News and Announcement

System for Health Seminar, 23 September 2015

The Academy in partnership with the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care, CUHK will organise a System for Health Seminar. The Seminar, entitled "Multi-perspective Look at Private Health Insurance and Its Role in the Health System", will be held at the Academy on 23 September 2015 (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m. Local and international experts will explore the role of private health insurance in Hong Kong, and discuss the prospect of Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme (VHIS) from perspectives of healthcare financing, insurance industry and service providers.


Annual Subscriptions - Final reminder

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
Honorary University Fellowship awarded to President, 15 September 2015

President was recently awarded the Honorary University Fellowship of the University of Hong Kong, in recognition of his contributions to medicine and the community. Dr. Li received the honour presented by the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Dr. the Honourable Sir David Li Kwok-po, who presided the presentation ceremony. A citation of Dr. Li was delivered by the Dean of Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, HKU, Prof. Gabriel Leung, praising his continued dedication and commitment in providing quality primary health care. Please visit the website, http://www4.hku.hk/honfellows/honorary-university-fellows/dr-donald-kwok-tung-li, for the full text of the citation.

The Honorary University Fellowships were created in 1995 to recognise and honour those who are held in the highest regard by the University and to establish closer relationships with the community. This year, six distinguished individuals including the President were honoured.

New Academy souvenirs have arrived!

The Academy has launched a new range of souvenirs. You may order these custom made souvenirs and/or our existing stock of unique corporate gifts by completing the order form.

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](http://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 organised 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 deadline has been extended to 15 October 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.
Lecture by Dr. Atul Gawande, MD, MPH, 12 November 2015

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is organising 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 non-profit organisation 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 medicalise the end of life with the most common place for dying shifting from the home to the hospital. The medicalisation 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.

Visiting Delegations

Xijing Hospital

Three disaster response experts from Xijing Hospital, Xi’an, visited the Academy on 27 August 2015. President and Officers hosted a luncheon for the experts. They were given a tour of Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovation Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM) and Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJC DPRI). The experts were impressed by the HKJC ILCM’s advanced medical equipment and activities organised by both the Academy’s funded ventures.
Medical Protection Society (MPS)

Head of Medical Services - Asia of MPS, Dr. Ming Teoh, visited Hong Kong lately. President and Officers hosted a lunch at the Academy to receive Dr. Teoh. There were some fruitful discussions on various medical-legal and insurance related issues, as well as the MPS-HKAM Award. President of the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Dr. Ares Leung was also invited to join and discuss the recent introduction of claims made indemnity for Obstetricians and Gynaecologists by MPS.

West China Hospital

A group of delegates from West China Hospital of Sichuan University visited the Academy on 28 August 2015. They are experts of healthcare management. The delegates were briefed on our local specialist training system at the meeting and exchanged their experiences with President, Prof. TF Fok and Dr Kevin Hung. After the meeting, Dr Kevin Hung gave them a tour around HKJC ILCM and HKJC DPRI.

Events Attended by the President

Hong Kong International Dental Expo and Symposium, 7-8 August 2015

With Guest of Honour, Dr. the Hon KO Wing-man and other officiating guests on stage
Meetings in Beijing, 4-5 September 2015

President recently attended the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Society of General Practice of the Chinese Medical Association (CMA) in Beijing. He was invited to officiate the meeting together with President of CMA, Prof. Chen Zhu, Director General of World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr. Margaret Chan and Minister of the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), Li Bin and addressed participants at the Opening Ceremony to update on World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)’s work. Dr. Li also spoke at a plenary session on the topic of “Family Medicine in Hong Kong”. A group of academicians from China Engineering Academy presented “A Written Proposal of Specialists to Strongly Support China’s Effort to Establish a General Practice System” (click here for the full text) during the opening ceremony. This signifies the recognition and growing appreciation of the importance of the role of General Practitioners in China’s health care system.

During the stay in Beijing, President also met with the Minister Li of the NHFPC. Minister Li indicated her support in the Academy’s potential collaboration with WHO in emergency response. She suggested sharing the experience of China and helping set standards for accreditation of less experienced foreign medical team (FMT) from other countries through the World Health Organization (WHO). Minister Li commended the work of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJCDPRI) under the Academy, and suggested that HKJCDPRI can liaise further with WHO and help bring China into the international emergency response scene. The Emergency Response Office and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the NHFPC will further discuss collaboration with HKJCDPRI. The Academy will appoint the Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation (Office of Hong Kong, Macao & Taiwan Affairs) Mr. Wang Liji as a National advisor to the HKJCDPRI to offer more guidance and facilitate the communication between the NHFPC and HKJCDPRI on the emergency response work.

There were discussions of enhanced collaboration between the NHFPC and the Academy in postgraduate training of specialists in China. Minister Li informed President at the meeting that the NHFPC will set up a committee on postgraduate training and standards to formalise the initiative to standardise postgraduate specialist training in mainland China. NHFPC will invite the Academy as its consultant. After the meeting, the Department of Health Science, Technology and Education of the NHFPC suggested signing a new MOU with the Academy.
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](http://www.icmecpd.hk) for the latest CME/CPD materials.

### Publications

**Hong Kong Medical Journal**

Hong Kong Medical Journal launches a re-styled website [www.hkmj.org](http://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.

The HKMJ has recently received its first official impact factor in the 2014 edition of the Journal Citation Reports in the ISI Web of Knowledge published by Thomson Reuters. The 2014 impact factor for the HKMJ is 0.872.

Highlights of the August 2015 issue include:

Original Article
Indications for and pregnancy outcomes of cervical cerclage: 11-year comparison of patients undergoing history-indicated, ultrasound-indicated, or rescue cerclage
Women who had rescue cerclage before 20 weeks of gestation delivered significantly earlier than those who had the procedure performed later.

Review Article
Strategies and solutions to alleviate access block and overcrowding in emergency departments
Several evidence-based approaches and effective strategies have been identified from literature to overcome the problem of access block and overcrowding of emergency departments.

Case Report
Aplasia of the optic nerve
This case study reports a 4-month-old infant who was found to have left microphthalmos on routine postnatal checkup whom was suspected to have optic nerve aplasia, a rare congenital anomaly.

Activities at HKAM
Annual Conference on Disaster Preparedness and Response 2015: From Community to Emergency Room, 30 October - 1 November 2015

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJC DPRI) and Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine (HKCEM) are co-hosting the Annual Conference on Disaster Preparedness and Response 2015 (ACDPR), entitled “From Community to Emergency Room” at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building on 30 October - 1 November 2015.

The Annual Conference serves as an impetus for bringing together, healthcare professionals, NGOs workers/practitioners, teachers/students, and policy makers on disaster preparedness and response. It will be an important educational event for our Fellows and medical professionals in the Asia-Pacific Region.

• Program details
- Online registration
- Pre-conference workshop - Ultrasound Application in Emergency & Prehospital Setting, 28-29 October 2015
- Pre-conference workshop - Basic Mechanical Ventilation for Emergency Physicians, 29 October 2015
- Post-conference workshop - Immediate Care in Sport, 2-6 November 2015
- Post-conference workshop - Radiation Emergencies, 3 November 2015

Mid-Autumn Festival Special Menu Promotion

Celebrate a lovely Mid-Autumn Festival with your family at the Academy and enjoy a sumptuous dinner of authentic Cantonese cuisine!

Fellows can enjoy 10% off the original price of this special menu, valid from 19 September to 4 October 2015.

For reservation and enquiries, please call 2871 8896.

Enjoy a new Yum Cha experience at the Academy!

Golf Tournament, 9 December 2015

The HKAM Golf Tournament 2015 has been scheduled for 9 December 2015 (Wednesday). The tournament will be held at The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course - East Course. Please click the link below for event and registration details.

- Registration Form

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**

**HKCCM Annual Scientific Meeting, 19 September 2015**

The Hong Kong College of Community Medicine will be organising the Annual Scientific Meeting on 19 September this year. The theme of this year’s Meeting is "What will the Next Generation of Community Medicine Specialists Look Like?"

Please click [here](#) for viewing the full programme and download the registration from.

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**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](http://www.hkcr.org/news.php/events_list/cid,0/nid,38)

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**Hong Kong Ophthalmological Symposium 2015, 12-13 December 2015**

The Hong Kong Ophthalmological Symposium 2015 (ASM2015), organised by the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society, will be held from 12th -13th December 2015 at The Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The theme for the meeting is "Myopia and Oculoplastic". This will be a two-day comprehensive scientific programme covering advances in Myopia and Oculoplastic. Professor Geoffrey Rose from
Moorfields Eye Hospital, UK and Professor Terri Young from University of Wisconsin, USA will be our Featured Speakers.

Please visit website at http://www.hkos.org.hk/?section=Top&id=13 for more details.

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.

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Announcements from the Drug Office, Drug Registration and Import / Export Control Division

Please note the following announcements from the Drug Office of Department of Health:

- US FDA: DPP-4 inhibitors for type 2 diabetes may cause severe joint pain
- 台灣衛生福利部食品藥品管理署: 含銀杏葉抽出物成分(Ginkgo biloba extract)口服劑型藥品中文仿單的修訂
- Proton pump inhibitors: very low risk of subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus
- Canagliflozin: New information on bone fracture risk and decreased bone mineral density
- FDA: Important changes to the neutropenia monitoring recommendations and treatment algorithm for clozapine

DH to conduct the 2015 Health Manpower Survey

Department of Health will embark on a new round of Health Manpower Survey on registered doctors in September 2015. The result will be used in health manpower planning and training. All registered doctors will reserve a self-administered questionnaire together with a letter for renewal of practising certificate in September 2015. Please return the completed questionnaire by 31 December 2015.

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
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