

# HKCOS Newsletter

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING .....

Dr. YAU Wai-pan      President, HKCOS

Christmas is coming. On behalf of the council, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The challenges to the College in 2019 and 2020 are exceptional. Year 2019 was a year full of social unrest. In the year 2020, the whole world is under the attack of COVID-19 and face-to-face meeting are not allowed in a majority of time.

Despite all these challenges, the College works very hard to maintain the standard of orthopaedic training in Hong Kong. Up to September 2020, we have 531 members and 193 trainees. The College hosted a total of twenty-nine online inter-hospital meetings, forty-six online clinical tutorials, two online specialty days, two online international webinars and one whole-day online symposium. There were more than 12,000 attendances, with an average of 155 attendances per event. The HKCOS and RCSEd Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Orthopaedic Surgery was conducted successfully in October 2020. With close observation of health precautions, all the components of the exit examination (including written, viva and clinical examination with real patients) were maintained. Thanks to the hard work of all the members of the College, we are proud to announce that we uphold the standard of orthopaedic training and examination in Hong Kong in this difficult period of COVID-19 pandemic.

I am happy to inform you that the College will host our Annual General Meeting in a hybrid mode (face-to-face meeting + ZOOM meeting) on December 19th 2020. The new council will be announced on that day and there will be a handover ceremony after the AGM. I will like to invite all of you to witness this important event of our college.

As it is close to the end of the term of this council, I will like to thank all of you for your support to the College in the past two years. My best wishes to you and your family.

THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS



1. Saturday Interhospital Meeting on 4th HKCOS Medical Education Forum (8:30 am – 10:15 am)
2. HKCOS Annual General Meeting 2020 (10:15 am – 11:00 am)
3. HKCOS Council Handover Ceremony (11:00 am – 11:15 am)

### 4th HKCOS Medical Education Forum cum HKCOS AGM

Dec 19th 2020  
8:30 - 11:00 am

Function Room 1,  
2/F, HKAM Building

ZOOM Meeting



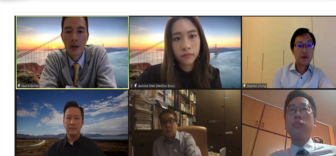
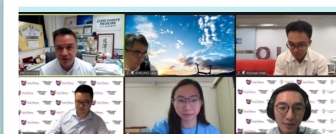
### Insurance and Medical Indemnities

Dec 16th 2020  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting

## HKCOS CAREER TALK ON ORTHOPAEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY

The College hosted two career talks for the medical students on November 11th and 12th. The talks were jointly organised by the Young Fellows Committee and the Orthopaedic Student Group of the College; and the Medical Society of the Student's Unions of the CUHK and HKU. On top of the training and career pathway in orthopaedics, we informed our future successors the history of our college and the life of an orthopaedic surgeon in both public (Hospital Authority and the University) and private sector. The talks were well received and there were close to 100 medical students attending the ZOOM meeting on those two days.



# ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING IN THE 21st CENTURY

The College hosted three Medical Education Forums in the past two years. We are going to conduct the 4th HKCOS Medical Education Forum on December 19th 2020.

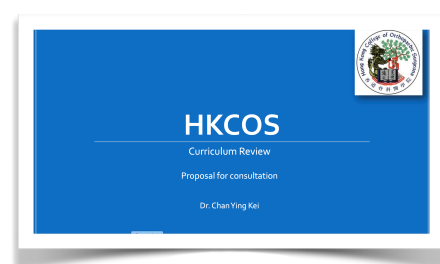
The 1st HKCOS Medical Education Forum was held in Queen Elizabeth Hospital on September 28th 2019. Issues concerning the role of college in providing “specialist training to non-locally trained doctors” and the future direction in basic orthopaedic training were discussed. It was decided that the current training regulation on recruitment of trainee should be continued and a review of the orthopaedic training in Hong Kong should be carried out.



The 2nd HKCOS Medical Education Forum was held on February 22nd 2020 as an online meeting. There were a total of 140 participants. Discussions on both basic and higher orthopaedic training were made. A majority of the participants considered that our college should have our own independent higher orthopaedic trainee selection pathway. Over 90% of the participants considered that the college should revisit the training curriculum. It was decided that the curriculum review on orthopaedic training should be continued with a target of 5-year orthopaedic training.

The 3rd HKCOS Medical Education Forum was held on July 11th 2020 as an online meeting. There was more than 300 participants. A preliminary proposal on curriculum review in orthopaedic training was presented. The important components included a 5-year orthopaedic training framework and incorporation of workplace-based assessment in the training program. It was decided that a consultation paper on orthopaedic training curriculum review should be prepared.

The 4th HKCOS Medical Education Forum will be held on December 19th 2020. The College will present a consultation paper on Curriculum review of Orthopaedic Training in Hong Kong on that day. The important areas that will be covered are: (1) Curriculum of 5-year orthopaedic training (1-year basic training and 4-year higher training); (2) orthopaedic intermediate examination and dual-track entrance for HOT; (3) workplace based assessment in orthopaedic training; (4) annual review of competency progression of trainee.



The 4th HKCOS Medical Education Forum will be an important day to shape the orthopaedic training in the 21st century in Hong Kong. I am looking forward to seeing you all in this exciting academic activity.

## WEBPAGE ON “HONORS AND AWARDS”

The College has established systems of honor and award to (1) fellows or individuals who have made outstanding contributions to orthopaedic surgery or to the college and (2) trainees who have achieved excellent performance in the Joint Fellowship Examination in Orthopaedic Surgery in Hong Kong. These honors and awards include Honorary fellowship, Ad Hominem fellowship and Sir Harry Fang Award. For further details, please visit the college's website at [https://www.hkcoss.org.hk/aboutus\\_Honors\\_and\\_Awards.asp](https://www.hkcoss.org.hk/aboutus_Honors_and_Awards.asp)

