News and Announcement

Election of Council Members

The term of office of the 5 elected Council members will expire at the conclusion of this year’s annual general meeting. Election process will start in July, and results will be announced at the AGM to be held in December 2015. Fellows will receive the nomination form shortly. Completed nomination form must reach the Academy office before 5 p.m. on 18 September 2015.

Admission of Fellows - 18 June 2015

A total of 108 new Fellows were admitted at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 18 June 2015.

Annual Subscriptions

Demand notes for the 2015 subscriptions have been sent to Fellows in January 2015. Fellows who have not settled their subscription before 30 June should have received a demand note for subscription and surcharge. Please settle as soon as possible.

Reminder:

1. All payments must be received by the Academy before 30 September. According to Bylaw 6.4:

   If a member’s fee or any other moneys due by a member to the Academy is not received by the Academy within 9 months after such payment falls due, despite two written reminders by the Academy to pay, the member shall automatically forfeit his membership.

2. It is Council's policy that late subscriptions received by the Academy after 30 June will be subject to a surcharge of 5% on the subscription amount.

3. For Fellows who have authorised payment via bank transfer / credit card, payments will be deducted from their bank accounts or credit card automatically.

4. Fellows aged over 70, or have reached 70 before the beginning of the next subscription year, do not need to pay any subscription and will not receive a debit note.

5. Fellows residing outside Hong Kong or have reached the age of 65 and have retired from all remunerative practice/job/business must submit written applications for reduced rates before 31 December if they wish to enjoy the reduced rates next year. For details, please visit http://www.hkam.org.hk/fellows_area/reduced_rate.pdf
Outstanding Fellows honoured on the HKSAR Establishment Day

Warmest congratulations to the following Academy’s distinguished Fellows, who were recognised with honours at the 18th Anniversary of the HKSAR Establishment Day (1 July).

Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS)
Prof. Liang Hin Suen, Raymond (Past President, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine)

Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS)
Dr. Lee Ka Yan, David (Hong Kong College of Paediatricians)
Dr. Ma Ching Hing, Stanley (Hong Kong College of Family Physicians)

Medal of Honour (MH)
Dr. Tung Sau Ying (Hong Kong College of Community Medicine)

Chief Executive’s Commendation for Community Service
Dr. Wong Tai Hung, John (Hong Kong College of Physicians)
Dr. Chan Chi Sang, James (Hong Kong College of Radiologists)

Justices of the Peace (JP)
Prof Chai Yat Chiu, John (College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong)
Dr. Chan Kin Sang (Hong Kong College of Physicians)
Prof. Gabriel Leung (Hong Kong College of Community Medicine)
Dr. Tung Yuk, Stewart (Hong Kong College of Radiologists)
Dr. Yuen Wai Cheung, Albert (The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong)

Introduction of International Health Insurance Special Offer

HKAM’s Council has approved the offering of a proprietary and premium wise very advantageous medical plan, the composition of which will only be available to all HKAM Fellows and their dependents.

The medical plan offers lifetime guaranteed renewal of cover, which can never be reassessed due to your future medical conditions or claims history.

The plan coverage is worldwide. Even if a medical condition is first diagnosed in Hong Kong, you would have a free choice of being treated in any hospital by any specialist in any country in the world including USA. If you would prefer to exclude the option to travel to USA for treatment, but keep the right to travel to all other countries for treatment, your annual premium would be reduced considerably.

The plan offers 24-hour emergency assistance and direct settlement of in-patient claims worldwide.

To find the detailed information including enrolment material on this special plan, please go to www.martinmereholdings.com/martinmere-insurance.html
and click on HKAM. Enrolment can only be submitted directly to the insurer, so brokers or agents cannot act as intermediaries. To access this dedicated site exclusively available to HKAM Fellows, please enter using the password 8HkAM8.

If you have any problems accessing the site or have enquiries, please email to hkam@martinmereinsurance.com.

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**MPS-HKAM Excellence in Patient Safety Award**

"Promoting innovation in risk management, professionalism and medical ethics"

**Nature of the Award**

The MPS-HKAM Excellence in Patient Safety Award is jointly organized by the Medical Protection Society (MPS) and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM). The objective of the Award is to encourage medical professionals to promote the subject of patient safety, risk reduction, quality and professional standards, and medical ethics.

**Who is Eligible for the Award?**

Medical practitioners registered in Hong Kong, who submit papers on any of the following topics, are eligible for the Award:

- Patient safety
- Risk reduction
- Quality and professional standards
- Medical ethics

A plaque and a cheque for HK$20,000 will be award to the winning author, who will be notified 2 weeks prior to the presentation ceremony.

Application will open on 15 June 2015 and close on 15 September 2015. Please press [here](#) for details of application and submission of paper.

The paper, entitled "Transforming quality and patient safety in specimen identification and processing through a novel approach to barcode tracking" by Dr. K.C. Lee was selected in 2014. Dr. Lee received the plaque and cheque presented by the Academy's Editor, Prof. Ignatius Yu.

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**Prize for Best Original Research by Trainees**

The Prize for Best Original Research by Trainees of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine recognises excellence in research done by doctors who are in specialist training. Submission deadline for the year 2015 award has been extended to 31 July 2015 (postmark). Interested trainee doctors can download the following documents (PDF and MS Word format) for reference and use.
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is organizing a Lecture, entitled “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” by Dr. Atul Gawande, MD MPH on 12 November 2015 at the HKAM Jockey Club Building. Dr Gawande is a surgeon, writer, and public health researcher and practices general and endocrine surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, US. He is also Executive Director of Ariadne Labs, a joint center for health systems innovation at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and also founder and chairman of Lifebox, a nonprofit organization making surgery safer globally.

In the Lecture, Dr. Gawande will address how human beings experience mortality is changing rapidly and dramatically across Asia as people live longer and have greater access to health care. Many of the changes mirror a transformation that occurred in the West to medicalize the end of life with the most common place for dying shifting from the home to the hospital. The medicalization of mortality, however is an experiment that is failing in terms of cost and even more importantly in terms of suffering. Dr. Gawande’s bestselling novel “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” gives directions for recognizing that well-being for most people is larger than mere survival.

For registration, please click http://www.hkamonline.hk/event20151112/

Deadline for registration is 31 October 2015.

Events Attended by the President

HKU Pre-internship Block, 3 June 2015

The President was invited by the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong to deliver a talk on "Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Postgraduate Specialist Training" to motivate and inspire the new interns.

HKU Reunion at the Races, 7 June 2015

The "HKU Reunion at the Races" is an annual gathering for its alumni and supporters. The
President joined this special occasion on 7 June 2015 in Shatin to catch up and meet top leaders from the government, business and academia, etc.

20th Anniversary Dinner of the Association of Licentiates of MCHK, 14 June 2015

President attended the 20th Anniversary Dinner of the Association of Licentiates of the Medical Council of Hong Kong.

Conferment Ceremony of Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (HKCOG), 18 June 2015

President attended the Ceremony to share the happiness and success of the newly admitted College Fellows. In his address to the new Fellows, the President emphasised that continuing medical education and continuous professional development are essential to help ensure core competencies of all medical professionals. The new Fellows were urged to continue to broaden their professional knowledge and skills.

HKPDA & GDA 25th Joint Annual Dinner, 22 June 2015

President attended the Joint Annual Dinner of Hong Kong Public Doctors’ Association and Government Doctors’ Association as a guest of honour. The Academy’s Vice President (General Affairs), Prof. Fok Tai-fai and the Honorary Treasurer, Prof. William Wei also participated to show support. Mr Tse Chi Fung delivered a talk, entitled “Doctors’ City Forum”, at the dinner symposium.

Meeting with the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), 23 June 2015

President met with the Director-General of WHO, Dr. Margaret Chan who was recently in Hong Kong to update her on the work plans and progresses being made by the Hong Kong
Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJCDPRI) since its inception last November 2014, and to explore possibilities for collaboration.

Fellowship

iCMECPD App Now Available at App Store and Google Play

To further enhance the online services for CMECPD, the Academy has developed a mobile application for capturing attendance - iCMECPD App. It is now available at Apple’s App Store and Google’s Play. Fellows may download the App by scanning the respective QR code below (or search “icmecpd” from App Store/Google Play) and install it in their smartphone with operating system in iOS (7.1 or above) or Android (3.0 or above).

We have started selecting some CMECPD activities held by the Academy/Colleges at the HKAM Jockey Club Building for trial runs. Fellows can either use the App to scan the QR code of the event or use their new Fellowship Card (with QR code) to capture attendance via the iPad/tablet device provided by organiser.

Online CME/CPD

Quizzes from the following Colleges are currently available at iCMECPD website for Fellows to study online for CME/CPD:

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Please visit the CMe-Learning of iCMECPD website (www.icmecpd.hk) for the latest CME/CPD materials.
Hong Kong Medical Journal launches a re-styled website (www.hkmj.org) which offers visitors a more user-friendly experience! The new layout is optimised for any screen size such as desktop, tablet or smartphone.

Highlights of the June 2015 issue include:

Original Articles
Mechanism and epidemiology of paediatric finger injuries at Prince of Wales Hospital in Hong Kong
This study reports that paediatric crushing finger injury by door can even occur in the presence of adults at home, where the children are younger than 5 years.

Double balloon catheter for induction of labour in Chinese women with previous caesarean section: one-year experience and literature review
In this retrospective cohort study, using double balloon catheter, a vaginal birth after caesarean rate of 75% was achieved without major complications.

Case Report
Three cases of atypical pneumonia caused by Chlamyphila psittaci
In patients with atypical pneumonia, definitive diagnosis can be established by polymerase chain reaction. Early diagnosis and timely initiation of doxycycline can reduce patient morbidity and mortality.

Activities at HKAM
Enjoy a new Yum Cha experience at the Academy!

Academy has been serving dim sum lunch once a month on selected Sundays (from 12:00 noon). Come and enjoy delicious dim sum, traditional Chinese tea and a relaxing time with your family and friends at the Academy. There are ample parking spaces available that are free of charge.

Interested Fellows please mark the following dates and reserve your table in advance:
2015: 12 July, 9 August, 20 September, 11 October, 29 November & 20 December

For reservation and enquiries, please call 2871 8896.
College Events

Hong Kong College of Pathologists - Topical Update

The College of Pathologists has released a new issue of Topical Update. Its title is Forensic Odontology is by Dr. Leung Ka Kui Carl. Interested Fellows please click the link below to view the document.

Topical Update

6th Joint Scientific Meeting of The Royal College of Radiologists & Hong Kong College of Radiologists and 23rd Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR, 14-15 November 2015

The Royal College of Radiologists and Hong Kong College of Radiologists will jointly organise the 6th Joint Scientific Meeting of The Royal College of Radiologists & Hong Kong College of Radiologists and 23rd Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR on 14-15 November 2015 (Saturday & Sunday) at Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building.

Please click the following links for detailed information.

- First Announcement
- Registration Form
- Call for Abstracts

Please visit HKCR website for updated meeting programme and information:
http://www.hkcr.org/news.php/events_list/cid,0/nid,38

Other Upcoming Conferences / Symposia / Courses

International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: Asia, 28-30 September 2015

Fellows of the Academy, which is one of the strategic partners of the Forum, can enjoy a special registration rate simply by entering the discount code HKAML40 when doing an online registration. This will activate the 40% Strategic Partner discount (off the full price of US$1,000) making the fee at US$600/2 days.

Announcement from DH and MCHK and DCHK

Announcements from the Drug Office, Drug Registration and
Please note the following announcements from the Drug Office of Department of Health:

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (diclofenac, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, mefenamic acid and naproxen): TGA’s proposed additional advisory statement
- Intrauterine contraception: uterine perforation - updated information on risk factors

2015 Southern Hemisphere Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme

The Government has launched the 2015 Southern Hemisphere Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SH SIV) Programme on 8 May 2015 to provide one dose of free vaccination to all residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs).

The aim of this SH SIV Programme is to protect elders from the possible summer influenza season and to prevent influenza outbreaks in residential care homes for the elderly. As of 19 May 2015, about 43,000 elders living in RCHEs have consented to receive the vaccine. Other elders will receive the vaccination by phases at designated Elderly Health Centres under the Department of Health and the General Out-patient Clinics under the Hospital Authority. Elders living in the community aged 75 and above can receive the 2015 southern hemisphere seasonal influenza vaccine from 24 June 2015 onwards.

Centre for Health Protection has set up a dedicated page (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/39442.html) for the SH SIV Programme in its website. For enquiries, the elders and their family members may call the CHP’s Vaccination Office at 2125 2125 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Please click here for the posters and leaflets for the SH SIV Programme.

Promulaging breastfeeding friendly workplace

"Breastfeeding and Work - Let’s make it work!” is the theme of the World Breastfeeding Week this year. The Secretary for Food and Health has promulgated the “Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Policy” to Heads of Government bureaux and departments, NGOs and private sectors to appeal their support to adopt the policy and provide specific measures to support lactating employees to breastfeed after returning to work for up to a year after delivery.

The Department of Health in collaboration with the Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF, will organise two identical briefings for interested NGOs and corporations in the private sectors to facilitate a better understanding of "Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Policy" and supportive measures. The briefings will be conducted in Cantonese, on 8 July 2015 and 24 July 2015 at the Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Central Library. Any interested parties may register with Family Health Service of the DH directly by completing the form. For enquiries, please contact the office at 3796 0820.
For details, please refer to the brochure "An Employer's Guide – to Support Employees to combining breastfeeding with Work" and "An Employees's Guide to Combining Breastfeeding with Work".

7th Issue of eHealth News

The eHealth News is published to help people understand better the latest eHR development. The most recent issue of eHealth News 《醫健通訊》 has been published and is available at the Electronic Health Record (eHR) Office website:

- eHealth News (English Version)
- 《醫健通訊》(Chinese Version)

The highlights of this issue are:

- "eHRSS - A Breakthrough in e-Government Initiatives" by Mr Victor Lam, Acting Government Chief Information Office
- "GOPC PPP in Focus" by Dr Gary Au Ka-kui and Dr Li Shun-cheong
- GOPC PPP and Radi Collaboration - A Prelude to eHR Sharing
- CMS On-ramp Works for Better Clinical Workflows
- System Security - Paramount Importance at eHRSS