

Call for Application

of

Training in the Subspecialty

of

**Paediatric Immunology
and Infectious Diseases**

from

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

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Subspecialty Description

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PIID is now recognized as a paediatric subspecialty in the Hong Kong College of Paediatrician and it is registered in the Specialist Register in The Medical Council of Hong Kong since 16 November 2012.

Infectious diseases and infection remain a major cause of morbidity and mortality in children. The emergence of new problems such as SARS and avian influenza, the re-emergence of old problems such as tuberculosis and the rising incidence of drug resistance amongst many different pathogens mandate that there will be an increasing and urgent need for specialists in this field. **Clinical immunology and allergy** deal with various diseases of immunodeficiency, immunodysregulation and immunointolerance. Patients with various forms of allergy, including food allergy, and atopic manifestations, are on the rise and require specific investigations and appropriate management by Specialists. Furthermore, because of increasingly complex immunosuppressive treatments used in paediatrics generally, specialists in this field will need to be involved in the management of infections in immunocompromised hosts. Consultants specialising in the field with an emphasis on immunological disorders (particularly primary immunodeficiencies) will be needed to manage the increasing range of recognised disorders requiring highly specialised treatments. Patients with autoimmunity are increasingly recognized to have immunological pathology that requires specific biologics treatment deserves specific attention in training. PIID stands on the scientific conceptual framework of how the immune system interacts with microbes and other environmental triggers including allergens and autoantigens, manifesting as diseases that we call infectious, allergic and autoimmune diseases respectively. The practical consideration of this subspecialty is the realisation that the patients with these diseases overlap considerably in their presentations and indeed immunopathologies. This in turn leads to the recent development of many biological therapeutics for these diseases, which demand a thorough understanding of how our immune system interacts with the environment and microbes.

Four paediatric units of four regional hospitals (QMH/HKU, PWH/CUHK, PMH, QEH) are accredited to be the training centre and they have formed a training network.

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Application of Enrollment (Yr 2013- 2014)

Date of Commencement from 1st June 2013

The Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (PIID) subspecialty training programme offers a 3-year training programme in Hong Kong. Candidates must have completed 3 years basic training in general paediatrics and have passed the Joint MRCPCH (UK) / Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Intermediate Examination. At anytime of the 3 years of higher training in general paediatrics (the overlapping year), they are eligible for commencing the subspecialty training with the approval of the Subspecialty Board of PIID. Applications from candidates seeking academically oriented training with an interest in basic or clinical research are encouraged.

PAEDIATRIC IMMUNOLOGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES TRAINEE

Eligibility

Trainees must have completed basic training and passed intermediate examination.

Application

- a) The prospective candidate should fill in the **application form**
- b) Applicants will be asked to forward **a curriculum vitae** and the name of **one referee**
- c) The PIID Subspecialty board will organize the selection exercise
- d) For trainee not currently under the four training centres are also welcomed if respective COSs approvals are granted

Programme of training

3 years (incorporating 1 year of training in PIID during the three years of higher training in general paediatrics plus 2 years of subspecialty training afterwards)

The training programme would be either 3 years full time clinical activities, **or**

A minimum of 30 months of full time clinical activities plus 6 months of research related to paediatric immunology and infectious diseases

Obtaining the qualification of a postgraduate diploma or degree (e.g. MSc, MPhil, PhD or MD) related to Immunology and/or Infectious Diseases may also be recognized as completion of training for up to a maximum of 6 months subject to approval by the Training Programme Director

The full time trainee should have more than 50% involvement in the subspecialty during normal working hours throughout their training period.

The trainee may need to rotate through training centres to fulfil the training requirements. For details, please refer to the Training Curriculum of PIID posted at the College Website.

Assessment

It is an evaluation process incorporating interim and summative assessment of the trainees and a reciprocal evaluation by trainees of the programme itself and the trainers. The final Exit Assessment normally takes place in June and/or December each year. The trainee is to submit a collection of case/case series reports (appendix) or a 5,000-word dissertation or a published research project and attend a viva examination conducted by an Assessment Panel.

Admission of Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases Subspecialist

A trainee who has completed the training programme and passed the exit assessment satisfactorily will be awarded Subspecialty Certificate by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and will be eligible for inclusion in the Specialist Register of PIID in the Medical Council of Hong Kong.

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

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

PIID Subspecialty Board

Hon. Secretary, Dr Marco HK Ho

Trainees are welcome to consult the following colleagues for discussion and enquiry

Prof. Yu Lung LAU (Subspecialty Board Chairman)

Respective PIID Training Centre Coordinator:

Dr. Chi Wai LEUNG (Princess Margaret Hospital)

Prof. Ting Fan LEUNG (Prince of Wales Hospital)

Dr. Felix YS YAU (Queen Elizabeth Hospital)

Dr. Marco HK Ho (Queen Mary Hospital)

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Application of Enrollment of Training

Part I Applicant's particular

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

Chinese Name : _____

Sex & Age : _____ Nationality : _____

Date of Birth : _____ Place of Birth : _____

Recent photo

Residential Address:

Office Address:

Rank/Post :

Tel :

E-mail :

Part II Curriculum Vitae

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

- Academic Record and Professional Qualification with dates, any distinction or honours obtained
- Present and Previous Appointments with dates
- Details of past and present Extra-curricular Activities and Community Service with position held
- Involvement in sports and other recreational activities, with any official capacities held and dates
- Involvement in activities/committees at departmental, hospital, head office level as well as local college and professional bodies
- Previous training record: courses/conferences attended: local & overseas: professional & managerial; with dates and sponsorship
- Previous awards/prizes/scholarships/fellowships obtained, with dates and sponsorship
- Publications & Presentations in both local and overseas conferences
- Research or projects completed or in progress

Part III Particulars of Proposed Training Centre

Name and Address of PIID training centres

1. Details of training programme: (If applicable, could consult respective training centre, could also leave blank if not yet discussed)
2. Future Career/Action Plan after Completion of Training Programme:

Part IV Referee

Name and Address of ONE Referee

Part V Declaration of Applicant

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all information given or attached is true, accurate and complete and authorize the College to verify and to communicate the above information with whatever sources the College may choose.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Part VI Recommendation and comments by Chief of Service of applicant's department.

Note

- 1) The personal data provided by means of this form will be used by the College solely for the purpose of processing application for the training programme in PIID.
- 2) Application has to be supported by Chief of Service of applicant's department.
- 3) Please return the duly completed application form, with a curriculum vitae together with supporting letter from COS to:

Dr Marco HK HO
Hon Secretary, PIID Subspecialty Board
c/o Kitty Ho
College Secretary
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, HONG KONG
Tel: 2871 8769
Fax: 2785 1850
Email: enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk

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

Dear COS,

Please indicate briefly the needs for such training in your department, any related project or service development that the hospital has already approved, and any service plan required for the trainee to undertake upon completion of training.

Please also indicate your department priority if more than one trainee from your department have applied.

PIID Subspecialty Board