



# Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

## Task Force for Higher Training of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum on Paediatric Subspecialty Development and Accreditation

16 July 2008, Wednesday

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

# Agenda for the Forum

- 1) **Welcome Remarks**  
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# Invited Guests to the Forum

- ★ Representatives of Subspecialty Societies / Groups (Presidents/Chairpersons and 2 nominated representatives from each society):  
14 Subsp/39 Rep
- ★ Chiefs-of-Service (10) and Training Supervisors of HA Department of Paediatrics (9)
- ★ Consultants and Heads of Clinical Services, Department of Health (2)
- ★ Task Force Members (6)
- ★ Council Members of College of Paediatricians (9)

(Individual Trainers for subspecialty not officially invited due to physical constraints of the Forum)

# Paediatric Subspecialties Represented at the Forum (Total: 14)

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

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Development and Accreditation*

*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 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.

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

- ★ 2nd 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
- ★ As of May 2008 – College has not received any application from subspecialty groups yet.

# 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

# Source for Data Processing

- ★ Guidelines from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (Basic Laws for College reference) with statutory power from the Medical Registration Ordinance 1995)
  - ★ Guidelines on Recognition of a Specialty/Subspecialty (November 1997)
  - ★ Guidelines for Admission of "First Fellows" in New Subspecialty (August 2003)
- ★ Reference from international accreditation bodies (Canadian Accreditation Programme for Paediatric Subspecialties )
- ★ Reference to Subspecialty Documents from other Academy colleges
- ★ Data from Questionnaires Returns

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

Two important issues endorsed by the College Council (at 91<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting on 6 July 2004):

- ★ Double Fellowship (General Paediatrics and Subsp Board Certified)
- ★ College Criteria for Admission of "First Fellows"

# Purpose of this Forum

- ✦ Update on the progress of work by the Task Force
- ✦ Summary of the Criteria and Guideline on Subspecialty Accreditation
- ✦ Introduction and elaboration on the Subspecialty Application Form, Vetting Procedures and Final Accreditation
- ✦ Collection of Opinions
- ✦ The way ahead – Planning of the future Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics (CEP) by the HKSAR Government

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