff, and to disseminate communications from the College to members in a timely manner.

The new College website will go online to replace the existing one on 18 February 2013 (Monday). There will be a short interruption of the website service on the day. Members are advised to clear the cache in your browsers if you encounter a glitch on viewing the content in the new website. We have included a two-page guide as appendix D for members to have a glimpse of the design and functions of the new College website.

Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties

To: All Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Please spend a few minutes to read this IMPORTANT announcement about the Accreditation of the Subspecialty of **Paediatric Neurology (PN)** (Appendix E). The College is also calling interested Fellows to apply for accreditation as **FIRST FELLOW** in the Subspecialty. Refer to appendix F for the application form. Please also note that the deadline for application is 31st March 2013.

Dr Sik Nin Wong
Secretary of the Working Group

Message from the Honorary Treasurer

To: All Fellows / Overseas Fellows / Members / Overseas Members / Associates

Dear Colleagues

1st REMINDER –2013 Annual Subscription

Further to my notice dated 10 December 2012 together with our Debit Note requesting for payment of Year 2013 annual subscription, please be informed that there are still some Fellow members who have not yet sent in their subscription. If you have not sent in your payment, please send in your subscription fee **immediately**.

Once again, for your information, the Year 2013 subscription fees for Hong Kong College of Paediatricians are as follows:

Fellows:	HK\$1,800
Fellows, Members and Associates over the age of 65 before 1 January 2013:	Waived
Overseas Fellows:	HK\$900 (with approved overseas status)
Members:	HK\$1,200
Overseas Members:	HK\$600 (with approved overseas status)
Associates:	HK\$600

Please make cheque **payable to “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians”** and send to the College Chamber at your earliest convenience:

Dr Chan Chi Sik
Honorary Treasurer
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road
Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Kindly please ignore this reminder if you have already paid your subscription. Thank you for your attention.

Dr Chan Chi Sik

Announcement from Professional and General Affairs Committee

Clinical Guidelines on Management of Atopic Dermatitis in Children

The Working Group on the Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines is pleased to present to you a newly prepared guideline: "Clinical Guidelines on Management of Atopic Dermatitis in Children" which is accessible in our College Website at:

<http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/member/clinicalguideline.htm>

Please feel free to take reference to this and other existing guidelines.

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians - H. M. Lui Memorial Fund

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians established the H. M. Lui Memorial Fund in Year 2001 to promote postgraduate study and research in liver diseases and related disciplines in children.

Applications are invited for the H.M. Lui Fellowship, which will be awarded to residents of Hong Kong SAR who are able to meet the following minimum criteria:

THE H. M. LUI FELLOWSHIP

The H. M. 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 2013. The applicant must be aged below 40 years; Residents of Hong Kong SAR and are currently working in 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\$10,000-HK\$12,000.
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. **The deadline of application is 31 March 2013.**

Enquiries and application forms are available from Ms Connie Lui, College Secretary of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hand Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. Tel: (852) 2871 8871 Fax: (852) 2785 1850 Email: connie.lui@paediatrician.org.hk or visit our website at www.paediatrician.org.hk.

Examination Committee

Results of recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
30-31 October 2012	MRCPCH Clinical Exam	16/31	52%
1 November 2012	DCH Clinical Exam	8/10	80%
13 December 2012	29 th Exit Assessment	4/4	100%

30th Exit Assessment

The 30th Exit Assessment will be held on 20th June 2013. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms and associated documents is **2nd April 2013**. Details of application and forms can be downloaded from the College website.

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 28 Jan 2013. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alterations.*

Feb 2013		
05 Feb	Topic:	Topic In Neonatology
	Venue:	PYNEH
	Time:	8:00-9:30
	Speaker:	Dr. Tse Kong / Dr. Philip Sham / Dr. Tam Yuk
Cat. A 2 pts	Organizer:	PYNEH
	Coordinator:	Ms. Choi Sau Sau
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25956410

05 Feb	Topic:	Counseling Techniques
	Venue:	QEH
	Time:	19:00-20:00
	Speaker:	Dr. H. M. Luk
Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	HK Society of Cytogenetics Ltd.
	Coordinator:	Mr. Simon Ding
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25892208

17 Feb	Topic:	Neonatal Resuscitation Program
	Venue:	Tang Shiu Kin Hospital
	Time:	8:45-18:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 6 pts	Organizer:	HKCPaed / HKPNA / HKSNM / HA
	Coordinator:	http://www.ha.org.hk/aetc
	Enquiry:	Tel: 35533300 / email: aetc_rhtsk@ha.org.hk
	Remark:	Identical course on 24 Feb 2013

Mar 2013		
06 Mar	Topic:	Ophthalmology for Paediatric Neurologists
	Venue:	QEH
	Time:	18:30-19:30
	Speaker:	Dr. Lau Hoi Shan, Flora / Dr. Chan Kar Mun, Carmen
Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	PNAHK
	Coordinator:	Dr. Ma Kam Hung
	Enquiry:	Tel: 51457621

14 Mar	Topic:	A Sharing Session on How to Manage Children with Autism
	Venue:	East Ocean Seafood Restaurant, Tseung Kwan O
	Time:	13:00-15:00
	Speaker:	Mr. Fritz Pang
Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	HKMA
	Coordinator:	Ms. Irene Got
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25278285

17 Mar	Topic:	Neonatal Resuscitation Program
	Venue:	Tang Shiu Kin Hospital
	Time:	8:45-18:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 6 pts	Organizer:	HKCPaed / HKPNA / HKSNM / HA
	Coordinator:	http://www.ha.org.hk/aetc
	Enquiry:	Tel: 35533300 / email: aetc_rhtsk@ha.org.hk
	Remark:	Identical course on 24 Mar 2013

The Hong Kong Code of Marketing and Quality of Formula Milk and Related Products, and Food Products for Infants & Young Children (0-36 months): A summary

Full text available from www.fhs.gov.hk

Article	Major Provisions
1. Aim	The Code aims to contribute to the protection of breastfeeding and provision of safe and adequate nutrition for infants and young children.
2. Scope	<p>The Code applies to the following designated products for infants and young children aged between 0-36 months:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infant formula ▪ Follow-up formula ▪ Formula milk related products: Feeding bottles, teats and pacifiers ▪ Food products for infants and young children
3. Definitions	Terms used in the Code are defined.
4. Information and Education (to the general public, pregnant women and mothers)	<p>Manufacturers and distributors (M&Ds) of designated products should not:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ perform or sponsor educational functions ▪ produce, distribute or sponsor the production and distribution of informational and educational materials on breastfeeding and formula milk feeding and nutrition. <p>Informational and educational materials on infant-and-young-child feeding and nutrition (produced or distributed by parties other than M&Ds of designated products) should not refer to brand names of products or names of M&Ds and should explain the relevant points about breastfeeding, complementary feeding, formula feeding and bottle feeding as specified.</p> <p>Product Information about formula milk, bottles, teats and pacifiers could be obtained from websites of M&Ds, retailers or health care facilities on request.</p>
5. Promotion to the Public	<p><u>For formula milk, bottles, teats and pacifiers:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No promotional practices should be allowed <p><u>For food products for infants and young children:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advertising is allowed but not in health care facilities ▪ Free samples are allowed but not in health care facilities <p><u>For all designated products:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No activities involving infants, young children, pregnant women and mothers of children aged 3 years or below, e.g. baby crawling competition, mothers' clubs; nor the seeking of personal information of such persons
6. Promotion in Health care facilities	<p>M&Ds of designated products should not:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ offer free or low-cost supplies of designated products ▪ provide equipment, gifts or samples ▪ promote or distribute products to any person via health workers / health care facilities.

Article	Major Provisions
7. Information and Promotion to Health Workers	<p>Informational materials about products provided by M&Ds should be limited to scientific and factual matters.</p> <p>M&Ds may provide products to health workers only for the purpose of professional evaluation or research at the institutional level.</p> <p><u>Sponsorship of Continuing Medical Education Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ M&Ds should exert no influence on the choice of speakers, topics to be discussed and sponsorship recipients. ▪ Any interest in relation to M&Ds should be disclosed. ▪ Promotional activities should be avoided within the conference venue.
8. Labelling	<p><u>For formula milk and food products:-</u> The label should not create an impression that the product is equivalent to, comparable with or superior to breastmilk or breastfeeding.</p> <p>Product labels should meet relevant requirements of existing regulations (in Cap 132W) and satisfy an additional list of conditions to ensure clear information to and safe use of the product by the public.</p> <p>Five representations as specified in Article 8.5.3 are permitted, provided that they have not placed any special emphasis on the high content, low content, presence or absence of energy or a nutrient contained in the product.</p> <p>Nutrition claims and health claims should not appear except:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ for food product for infants and young children (but not infant formula or follow-up formula), nutrition claims in relation to sodium, sugars, vitamins and minerals, which are permitted by a recognized international/ national authority and the relevant claim condition(s) are complied with ▪ for follow-up formula and food products for infants and young children (but not infant formula), health claims which are permitted by a recognized international/ national authority and based on current relevant scientific substantiation, and that the claim condition(s) and the exact claim statement set by the concerned authority are complied with <p><u>For formula milk and related products (bottles, teats and pacifiers):-</u> The container or label should not contain photograph, drawing or graphic representation other than for illustrating methods of preparation.</p> <p>Product labels of formula milk, bottles and teats must clearly state breastfeeding as the norm of infant feeding, the need for the advice of a health professional before the use of formula milk and the health hazards of its use.</p>

Article	Major Provisions
9. Quality Standards	All products should be of a high quality and comply with relevant Codex standards. For nutritional composition of follow-up formula and food products for infants and young children, the requirements by recognised international or national authorities should be complied with if Codex standards are not followed, provided that following such standard(s) will not pose public health risk to the local population.
10. Implementation and Monitoring	<p>A combination of active and passive approach is adopted to monitor the compliance with the HK Code by M&Ds.</p> <p>The active approach consists of surveillance and regular surveys to look for non-compliance. The passive approach relies on receiving complaints from members of the public. In the case of a substantiated complaint, an advisory letter to the M&D involved and its parent company will be issued. Statistics on compliance with the HK Code by M&Ds will be published periodically.</p> <p>M&Ds themselves are also responsible for monitoring their marketing practices according to the principles and aim of the HK Code.</p>

[Although every effort has been made to ensure that the contents of this sheet are an accurate summary of the Code, no express or implied warranty is given as to the accuracy of the information set out in this sheet.]

**Taskforce on Hong Kong Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes
October 2012**

The Hong Kong Code of Marketing and Quality of Formula Milk and Related Products, and Food Products for Infants & Young Children (0-36 months)

What are the responsibilities of health workers with respect to the implementation of the Code?

Health workers are protectors of health. They are in a unique position with a direct and authoritative influence over mothers' decision on infant feeding. Overseas experience has shown that health workers' attitudes towards the Code and their actions can determine the success or otherwise of the Code.

The Code is aimed primarily at companies. However, health workers and their associations have the responsibilities of collaborating with the Government to monitor Manufacturers and Distributors' (M&Ds') compliance with the Code, drawing their attention to activities which are incompatible with the principles and aim of the Code, so that appropriate action can be taken.

What are the main provisions of the Code?

Please see Summary sheet.

How does implementation of the Code affect my practices and my patients?

Please see the following table, comparing the current practices with the scenario when the Code is implemented:-

Current Practices	With implementation of the HK Code
1. Promotional materials on designated products* for parents	
M&Ds* may be giving HWs* these to pass onto parents:	M&Ds <i>should not</i> give HWs the following to pass onto parents:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ I&E materials* on various parenting & childcare issues, including BFFMF* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ I&E materials on BFFMF [4.1.1] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Department of Health will provide these to HWs ● HWs may also use those produced by sources other than M&Ds of designated products [4.4.1] ◆ M&Ds <i>may</i> continue to give HWs I&E materials on topics other than BFFMF [4.4] ◆ M&Ds <i>may</i> give HWs factual product information that can be passed to parents on request and after counselling [4.2]

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Samples of FM* (normal & special) & gifts for parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ M&Ds <i>should not</i> give HWs samples or gifts to pass onto parents [6.1(c)]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Application forms for mother-baby clubs, healthy baby competitions, talks, etc. organised by M&Ds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ M&Ds <i>should not</i> organise these activities and <i>should not</i> obtain contacts from mothers [5.3]
<p>2. Promotional materials on designated products for <i>Health Workers</i></p>	
<p>M&Ds may be giving HWs these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ I&E materials about products (mostly are promotional in nature) 	<p>M&Ds <i>should not</i> give HWs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ I&E materials that are promotional in nature <p>But <i>may</i> continue to give HWs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Factual product information ♦ Scientific publications about the products [7.2.2]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Free or discounted supplies or samples ♦ Gifts / stationeries / equipment (usually with company or product logos) for display in healthcare facilities 	<p>M&Ds <i>should not</i> give HWs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Free or discounted supplies or samples [6.1(a)] (except for professional evaluation at the institutional level) [7.2.1] ♦ Gifts / stationeries / equipment (with logos) [6.1(b)]
<p>3. Benefit and Sponsorship for Healthcare workers</p>	
<p>M&Ds may be offering HWs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Benefits (e.g. free lunch) or gifts (e.g. stationeries / equipment – with or without logos) ♦ funding for CME activities ♦ research grants 	<p>M&Ds <i>should not</i> offer HWs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ any benefits or gifts (with or without logos) [7.3.1] <p>but <i>may</i>, subject to conditions[#], continue to offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ funding for CME activities [7.3.2] ♦ research grants [7.3.3]
<p><i>CME activities for Health workers</i></p>	
<p>Many M&Ds are sponsoring CME activities organised by associations of HWs</p>	<p>M&Ds <i>may</i> continue to sponsor CME activities</p> <p>Associations of HWs which organise CME activities sponsored by M&Ds are advised to follow conditions[#] underpinned by these 3 principles [7.3.2 (a) – (h)]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Preventing the sponsors from influencing the activities ♦ Disclosing the sponsorship ♦ Avoiding promotional activities within the venue

	(The practice will be reviewed after the implementation of the Code) [7.3.2]
Some HWs are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ attending / speaking at CME activities sponsored by M&Ds ♦ receiving sponsorship from M&Ds to attend local / overseas CME activities 	HWs <i>may</i> continue to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ attend CME activities sponsored by M&Ds ♦ speak at CME activities sponsored by M&Ds ♦ receive sponsorship from M&Ds, but through associations of HWs [7.3.2]
4. Giving public talks & writing / producing educational materials on Child Health issues by HWs	
Some HWs may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ give educational talks to the public ♦ write books or articles on child health issues for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents' magazines - Parents' forum on newspapers / internet - Parents' educational materials produced / distributed / sponsored by M&Ds of DPs 	HWs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ <i>may</i> continue to give public talks or write books /articles themselves on any child health issues for lay publications (Please follow conditions in [4.4.1]) ♦ HWs <i>should resist</i> offers by M&Ds to ghost-write [4.1.1(b)] M&Ds <i>should not</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - perform or sponsor educational functions in relation to BFFMF [4.1.1(a)] - produce / distribute or sponsor I&E materials on IYCF [4.1.1(b)]
5. Teaching or demonstrating the use of formula milk for parents by HWs	
HWs in antenatal clinics / when giving antenatal talks / in postnatal wards may regularly demonstrate to parents how to use FM	HWs <i>may</i> demonstrate the use of FM [7.1.2] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ only when it is considered necessary, and ♦ clearly explain the points 4.4.1 (e) (iii)

***Notes:**

Designated products (DPs) = Formula milk (0 to 36 months); Feeding bottles, teats and pacifiers; other foods for children ≤ 36 months

M&Ds = Manufacturers and distributors of designated products

HWs = Health workers

I&E materials = Informational & educational materials

FM = Formula Milk

BFFMF = breastfeeding and feeding by formula milk of infants and young children, including nutrition of breastmilk and formula milk.

Taskforce of Hong Kong Code of Breastmilk Substitutes

October 2012



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
香港兒科醫學院
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with Limited Liability)



4 February, 2013

Dr Lilian Leong

Chairman of the Taskforce on

Hong Kong Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

Department of Health

Rm 1308, 13 Guardian House,

32 Oi Kwan Road,

Wan Chai,

Hong Kong

Dear Dr Leong,

Consultation on “Hong Kong Code of Marketing and Quality of Formula Milk and Related Products, and Food Products for Infants & Young Children”

On behalf of the HK College of Paediatricians, I thank you very much for your letter dated 14 December 2012 regarding the captioned. The College Council at its latest meeting has deliberated discussions on our College’s principles and views which I am summarizing as follows.

1. The College unreservedly supports the principle that breast milk is the best nutrition for infants, and there is no “ideal alternative”.
2. The College supports the WHO Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding that recommends exclusive breast feeding in the first six months, and timely introduction of complementary feeding afterwards, along with continued breast-feeding for up to two years of age or beyond.
3. The College also supports the WHA resolution (WHA63.23, 2010) “to end inappropriate promotion of food for infants and young children, and to ensure that nutrition and health claims shall not be permitted for foods for infants and young children.” To quote the

Surgeon General of the USA, “Research indicates that the marketing of substitutes for breast milk has a negative effect on breastfeeding practices.” (The Surgeon General’s Call for Action to Support Breastfeeding 2011) Our College welcomes a Hong Kong Code that regulates the marketing of breastmilk substitutes.

4. In the case that a mother is unable to breast-feed, or decides not to breast-feed despite adequate information and counselling, she should be given support similar to breast-feeding mothers.

It is a fact that in Hong Kong many mothers have decided to formula-feed their children. This may be due to many reasons - medical, psychological/ social, or, shortage of maternity leave and breast-feeding facilities, etc. It cannot be overemphasized that mothers intending to formula-feed their babies should be given full support, aid and guidance similar to breast-feeding mothers.

Understanding on nutritional needs of infant and young children is advancing rapidly and parents must be provided with up-to-date and relevant information and education. Adequate information, training, education material as well as manpower and resources must be provided to health care professionals to conduct such activities without the influence of commercial interests. The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians has been and will be collaborating with Department of Health in supporting breastfeeding and providing information to parents on infant feeding and nutrition.

Likewise, proper product information should be available in a timely and easily accessible way to health care professionals. This should be provided directly from manufacturers/ distributors, and appraisal of new product information should be provided by the health authorities.

While the College welcomes the HK Code, it should be regarded as one and just one of the many components of our society’s efforts to implement the WHO Global Strategy of Infant and Young Child Nutrition. The SAR government should take the lead, in collaboration with the community, to execute concerted efforts to

- i. implement Baby Friendly Initiatives in health care facilities;

- ii. improve public policies and facilities to support breast-feeding mothers (e.g. breast-feeding rooms in public places, protecting the rights of working mothers to breast-feed). Prolonging the maternity leave and improving social benefits to mothers will encourage breastfeeding for a longer period.
- iii. provide comprehensive training for health care workers to support both breast-feeding and formula-feeding mothers and to establish healthy eating habits in young children.

Last but not least, we opine that the voluntary nature and the suggested implementation and monitoring strategy of the Code are not sufficient. We therefore propose regulation with legislative means and adamantly advocate the setting up of a Central Committee for the Promotion of Breast-feeding in the SAR government as a fundamental, enduring and effective avenue to this end.

Yours sincerely,



Dr WONG Sik Nin
President
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians



College Website Guide

Revamped website

The old College website has been in use for many years. To address current shortcomings and limitations, the website was revamped to streamline the user experiences, to preserve the legacy documents and to include some new features. The URL will remain the same:

<http://www.paediatrician.org.hk>

The new website will be in operation on **18th February 2013**.

Rearranged Menu

The menu structure is now displayed according to main functions of the College. All announcements and important documents relevant to a committee will be placed in its own page.

The top menu sequence in the middle:

Training – Examinations – CME – Subspecialties echoes the journey of what a trainee goes through from a green budding doctor to a specialist paediatrician

New Announcements

At the centre of the home page one can find the latest eight announcements made by the College. They include communications from College Council, Committees, Subcommittee and other important messages. Click on an individual entry for further details.

For a list of all previous announcements, click the title “New Announcements”.

CME Database

Based on the analysis of usage pattern in the old College website, CME was the most commonly accessed feature by all users. The CME section in the new College website commands the central position at the top menu. We compile all CME related guidelines, information, and procedures to have them even more accessible to users.

Main features

- Rearranged Menu
- New Announcements
- CME Database
- Document Centre
- Photo Gallery
- User log-in

Main targets

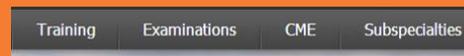
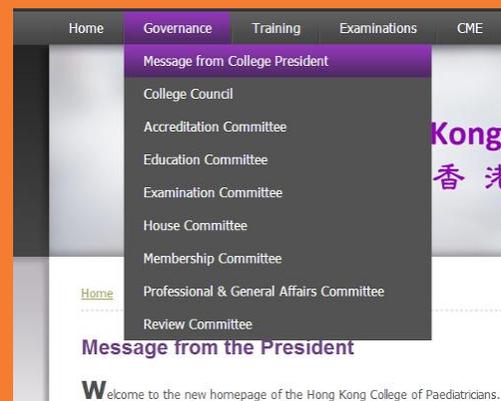
- Fellows, Members & Associates

Main purposes

- Timely communication
- Information dissemination

Main colors

- Purple, Golden Yellow, Black, White



New Announcements

Accreditation of the...

24/01/2013



To All Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Please spend...

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CME Quick Reference	➔

The display of College accredited CME activities was re-designed. All CME activities from 2013 onwards are now in a searchable database with filters on Category (A, B, E), Year, Start Month and End Month. By default, the system shows most recent CME activities which will be held from the day of viewing. They are "On Going" in status. For all activities that had been held before the day of viewing, they were placed in "Archive" status.

All past CME activities which occurred in 2000 – 2012 were archived as PDF files in Document Centre for reference (see later).

Document Centre

It is the centralized place where all documents in the website are stored and linked to. Users can view and download announcements, guidelines, official statements, forms, flyers, reports, newsletters, and archives of past CME activities in PDF files at this place.

To look for a document in this Document Centre, click "Search Document" and enter search criteria.

For some restricted documents, a user log-in is required (see later).

Photo Gallery

Memorable photos of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians can be viewed and downloaded in this section.

Now there are about 1000 images in the collection. The gallery will grow with photos in future events and with more photos in the past contributed by our members.

User Login

Most content in the website are open to the public. There are two exceptions where there is a viewing restriction - only members of the College (Fellows, Members & Associates) are able to access. The two sections are:

- Members' benefits
- Handout of lectures

Each member of the College has been assigned the status of a registered user with his communicating email with the College as user name and the prefix of the email as password. Say, the email is abc@paediatrician.org.hk, the user name is **abc@paediatrician.org.hk** and the password is **abc**.

Users are encouraged to change their passwords after the first time they log-in the website. It can be done by editing their profiles. The option is visible after the log-in.

Tidbits

Users can search the whole web site (except Document Centre) and change the size of displayed text with the control box on every web page in the website.

Category: All Year: All Start Month: All End Month: All Status: On Going Search

29 Jan 2013

Topic:
OGSHK & HKSPGHN Joint Scientific Meeting: Managing childhood eczema: Current concepts and approaches

Venue:
Eaton Smart Hotel

Time:
19:30-20:45

Speaker:
Prof. Hon Kam Lun, Ellis / Prof. Wong Wing Kin, Gary

Organizer:
OGSHK & HKSPGHN

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Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
香港兒科醫學院



Date: 24th January, 2013

Call for Application of First Fellows of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology

To All Fellows of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Please read this IMPORTANT announcement about the Accreditation of the Subspecialty of **Paediatric Neurology (PN)**, and the call for application of FIRST FELLOW.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians recognized the importance of developing various subspecialties to streamline tertiary and quaternary paediatric practice and to prepare for the establishment of Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics. Through the effort of the Working Group for the Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong, the College has established a fair and open mechanism for accreditation of subspecialties.

The College has now received an application for the accreditation of the PN subspecialty. After careful consideration by the Working Group and a period of open consultation to all Fellows, the College Council has agreed to start the formal process of accreditation. The whole process will be stringent and subject to scrutiny by an independent overseas expert in the field and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. It will result in the setting up of the relevant Subspecialty Board, training and accreditation guidelines, training programmes with accredited training centres and trainers. Future trainees will have to go through such a training programme before being recognized as a subspecialist. Colleagues may have questions about the name of subspecialist qualifications and the quotability of such qualifications. You are invited to read the attached Appendix 1 and 2 on “Frequently asked questions on quotability of First Fellow of a Subspecialty” and “Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows to a new Subspecialty”.

To start the Accreditation process, the College would like to call for applications from all Fellows interested in being accredited as First Fellows in the subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology (PN). According to Guideline of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and as shown in the document on “Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows”, College will cease admitting First Fellows after the “cutoff date” when the formal Training Programme starts. The Subspecialty Board will decide the date of starting the formal Training Programme within 24 months of formal approval of the Subspecialty by the Academy. We estimated that the cutoff date for Paediatric Neurology will be about 2 years after the deadline stated below. Fellows who consider themselves eligible for First

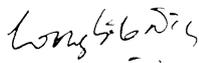
Fellows admission within this time frame should also respond to this Call, if they wish to be considered for admission. **Because the accreditation process involves inviting an External Assessor to Hong Kong to conduct the Interview Assessment, no application after the deadline stated below will be accepted. There will NOT be another Call for Application in future.**

The First Fellows Application Form is attached. To enable financial viability of the Subspecialty, the College has decided to levy a First Fellows Application Fee of \$3000 for each application. A further First Fellows Admission Fee of \$7000 is applicable for each successful application and admission of First Fellows in the Subspecialty.

Interested Fellows please submit the following to the College Honorary Secretary at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong **on or before 31st March, 2013:**

1. The First Fellows Application Form (which should be duly signed);
2. Documentary evidence of your supervised training (please give reason if not available);
3. A brief curriculum vitae highlighting your relevant subspecialty experience; and
4. A cheque of \$ 3000 (payable to “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians”).

If you are interested to know more about the process of subspecialty accreditation, please contact the undersigned or the College secretariat for more information.



Dr Wong Sik Nin
Secretary, Working Group for Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties
For Dr Chan Chok Wan
Director of Subspecialty Boards

Attached documents:

- Appendix 1: Frequently asked questions on quotability of First Fellow of a Subspecialty.
 - Appendix 2: Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows to a new Subspecialty
- Application Form for First Fellows of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology (PN)

Frequently Asked Questions on Quotability of First Fellow of a Subspecialty

Frequently encountered questions	Latest reply by HKAM in Oct 2010:
If our Fellow has completed training in both General Paediatrics and a paediatric subspecialty e.g. paediatric cardiology:	
1. At the level of Specialist Registry, he/she can choose to be included in either the register of Specialist in Paediatrics or Specialist in Paediatric Cardiology, but not both. Is this true?	<i>Correct</i>
2. He/she can change between the two registries at any time. How often can he/she change registries?	<i>Any doctor can apply to MCHK to change specialty in Specialist Registry, but he would need to be removed from the registered specialty first before he can be entered for a new specialty. I am not aware of any time restriction. But it normally takes a few months for the process, as MCHK would need to check with HKAM whether the Fellow/doctor is eligible for the specialty being applied (we have to go through HKAM Council), then MCHK has to go through the EAC and MCHK main Council.</i>
3. At the Academy Fellowship level, he/she will only be awarded one Academy Fellowship – i.e. FHKAM(Paediatrics). Is this true?	<i>Correct. At the Academy, we only have 15 types of Fellowship.</i>
4. Will the Academy award double Academy Fellowships e.g. FHKAM(Paediatrics) and FHKAM(Paediatric Cardiology)?	<i>No. Double Fellowship is possible only for “cross-college” Fellowship, as mentioned above we only have 15 Fellowship at the Academy level – one for each College.</i>
5. At the College Fellowship level, can the College award double Fellowships to this Fellow – i.e. both FHKCPaed and FHKCPaed (Paediatric Cardiology)?	<i>It is up to your College to decide, as long as your constitutions allow it. Additional comments: Before a new specialty can be included in SR, the specialty must be approved by the Academy EC. After HKAM Council endorsed the new specialty, Academy would write to MCHK to recommend including the new specialty in the SR.</i>

The College has recommended the term “Board Certified in [Subspecialty]” for newly accredited Fellows in the Subspecialty. Is this title quotable?

The quotability of a professional qualification is decided by the Medical Council of Hong Kong, basing on 1) at least 6 months of full time structured and supervised training or study; and 2) formal assessment by a recognized medical body or independently vetted (e.g. external examiner) by a recognized medical body. It is unlikely that a First Fellow can quote this title because he/she did not undergo an examination to get such a degree. However, College may apply for quotability for future graduates who have undergone the formal training programme and Board examination.

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Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows to a new Subspecialty:

1. When College receives an application for accreditation of a new Subspecialty, announcement will be made to all College Fellows to invite applications to be First Fellows. All applicants will be kept informed of the progress of accreditation. First Fellows will be admitted only after approval of the Subspecialty by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.
2. The College will cease to admit First Fellows once the new Subspecialty Fellowship Training Programme starts (the cut-off date), which has to be within 24 months from the date of approval of the new Subspecialty by the Academy. The College will set a deadline date for accepting appeals from unsuccessful applicants. Appeals will be handled by College Review Committee and applicants whose appeals are successful will be admitted even after the Cut-off date.
3. All First Fellows must be Fellows of the HKAM(Paediatrics) AND HKCPaed.
4. All First Fellows must have the following: Either
 - 4.1. He/she has undergone supervised training in the new Subspecialty for 3 years in an overseas centre recognised for its training by the professional college/authority in that country; OR
 - 4.2. He/she has *a period of full-time supervised training (which should normally be not less than 6 months) in a recognized centre.* In addition, the shortfall of the 3 years of the stipulated accredited subspecialty training programme should be made up with a period of Good Independent Practice (GIP) in that subspecialty, of twice the shortfall duration required to complete the 3 years accredited training programme.
5. To fulfil the criteria of “supervised training” in section 4.2, the period should satisfy the following:
 - 5.1. the supervised training must have covered a majority of the core modules of the future structured training programme of the Subspecialty (in other words, previous training in areas listed as elective modules of the new Subspecialty Training Programme, or training in only a minor part of the core modules will NOT be counted as supervised training); AND
 - 5.2. A recognized centre is defined as either an overseas centre recognized or accredited for training by the professional college/authority in that country; or a local centre that is an accredited training centre of the new Subspecialty Training Programme; AND
 - 5.3. For local centres, the candidate must prove that he/she is serving full time in the Subspecialty Team in that centre during the period of supervised training; AND
 - 5.4. If training in a local centre is claimed, only 6 months of training will be counted towards the period of supervised training.

Note:

- a) Documentary proof of supervised training must be submitted.

- b) One cannot claim having supervised training in more than one subspecialty simultaneously in any period.
 - c) The required duration of supervised training can be achieved cumulatively.
 - d) The supervised training should occur after passing the MRCP/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination OR after 3 years of paediatric training.
6. To fulfil criteria of “Good Independent Practice (GIP)” in section 4.2, the period should satisfy the followings:
- 6.1. The assurance of the standard and quality of the GIP should be supported by documentation of the following activities during the claimed period:
 - the clinical workload (cases managed, procedures performed); AND
 - relevant educational activities, such as conferences participated; AND
 - relevant research and publications; AND
 - participation in relevant professional bodies; AND
 - teaching in the relevant fields
 - 6.2. The period of GIP will be counted from the time after an applicant has obtained the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.
- Note:
- a) One cannot claim GIP in more than one Subspecialty simultaneously during any one period.
 - b) One can claim GIP in different Subspecialties in sequential periods of one’s career. Implications are that one can be First Fellows in more than one subspecialty if one has adequate separate supervised training/GIP in the subspecialties.
 - c) The fulfilment of adequate GIP can be achieved any time in the past. The applicant is not required to be in active practice at the time of First Fellow application. Implications are that retired Fellows or Fellows already not practicing in the Subspecialty can be admitted as First Fellows.
 - d) The GIP is not restricted to practice within accredited institutions. There is no requirement that the Fellow is practising in the Subspecialty >50% of his/her time.
 - e) GIP period will be counted up to before the endorsement of the First Fellow status by the Academy.
7. All First Fellows will have to pass an Interview Assessment by the College. The Assessment shall be based on criteria comparable to that required for Fellowship in the new subspecialty obtained via the approved formal training programme. The assessment will be conducted by the Assessment Committee of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians in conjunction with an External Assessor appointed by the College.
8. For those Fellows who have acquired substantial subspecialty experience but have not met the Admission Criteria as stated in paragraph 4 above at the cut-off date, there is a special one-off

arrangement for them to become Fellows in the new subspecialty provided they have fulfilled all of the following conditions, namely that they:-

- a) have already fulfilled *at least 75%* of the requirement as stated in paragraph 4.1 or 4.2 above, whether in terms of the duration of good independent practice and experience required by the College, at the cut-off date as stated in paragraph 2;
- b) have registered with the College on or before the cut-off date of their intention to follow this special one-off arrangement;
- c) will undergo a supervised training programme, in College accredited training centres, to make up for the shortage of period of “supervised training” or “good independent practice” requirements as stated in paragraph 4.1 or 4.2 above. All make-up programmes must be completed before the First Exit Examination takes place.
- d) have to pass the normal Exit Examination of the subspecialty.

College will submit a list of these College Fellows to the Academy within 1 month after the cut-off date. The provisions under this one-off arrangement cease to be in force once the Exit Examination of the subspecialty has been in place.

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Application Form for First Fellow of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology (PN)

Note: please download this form in word format from College website, complete the relevant information, then print out and sign before returning to College Secretariat

Name: _____ (English) _____ (Chinese)

Gender: M/F

Current practice address: _____

Correspondence address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ email: _____

Basic medical degree (year): _____

Fellowship of HKC Paed (year/month of passing Exit Assessment): _____

Fellowship of HKAM (year/month of admission): _____

Other medical qualifications: _____

1. Duration of supervised training in the Subspecialty of Paediatric Neurology :

_____ yrs _____ months (Mandatory requirement: 6 months)

Date (from –to)	Hospital/Department	Post	Supervisor/s

3. Research & Publications
(append space as needed)

4. Participation in subspecialty professional bodies
(append table as needed)

Date <i>(from – to)</i>	Name of professional body	Post held

5. Teaching activities
(append space as needed)

Please submit documents to support the above information. You may also submit a summary of your CV as supplement. Please suggest two referees with contacts in the subspecialty for reference.

Name of Referee 1: _____ Position: _____

Contact address: _____

email : _____ tel: _____

Name of Referee 2: _____ Position: _____

Contact address: _____

e-mail: _____ tel: _____

Declaration:

I hereby declare that all the information submitted with this application is true and complete. Submission of any false information may result in withdrawal of any Subspecialist qualification, even if granted by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.

Signature

Date

Please submit the following in your application:

- 1. The duly signed Application Form*
- 2. Documentation of the period of your supervised training (please give reason if not available)*
- 3. Brief curriculum vitae showing your relevant experience /activity in the subspecialty*
- 4. A crossed cheque of \$3000 (being the First-Fellow Application Fee, payable to "Hong Kong College of Paediatricians")*

*by mail or by hand to the Honorary Secretary, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine JCC Building, Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong, on or **before 31st March 2013.***

(Note: your application will proceed only when the College approves the establishment of the Subspecialty. In any case, you will be kept informed of the progress of vetting of the Subspecialty, and whether you'll be accepted as provisional First Fellow. A First-Fellow Application Fee, Admission Fee and Annual Subscription fee will be charged. Please note that you may be requested to provide further proof of your subspecialty experience and you will need to attend an interview for admission as First Fellow.)