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Message from the Editors

Hope you had a peaceful and joyous Easter holiday. Our research and grant writing skills training workshop will take place this month, please read on and consider participating as the organising committee has put together a very educational programme suitable for young members, fellows preparing for their exit examination and more senior colleagues.

Scientific and Research Subcommittee

Research and Grant Writing Skills Training Workshop 2015

The Research and Grant Writing Skills Training Workshop this year will be run in 3 sessions at Queen Elizabeth Hospital on the following dates:

Date	Time	Venue
29/4	6-9pm	M/Ground Room 3
27/5	6-9pm	D/Ground Multifunction Room
24/6	6-9pm	M/Ground Lecture Theatre

The first session is scheduled to take place on 29 April 2015 (Wednesday). Topics for this session include “*Ethical Issues in Research and How to choose a research topic*” by Prof Yu Lung LAU, and “*How to work out sample size for RCT and case-control studies?*” by Dr Daniel Ka Leung CHEUK. Interested colleagues are welcome to join the lectures as passive participants.

Please email the College Secretariat (enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk) before 21 April 2015 (Tuesday) to register.

Committee for Subspecialty Boards

Please spend a few minutes to read this IMPORTANT announcement about the Accreditation of the Subspecialty of **Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)** (Appendix 1). The College is also calling interested Fellows to apply for accreditation as **FIRST FELLOW** in the Subspecialty. Refer to Appendix 2 for the application form. Please also note that the deadline for application is 19 April 2015.

Education Committee

2015 Paediatric Update No. 1

The **Paediatric Update No. 1** of our College is scheduled to be held on **26 April 2015 (Sunday afternoon)** from 2pm to 5pm at **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**. The focus is on “**Clinical Pharmacology**”. Several exciting talks will be delivered by our local experts. We look forward to your support and participation in this CME activity. Please register early with the College Secretariat if car parking is

required. TWO Category A CME points will be awarded. For programme details, please refer to Appendix 3.

Please note that an **Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be held during this seminar** for revision of College Articles and Bye-Laws and admission of new College Fellows who passed the Exit Examination in December 2014.

The 2015 Paediatric Update No. 2 has been scheduled to take place in **July 2015**.

The 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting will be held on **5 and 6 December 2015**.

Please mark your diary accordingly.

Paediatric Sedation Course

In order to minimize the pain and anxiety caused to children in conducting invasive procedures, sedation is often used. However patient safety during procedural sedation must be ensured and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine has issued its Guideline on Procedural Sedation in December 2009. The College is adamant about the adequate training of frontline clinicians in rendering safe and proficient practices whenever sedation is indicated. The College Council at its 153rd meeting on 13 November 2014 has endorsed that effective from 1 July 2015, all entering Basic Trainees are mandatorily required to complete the “Simulation based training for enhancement of safety in sedation of children in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures” co-organised by Hospital Authority supported by the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists and our College, or an equivalent course to be accepted as comparable by the Education Committee, before the completion of the Basic Training. New trainees are reminded to fulfil this requirement on a timely schedule.

Membership Committee

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

1. Tsang Yat Ming
2. Leung Mei Tik

The following doctors were recommended for elevation to Membership.

1. Cheong Kai Ning
2. Sit Kei Kei, Jacqueline
3. Hou Cheuk Ting, Andy
4. Lee Hau Man
5. Leung Kit Yan
6. Chow Chit Kwong

The following Members who passed the Exit Assessment in December 2014 were recommended for elevation to Fellowship and nominated for FHKAM(Paed).

1. Wan Ching Yu
2. Yuen Chi Lap
3. Lam Kee See, Grace
4. Cheng Sze Wing
5. Sham Chak On, Philip
6. Tsang Yuk Ping
7. Siu Ka Ka
8. Chan Suk Yee

Examination Committee

Results of recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
28-29 October 2014	MRCPCH Clinical Exam	7/14	50%
30 October 2014	DCH Clinical Exam	9/9	100%
15 January 2015	MRCPCH Applied Knowledge in Practice Exam	7/8	88%
10 February 2015	MRCPCH Foundation of Practice, Theory and Science Exam		
	Foundation of Practice	14/22	64%
	Theory and Science	8/19	42%
10 February 2015	MRCPCH Clinical Exam	5/8	63%

CME Category A Activities

Listed below are CME Category A activities organized by the HKCPaed, various paediatric societies and institutions, and selected paediatric-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 31 Mar 2015. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alternations.*

Apr 2015		
26 Apr	Topic:	2015 Paediatric update No.1 - Clinical Pharmacology
	Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	14:00-16:45
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 2 pts	Organizer:	HK College of Paediatricians
	Coordinator:	Ms. Lily Lin
	Enquiry:	Tel: 28718752

May 2015		
19 May	Topic:	Annual General Meeting and Scientific Meeting 2015
	Venue:	The Langham Hong Kong
	Time:	19:30-20:45
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	The HK Neonatal Society
	Coordinator:	Ms. Joe Wong
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25106310

19 May	Topic:	Special Live Webcast Lectures - by Faculties from the University of Florida at Jacksonville and Nemours Children's Clinic, Jacksonville
	Venue:	United Christian Hospital
	Time:	15:00-17:20
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 2 pts	Organizer:	United Christian Hospital
	Coordinator:	Dr. Chiu Wa Keung
	Enquiry:	Tel: 39496167



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
香港兒科醫學院



Date: 9th February 2015

Call for Application of First Fellows of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)

To All Fellows of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Please read this IMPORTANT announcement about the Accreditation of the Subspecialty of **Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)**, 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 Hong Kong Children's Hospital. 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 received an application for the accreditation of the PRM subspecialty in late 2013. After a period of open consultation to all Fellows and careful consideration by the Committee for Subspecialty Boards, several revisions of the proposed PRM Subspecialty Programme were made. Now the Committee has recommended and College Council has agreed to start the formal process of accreditation. Fellows can access the full set of PRM accreditation documents on College Website – Subspecialty Section.

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 on "Frequently asked questions on quotability of First Fellow of a Subspecialty". Colleagues who are interested to apply for First Fellows are advised to read Appendix 2 on "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 PRM Subspecialty. According to the Guideline of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and as shown in Appendix 2 on "Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows", College will cease admitting First Fellows after the "cut off date" (i.e. the 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 estimate that the cutoff date for PRM Subspecialty 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 Fellow 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 19th April, 2015:**

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 College secretariat at enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk for more information.

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 Respiratory Medicine

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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Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Administrative Principles for the admission of First Fellows to the Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)

1. Application for First Fellows will be opened on receiving the proposal of establishment of the PRM subspecialty. All potential candidates are 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 (HKAM).
2. The College will cease to admit First Fellows once the PRM subspecialty Training Programme starts (the cut-off date), which should be no later than 24 months from the date of approval of the PRM subspecialty by the HKAM.
3. All First Fellows must have Fellowship of FHKAM(Paediatrics) AND FHKCPaed.
4. All First Fellows must have the following subspecialty training:
EITHER
 - 4.1. He/she has undergone supervised training in PRM for 3 years in an overseas centre recognised for PRM 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 of 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 ALL of the followings:
 - 5.1. Training in all areas listed as mandatory modules in the PRM subspecialty curriculum can be counted towards the 6 months “supervised training”. However, the PRM subspecialty core curriculum must account for a majority of the claimed “supervised training” period. Thus if an applicant claims the minimum of 6 months of “supervised training”, training in PRM core curriculum should be more than 3 months. Training in other mandatory modules can be counted to a maximum equal to the duration of the mandatory modules in the future training programme, but limited to less than half of total claimed supervised training.

- 5.2. A recognized centre is defined as either an overseas centre recognized or accredited for training in PRM by the professional college/authority in that country; or a local centre that is a fully accredited training centre of the PRM subspecialty Training Programme.
- 5.3. For local centres, the candidate must prove that he/she is serving full time in the Subspecialty Team in that centre.
- 5.4. The maximum period of supervised training recognized for local centers will be 6 months.
6. To fulfil the criteria of “Good Independent Practice (GIP)” in section 4.2, the period should satisfy sections 6.1 and 6.2.:
- 6.1. The assurance of the standard and quality of the GIP in PRM should be supported by documentation of the following activities during the claimed period:
 - the clinical workload in PRM (cases managed, procedures performed), and workload in Spirometry and Bronchoscopy. For those potential First Fellows whose subspecialty training was completed before 31 December 2005, when the first Bronchoscopy Course was organized in Hong Kong, a remedial course on bronchoscopy with an assessment will be organized by the Provisional Sub-specialty Board for them. Passing the assessment at the end of the course will render them eligible to apply to become First Fellows; 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

Note:

- a) The period of GIP will be counted from the time an applicant is eligible to obtain the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (count from the month after passing Exit Assessment to the month before the First Fellow Interview Assessment).
- b) One cannot claim GIP in more than one Subspecialty simultaneously during any one period.
- c) 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.
- d) College should be satisfied of a First Fellow’s competency at the time of admission. Therefore the applicant should be in active practice in the subspecialty (as determined by the Assessment Committee) up to the time of application for First Fellow accreditation.
- e) The GIP is not restricted to practice within accredited institutions. However, a significant proportion of his/her practice should be in the subspecialty. The nature and amount of practice qualifying for GIP will be determined by the Assessment Committee.

- f) GIP period will be counted up to three months before the cut-off date. The Assessment Committee takes approximately 3 months for completing the endorsement procedures of admission of a First Fellow by the College and then the HK Academy of Medicine.
7. All First Fellows will have to pass an 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 who 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.

Prepared by PRM Group and Committee for Subspecialty Board on 29 Jan 2015

Endorsed by Council on 5 Feb 2015

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Application Form for First Fellow of the Subspecialty of

Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM)

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): _____

HKCPaed Fellowship (state the year & month of passing Exit Exam): _____

HKAM (Paed) Fellowship (state the year & month of admission): _____

Other medical qualifications: _____

1. Duration of supervised training in the Subspecialty of PRM :

Total: _____ yrs _____ months (Mandatory requirement: 6 months)

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

2. Duration of good independent practice in the Subspecialty of PRM:
_____ years _____ months

Date (<i>from – to</i>)	Hospital / Department	Post / Position

Please describe the clinical experience during the independent practice period, including patients, diseases, procedures performed, clinics and other related activities.

Note: Please include evidence of your experience in performing spirometry and flexible bronchoscopy.

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 19th April 2015**.*

(Note: your application will proceed only when the College and HKAM 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 non-refundable Application Fee \$3000 and, if successful, Admission Fee \$7000 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.)



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

2015 Paediatric Update No. 1

Clinical Pharmacology

Date: 26 April 2015 (Sunday)
Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Venue: M Block, Ground Floor, Lecture Theatre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Chairman: Prof Lau Yu Lung, Vice President, HK College of Paediatricians
 Dr Tsoi Nai Shun, Consultant, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Queen Mary Hospital

Programme:

2:00 – 2:30 **Assessing Risk Factors for Adverse Drug Events in Children**
Dr Celeste Ewig, PharmD BCPS
Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, CUHK

2:30 – 3:00 **Roles of Clinical Pharmacists in Sick Children**
Ms Amanda WM Li
Clinical Pharmacist, Queen Mary Hospital

3:00 – 3:30 **Q & A**

3:30 – 3:45 **EGM**

3:45 – 4:00 **Tea Break**

4:00 – 4:30 **Drug Use in Pregnancy and Lactation**
Dr Amelia PW Hui
Consultant, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Mary Hospital

4:30 – 4:45 **Q & A**

All College Fellows, Members & Associates are welcome

CME Credit: Hong Kong College of Paediatricians: **2 points (Category A)**
 Hong Kong Academy of Medicine MCHK CME Program for Non-Specialists: under application

- 1) **Registration for non-Academy Fellows who wish to claim CME credits under HKAM MCHK CME Program for Non-Specialists**
 - i) Pre-registration is required with payment of \$100 by cheque payable to "Hong Kong College of Paediatricians" and sent to the Secretariat of HK College of Paediatricians, Room 801, HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong not later than 16 April 2015.
 - ii) On-site registration for MCHK CME is not available.
 - iii) Quota is limited to 30 (first come first served).
 - iv) Only fully paid registrants will receive HKAM's MCHK CME credits.

[The above is not applicable to College Fellows, Members, Associates & Invited Guests.]
- 2) **Parking reservations**
 - i) Please reserve parking with College Secretariat at Fax 27851850 through Unit or Study Group Coordinators not later than 16 April 2015.
 - ii) Individual Fellow may also register for parking by email to enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk or by fax to 27851850 stating name, Fellow number and car registration number.
 - iii) The number of parking spaces available is limited.
- 3) **Cancellation Policy:** Seminars will be cancelled when
 - (a) HK Observatory has announced that Typhoon signal No. 8 is or is going to be hoisted 2 hours before the meeting, or
 - (b) HK Observatory has issued Black Rainstorm Warning 2 hours before the meeting.