



# Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

## Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong

### Open Forum on Subspecialty Accreditation

27 October 2009 Tuesday

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

# Programme of the Forum

- 1) **Opening Remarks**  
Professor Louis CK LOW
- 2) **Introduction and Update on the Development of Paediatric Subspecialty in Hong Kong**  
Dr. CW CHAN
- 3) **Guidelines on Accreditation of Subspecialties**  
Dr. SN WONG
- 4) **Procedures of Application and Vetting**  
Dr. Maurice LEUNG
- 5) **The Way Ahead**  
Dr. CW CHAN
- 6) **Discussion (Q&A)**  
All Speakers

# Current Paediatric Subspecialties (Total: 14)

- ✦ Adolescent Medicine
- ✦ Cardiology
- ✦ Clinical Genetics
- ✦ Developmental Paediatrics
- ✦ Endocrinology and Metabolism
- ✦ Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- ✦ Haematology and Oncology
- ✦ Paediatric Infectious Diseases/Immunology/Rheumatology
- ✦ Intensive Care
- ✦ Neonatology
- ✦ Nephrology
- ✦ Neurology
- ✦ Respiriology
- ✦ Metabolic Diseases

# **Open Forum on Paediatric Subspecialty Development and Accreditation**

**Introduction and Update on Development of  
Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong**

**Dr. CW Chan**

## Hong Kong College of Paediatricians: Evolution in Subspecialty Development

- ★ **College M & A (1991)**: statutory responsibility to ensure the standard and quality of paediatric practice through a reliable system of training, accreditation, and continuous professional development.
- ★ **The White Book (Guidelines on Postgraduate Training and Accreditation) 1995**
- ★ **College Open Forum on Higher Training in Paediatrics (25/4/1997) at the HK Sanatorium & Hospital** : resolved to award only Fellowship in General Paediatrics (FHKCPaed) without any subspecialty designation after the 6 years training programme.

## Hong Kong College of Paediatricians: Evolution in Subspecialty Development

- ★ Meeting of the Subspecialty Groups by the Accreditation Committee (Grantham Hospital 22/09/1998): consensus opinion at that time was General Paediatrics should form the foundation of any subspecialty development
- ★ Formation of the Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties by the College Council at the 67th Council Meeting on 4th May 2000

## Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties: Terms of Reference

- to study the development of paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- to collect and evaluate local data and information on individual paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- to set up accreditation criteria for higher training in paediatric subspecialties
- to recommend to the College Council on development of higher training in paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- to implement any other duties as designated by the College Council

# Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties: Composition

- Chairmen of College Standing Committees (Accreditation, Education, Examination, Membership, Review)
- College Council Representatives
- Professors of Paediatrics (HKU and CUHK)
- Representatives from HA and DH
- Representatives from the Private Sector
- College Fellows



# Task Force for Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties: Membership

- ✦ Chan Chok Wan  
(Chairman)
- ✦ Winnie Yam  
(Hon Sec 4/5/2000 to 28/01/02)
- ✦ Lau Yu Lung  
(Hon Sec 29/01/2002 to 23/6/2004)
- ✦ SN Wong  
(Hon Sec from 23/6/2004)
- ✦ Alex Chan
- ✦ Chiu Man Chun
- ✦ Chow Chun Bong
- ✦ Fok Tai Fai
- ✦ Lau Yu Lung
- ✦ Maurice Leung
- ✦ Shirley Leung
- ✦ Louis Low
- ✦ Rita Sung
- ✦ Tsao Yen Chow
- ✦ Cheng Man Yung  
(from 13/5/2008)

# Hong Kong College of Paediatricians: Evolution in Subspecialty Development

- ★ **1<sup>st</sup> Forum with Subspecialty Groups by the Task Force (HKAM 22/2/2002):** Collect opinions on the proposed Questionnaires from the subspecialty groups. Summary Sheet attached.
- ★ **2<sup>nd</sup> Forum with Subspecialty Groups (HKAM 11/2/2004):** Updated Guidelines and Criteria for Accreditation of Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties and Application Form for Application of Subspecialty Accreditation were presented. **Subspecialty Groups invited to send in application when ready**
- ★ **3<sup>rd</sup> Forum with Subspecialty Groups (HKAM 16/7/2008):** Update on the progress of subspecialty development, exchange of views
- ★ **As of October 2009 – College has not received any application from subspecialty groups yet.**

## Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties

- ★ **9 Sept 2008** – College Council approved to dissolve the Task Force (accomplished its groundwork task) and to **establish the Working Group** with broader terms of reference and membership.

# Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties

- ★ Appointed by the College Council on 9 September 2008.
- To replace and continue the work of the Task Force
- ★ Consisted of **2 Committees**:
  - ★ - Vetting Committee
  - ★ - Assessment Committee

# Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties : Vision and Mission (Terms of Reference)

- ✦ To advise the College Council on accreditation of paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- ✦ To study the feasibility of implementation of paediatric subspecialties
- ✦ To formulate an action plan
- ✦ To assist in the implementation of paediatric subspecialties
- ✦ To monitor outcome measures for success of implementation

# Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties: Composition

- College President
- Chairmen and Secretaries of College Standing Committees (Accreditation, Education, Examination)
- College Council Representatives
- Professors of Paediatrics (HKU and CUHK)
- Representatives from HA and DH
- Representatives from the private sector
- College Fellows (2 senior Fellows and 2 young Fellows)

# Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties : **Membership**

- ✦ Chan Chok Wan  
(Chairman)
- ✦ Wong Sik Nin  
(Hon Secretary)
- ✦ Alex Chan
- ✦ Chan Hin Biu
- ✦ Cheng Ling Ling
- ✦ Cheng Man Yung
- ✦ Daniel Chiu
- ✦ Chiu Man Chun
- ✦ Chow Chun Bong
- ✦ Fok Tai Fai
- ✦ Ho Hok Kung
- ✦ Catherine Lam
- ✦ Lau Yu Lung
- ✦ Lee Wai Hong
- ✦ Maurice Leung
- ✦ Shirley Leung
- ✦ Li Chi Kong
- ✦ Louis Low
- ✦ Ng Pak Cheung
- ✦ Alfred Tam
- ✦ Tsao Yen Chow

# Vetting Committee

- ★ Task : vetting of applications
- ★ Representations :
  - ★ - College President
  - ★ - Representatives from the Accreditation, Education and Examination Committees
  - ★ - Representative from Universities
  - ★ - Representative from DH
  - ★ - Working Group representatives



# Assessment Committee

- ★ A common Assessment Committee (appointed by Council)
- ★ Task : to assess the admission of First Fellows
- ★ Membership :
  - ★ - Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Working Group
  - ★ - all Past College Presidents
  - ★ - Representative from Universities
  - ★ - Representative from HA and DH
  - ★ - Representative from the private sector

## Definition of a Subspecialty

- ✦ As defined in the White Book (original 15 subspecialties)
- ✦ Community Paediatrics would NOT be regarded as a Paediatric Subspecialty
- ✦ General Paediatrics should NOT be sacrificed as inferior to other Paediatric Subspecialties
- ✦ Primary Care, Preventive Paediatrics and Social Paediatrics should be emphasized in the future
- ✦ Concept of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Services should be global, comprehensive and broad-based.

**The following criteria should be considered for defining a subspecialty, namely:**

- ✦ Parallel cases in other places
- ✦ Appropriateness and relevance of the training programme
- ✦ Sustainability
- ✦ Mechanism for monitoring
- ✦ External assessors' views

# General Principles for Consideration

- ✦ Consensus of opinion amongst the subspecialty groups vital
- ✦ No preset priorities for subspecialty implementation by the College
- ✦ Maturation, service needs, readiness are some of the factors for considerations
- ✦ Final subspecialty approval depends on Application Form returns from subspecialty groups

# Quotability for Subspecialists

## ★ Quotability at :

- ★ College Level (College Subspecialty Boards)
- ★ Academy Level (Academy Guidelines)
- ★ Specialist Register (the Medical Council of Hong Kong)

# Purpose of this Forum

- ★ Update on the progress of work by the Working Group
- ★ The Criteria and Guidelines on Subspecialty Accreditation
- ★ Procedures on Application and Vetting
- ★ The way ahead – Hierarchy for receiving applications; Vetting and Assessment Committees; Appointment of Director of Subspecialty Boards; Planning of the future Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics (CEP) by the HKSAR Government
- ★ Discussion (Q&A)