

External Assessors

*Developmental Behavioral Paediatrics
Subspecialty Training Programme
In Hong Kong*

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Prof Herbert J. Cohen is an Emeritus Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM). He was Professor of Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Medicine at AECOM and Director of both Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Centre (CERC) and the federally-funded University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service. He has been Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, President of the American Association of Centers on Disability, and Chairman of both the national American Academy of Pediatrics' Section on Child Development and the Academy's Committee on Children with disabilities. He was a past member of the National Institutes of Health Human Development Study Section and an advisor to the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation.

Prof Herbert J. Cohen is an internationally recognized expert in developmental disabilities including mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and learning disabilities. He is particularly interested in early identification and intervention for developmental delays and disabilities, as well as in training medical and allied health professionals in the care of children with special needs. Prof Cohen has chaired a national panel that developed guidelines for inclusionary child care for children with disabilities. He has received numerous honors for his contributions to the field of developmental disabilities including the AAP 2004 Arnold Capute Award given to a Developmental Pediatrician who has made outstanding contributions to the field. He currently serves on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Board of Scientific Advisors for its Coordinating Center on Health Promotion, on the New York City Early Intervention Coordinating Council and as the Chairman of the Professional Advisory Committee of Beit Issie Shapiro, a program in Israel that serves the developmentally disabled.

At Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he was the Director of the Developmental Pediatrics' training program for 3 decades which trained over 70 Fellows, over 90 % of whom have academic position in the U.S. Twenty of these former Fellows have become directors of child development or developmental disability centres or chiefs of developmental pediatrics at U.S. medical schools or hospitals. In addition to Hong Kong, former trainees have

prominent positions or are leaders of programs in China, Israel, India, Canada and Argentina. One former Fellow, Dr Maris Rosenberg, currently directs the Sub-Board certified Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics' training program at AECOM which was in the first group of approved training programs in the U.S. Dr Cohen assisted Dr Rosenberg in developing the application for this Board Certification.



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Catherine Lam, M.D.
Central Kowloon Child Assessment Centre
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Dear Dr. Lam:

I reviewed your application for approval to establish a Subspecialty Board and Training Program in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics in Hong Kong.

I was very impressed with the thoroughness of the application and the clear justification, as well as the need for such a program in Hong Kong. There clearly is a need to train highly qualified specialists who will not only serve the extensive population that requires the services in Hong Kong, but to also become the future leaders in the field there. Your application will provide the comprehensive and extensive training necessary to meet that goal.

Our own experience in the United States and in our own locality is that there is an increasing need for experienced and well-trained specialists to serve children with developmental and behavioral problems. This led to the establishment of a Sub-Board Certification by the American Board of Pediatrics for Developmental-Behavioral Fellowship programs. There are now an increasing number of qualified specialists being trained, but the demand for their services continues to increase.

I, therefore, enthusiastically support your application and hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Herbert J. Cohen'.

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Dr Robert Armstrong is the Professor and Founding Dean of the College of Medicine at the Aga Khan University - East Africa. Prior to taking this appointment in July 2010 he was Head, Department of Pediatrics, University of British Columbia, Chief, Pediatric Medicine at the BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital and Senior Associate Clinician Scientist, Child and Family Research Institute. He is a former President of the Developmental Pediatrics Section of the Canadian Pediatric Society and past President of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine. Through his involvement in the Section of Developmental Pediatrics of the CPS Dr. Armstrong was instrumental in the early development of the Developmental Pediatrics subspecialty program in Canada and established the fellowship program at the University of British Columbia. He has had extensive experience in reviewing developmental programs in Canada and advising on the establishment of training programs internationally.

Research Areas:

Health services and population health research with primary focus on health outcomes in child development and disability in developed and developing country settings.

Partnerships / Collaborations:

Human Early Learning Partnership (UBC)
Canadian Child and Youth Health Coalition
Centre for International Child Health, BC Children's Hospital
International Pediatric Chairs Association
Department of Pediatrics, Aga Khan University

Current research:

Processes involved in healthy development of children and the impact of chronic illness or disability on these processes. This includes population and individual measures of disease and health status, identification of at-risk populations and the development and evaluation of clinical and population-based interventions.

Current research projects include:

- National study on the health and well-being of new immigrant children
- Children with Disabilities and Health Services
- Early Child Development Intervention (Pakistan Early Development Scale-up Trial)

Honors and Awards:

SFU Outstanding Alumni Award for Professional Achievement - 2007

Recognition of Service, American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine – 2000



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Attn: Dr. Catherine Lam

Dear Dr. Lam,

RE: PROPOSED SPECIALTY PROGRAM IN DEVELOPMENTAL PAEDIATRICS

I want to congratulate you on bringing forward a very high quality proposal for establishment of a specialty program in Developmental Paediatrics.

I have had the opportunity to review the proposal as it has developed and I can say without question you have addressed all of the key issues necessary for establishment of a quality program. I am confident that given the program you have proposed and with description of the resources at your disposal to carry out the program, you will have achieved a level of quality that would meet any international standards.

I understand your proposal will now go forward for review and I wish you great success in the approval process. This is clearly a much needed area of specialty practice within Hong Kong. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance during the review process.

Sincerely,

Robert W Armstrong MD PhD FRCPC
Founding Dean
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Faculty of Health Sciences