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Newsletter of the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia



Message from the President

Professor Dr Lim Kean Ghee

There come times in the life of an organisation like our college where one decision will have a large effect on its future; impacting its influence, scope and vitality. Such a time came upon us recently, we liked it or not and the decision was not in our hands. On the 14th of May the Council of the Academy of Medicine took that decision to make the Otorhinolaryngology chapter of our college the College of Otorhinolaryngology an independent college within the Academy. As your president I believe it is my duty to inform you adequately and believe I need to give most of my address to you as president to it.

On 30th August 2021 the President of the MSHOHS sent me and the Master of the Academy of Medicine a letter requesting permission to form a college under the Academy. Although officially the MSHOHS is not part of the Academy and many of their members are not in the college, nevertheless the MSHOHS speaks for members in the ENT Chapter of our college. This matter has a history dating back to 2015 when a member of the Academy council who was an ENT surgeon expressed the desire to have a college of ENT surgeons. The subsequent discussion and minutes of meetings on the matter are available for your perusal. We must note that this request did not originate from within our college but went to the Academy our parent body, as we had no chapters within the college at that time.

A reading of these proceedings will show that the ENT surgeons were told to first join the Academy through the College of Surgeons and subsequently when they have enough members and have activities in sufficient levels that such a college can be formed. As Professor Dr Looi Lai Meng the Chairman of the Constitution review

committee of the Academy of Medicine put it. A reading of the minutes indicates a 'gentleman's agreement was given' to that effect.

In the letter dated 30th August 2021, the President of the MSHOHS expressed the belief that with 118 ENT members and a chapter that was formed in 2018 the time had come. The council of the College of Surgeons met on 12th September 2021 and decided to meet the leaders of the MSHOHS for a dialogue with the aim to convince them that in view of founding aims of the College of Surgeons "to be an association for all surgeons and specialists in allied disciplines in Malaysia" and in addition, to that end "to be the sole body within the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia responsible for all matters pertaining to all disciplines of surgery", that we should remain united as one college. In addition, developments in the college such as activities that cross specialty disciplines such as minimally invasive surgery, trauma, professionalism and training are common ground for all surgeons.

The dialogue meeting was held virtually on 19th September and the minutes were recorded. Subsequent to that the council of the College of Surgeons met on 9th October to reflect on the meeting and subsequently wrote to the chairman of the ENT Chapter and the President of the MSHOHS on 14th October to ask for the reason for leaving the college and advantages of forming a separate college.

The college received a reply on 12th January 2022. It is a long letter and I cannot summarise it for you here. The sentiment and decision of the present and three past presidents of the MSHOHS was that they believed 'Otorhinolaryngology is an independent field with very different practices from surgeons'.

The council of the College of Surgeons then met on 15th of January and did not support that request but realised this decision also involved the Academy of Medicine. It was the Academy that would have to decide whether to accept the formation of a College of Otorhinolaryngologist and Head and Neck Surgeons or of Otorhinolaryngology. From the name of the specialty, including head and neck surgery it appears they are surgeons. Surgery of the thyroid gland and tracheostomy, for example, are two areas that overlap and to have two colleges wanting to govern these areas might pose problems.

The council of the Academy of medicine met on 27th February and was briefed by Prof Looi Lai Meng the chairman of the Constitution Review Committee. The minutes of that briefing are long but very important to our consideration. After discussion, the Master insisted that a vote should be taken regarding this request.

There was a matter raised that the Academy has yet to draw up its guidelines for the criteria for forming colleges. That need was recognised some time ago but that work has not been done and therefore a decision would be on an ad hoc basis and a precedent that affects the future. There was a proposal then that this decision to form a college of ENT be postponed till such guideline are drawn. However, the Master denied it saying the matter has dragged on long enough. A vote was then taken and the majority of the council endorsed the formation of the ENT college.

Do we have any recourse do we have? At that time I thought there is actually a clause within the Constitution of the Academy that we could exercise And in fact Professor Dr Looi noted that in her report to the AMM council. Clause 5 of the Constitution she noted, said "For a specialty already under an existing College/Chapter, the application for formation of a new College/Chapter will require the approval of the parent College/Chapter." However, I was later informed that the Amended Constitution of the Academy date 2017 had that clause

removed. What is left then is clause 1 of that section which states

The Council (of the AMM) may at its discretion create or establish Colleges/Chapters in any of the medical specialties. The Colleges/Chapters thus created will establish regulations pertaining to each of the specialties. All such regulations and rules shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

I take this opportunity to inform you of this because I believe this house should know what the constitutional dictates are and that they have been adhered to. As I said in the beginning, it was a decision which was not in the hands of the College. On reflection, if the council of the Academy took a vote to decide it would seem odd if a college could veto that decision. Clause 1 said, as is necessary that the Council of the Academy is the body to decide to form a new college and that decision cannot be challenged.

I would like at this point to wish our ENT colleagues our best wishes as they embark on their journey as an independent college. I hope they have benefitted from their presence in our college up to date. The council has had good experiences working with our ENT colleagues over the years in academic activities and One of their number, Professor Dr Goh Bee See has actually been on council the last 2 years. The regulations dictated that she is now a member of the new ENT college and so she has resigned her place in our council. On looking at our By-Laws and Constitution the current council decided that we should fill that vacancy for one year until the election for that vacancy is due. The council met and has invited Professor Dr Azlina Abbas, to fill that vacancy and she has accepted it. I want at this point the thank Prof Goh for her contributions to the College and to give her our best wishes and wish Professor Dr Azlina a fruitful time serving with us on the council.

But now I must focus on the future. Our college has in its first aims, as I said, to be to be an association for all

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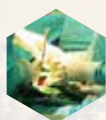
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surgeons and specialists in allied disciplines in Malaysia” and in addition, to that end “to be the sole body within the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia responsible for all matters pertaining to all disciplines of surgery”. I have spoken about how we wanted to but were not able to do that in this past instance. But the bigger question is why do that at all? All I said above were procedural matters. Behind that there must a ‘logos’ or a reason for doing this. Why keep surgeons together? It is the stated aim of the college. It was framed when the college was formed. But why? Why hold on to something if there is no purpose. But I believe there is.

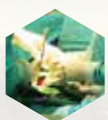
I have stated most of this in my message in the newsletter in December 2021. I would encompass it all under the theme we are STRONGER TOGETHER. But I feel compelled to say something about my vision here. It is no point leading an organization if one does not have a vision for it. So if you will indulge me I would like to close with a few remarks about my vision for the college.

There is a danger for surgeons to become trapped in silos to the detriment of the profession and our patients. As specialization develops technology had led to disciplines like neurosurgery, urology, cardiothoracic surgery, orthopaedics several more disciplines that have so much knowledge a specialist would require that he or she excludes the practice of other areas of surgery. At the same time, however, as technology develops more tools such as minimally invasive tools that the neurosurgeon, the ENT surgeon and the general surgeon finds a niche to use them in each particular field. Some neurosurgeons may then specialize into a narrower area of minimally invasive neurosurgery. We can form many, many small pockets like this where are minimally invasive paediatric surgeon for example only seeks to conference with other minimally invasive paediatric surgeons. Have they no common ground with surgeons interested in minimally

invasive surgery in urology? Specialization we use as a good word. The bad word is fragmentation and working in silos. We must not be blind to the benefits of working across disciplines and must have the institutions and tools to negotiate this future and I believe a united college would help.

There are other areas of common interests among surgeons. Training a urologist or a cardiothoracic surgeon would require skills in teaching and structures that have commonality. We don’t have to be fragmented and each develop the training programmes and skills for teaching entirely on our own. Then again, there is trauma. The injured patient often has injury to the pancreas together with a fractured vertebral column and chest injury. Would we have 3 or 4 specialists in trauma who study trauma related to their own area of the anatomy only? Or even surgeons in 8-9 disciplines with independent interests in trauma? How should trauma surgeons best manage a patient? I am sure they should meet and conference, and we must have the institutions that facilitate this. In the college of surgeons of Malaysia we have chapters like these that cut across disciplines and I am so please they can grow. The shape of surgical practice may be quite different in the future when we can look back many years from now and I believe they will be better served if we have a college that enables all surgeons to engage together.

This is the college that I would hope to work for and I hope we all aspire to that. We allow and encourage all chapters within the college to be as active as possible and encourage activities in related specialist societies which may need to cater for member who are not eligible to be member of our college because they are not surgeons, such as allied health professionals. But as a college we promote and safeguard the interests of surgeons and stand united because We will be stronger together.



Chapter of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery

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National Curriculum in Cardiothoracic Surgery

The Cardiothoracic Surgery National Curriculum was launched by the Director-General of Health on 27th May 2022. This sets the standards for cardiothoracic surgery training in the country. It will be an important resource for both trainers and trainees as well as regulatory bodies.

Parallel Pathway Training

An MOU was signed on 27th May 2022 by the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, the Malaysian Association for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery (MATCVS), Universiti Malaya (UM), the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCS Ed) and the Ministry of Health formalising the arrangements for parallel pathway training in cardiothoracic surgery in Malaysia. All parties will jointly organise the training with quality assurance to international standards and the exit examination provided by RCS Ed. UM will provide the certificate of completion of training to all trainees who successfully complete their training. 32 trainees are currently undergoing cardiothoracic surgery training through the parallel pathway in the Ministry of Health, IJN and UM.



RCS Ed Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery

The RCS Ed Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery was held simultaneously in Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong from 28th - 29th May 2022. Examiners were appointed by the RCS Ed from the UK, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. Eight trainees from the Cardiothoracic Surgery Parallel Pathway Training passed the exams. The trainees were sponsored by the Ministry of Health, Institut Jantung Negara (IJN), UM, and the Brunei government. All the eight trainees will be completing their training in Cardiothoracic Surgery in the next year. In addition to the eight successful trainees from the Cardiothoracic Surgery Parallel Pathway Training, one successful trainee from Singapore and two from Hong Kong also passed the exams. All the successful candidates will be awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons

of Edinburgh (FRCS Ed) in the Specialty of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

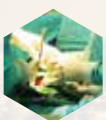
22ND MATCVS Annual Scientific Meeting

The 22nd MATCVS Annual Scientific Meeting will be held from 1st - 4th September 2022 at the Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Asian Association for Paediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery. An exciting program has been planned over the 4 days covering Cardiac Surgery, Aortic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Congenital Heart Surgery, Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, Cardiothoracic Critical Care, and Perfusion, amongst others. Abstract submissions are invited for oral and poster presentations with prizes for the best presentations.



Aortic Dissection Symposium

An Aortic Dissection Symposium will be held at the Borneo Convention Centre in Kuching, Sarawak, from 14th - 15th December 2022 organised by the RCS Ed, MATCVS, CSAMM Chapter of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, and the Academy for Silent Mentor as part of the Tripartite Conference on Healthcare Challenges in the 21st century. An international faculty from the USA, UK and Malaysia will be participating. In addition to presentations and lectures by the expert faculty, a cadaveric workshop on aorta surgery will be held on 13th December 2022 at University Malaysia Sarawak. A public awareness on Aortic Dissection will also be launched during the symposium.



The Chapter of Minimally Invasive Surgery

by Loh Chit Sin

After a petition for the establishment of a cross-specialty Chapter of Minimally Invasive Surgery, the College Council consented to its establishment with the first AGM of the Chapter taking place after a successful inaugural webinar which took place online on the 18th and 19th December 2021. The inaugural webinar had 396 registrants and enjoyed good attendance throughout. As organiser, I like to acknowledge the support of the college council and all the contributions from overseas and local faculties in upper and lower GI, hepatobiliary, bariatric, breast & endocrine, cardiothoracic, paediatric and urological surgery. Contributions from faculties outside the college, notably gynaecology, radiology, anaesthesiology and pathology are also acknowledged. The Webinar received a total sponsorship of RM 27,000 from related industry and the Chapter is very grateful for their generous support and look forward to future collaboration. This initial sponsorship raised will serve as opening Chapter Fund. The institution of the MIS chapter with its first AGM took place immediately after the webinar. The AGM was attended by 75 members. College members with interest in MIS who are not yet members are encouraged to join the chapter to help promote MIS in Malaysia. For enquiries, kindly refer to the College secretariat.

At the first AGM, the involvement of all surgical subspecialties was discussed at the first AGM and it was agreed that the chapter office bearers should reflect this. At the AGM, the following were elected to bear the various chapter office for the ensuing three years:

CHAIRMAN

Loh Chit Sin (*Urology*)

VICE CHAIR

Siow Szi Li (*General*)

SECRETARY

Yeap Chee Loong (*General*)

TREASURER

Azmi Alias (*Neurosurgery*)

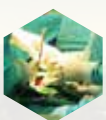
EXCO MEMBERS

Yeap Ewe Juan (*Orthopaedic*)

See Mee Hoong (*Breast and Endocrine*)

Prepageran Narayanan (*Otorhinolaryngology*)

At the recent Chapter Exco meeting, it was felt that relative to most of our neighbouring countries, development in MIS in Malaysia is somewhat lagging behind. The Chapter, recognising this fact, deliberated the various ways the Chapter can assist in promoting MIS, both in its practice as well as in improving training. To begin with, the Chapter will undertake a survey to gauge the breadth and depth of practice of MIS in Malaysia and look forward to assistance and collaboration of college members of all specialties in this endeavour. In the meantime, through members' international network, the chapter will also seek information about the state of practice of MIS in our neighbouring countries. Through all these efforts, the chapter will collate the existing local facilities and expertise currently available and hope to seek a meeting with the MoH to discuss findings and ways forward to aid development of MIS in mainstream practice. The main College Scientific meeting in August this year will have a large MIS content and it was decided that the Chapter will not organise a separate MIS scientific meeting in 2022. However, The MIS chapter is happy to collaborate with other chapters with their respective CME activities which involve MIS.





Malaysian Association of Paediatric Surgery (MAPS) Annual Report 2021

by Mr Mohd Yusran Othman

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2018/2020

1. Dato' Dr Zakaria bin Zahari - President
2. Mr Mohd Yusof bin Abdullah - Vice President
3. Mr Mohd Yusran bin Othman - Secretary
4. Ms Marjmin binti Osman - Assistant Secretary
5. Ms Shona Alison Edmonds - Treasurer
6. Ms Hazlina Mohd Khalid - Committee
7. Associate Professor Dr Shireen Anne Nah Han Yien - Committee
8. Ms Najua Ramli - Committee
9. Ms Junaidah Hassan - Committee
10. Mr Mohd Razin Hassan - Committee
11. Mr Chin Yen Ming - Committee
12. Mr John Emmanuel - Internal Auditor

ACTIVITIES FOR 2021

1. MAPS Session for Surgeons (Online Clinical Case Discussion)

- a. Session 1/2021: 26th January 2021
 - i. Topic: Posterior Cloacal Anomaly (by Ms Nur Akmal, HSNZ Terengganu)
 - ii. Topic: Anterior Ectopic Anus (by Ms Norhafiza bt Ab Rahman, HTA Kuala Lumpur)
- b. Session 2/2021: 9th February 2021
 - i. Topic: Tuberous Sclerosis child with renal mass (by Mr Quincy Lim, HSA Johor)
 - ii. Topics: Oesophageal atresia (by Mr Muhammad Fadli Abdullah, HWKK Sabah)
- c. Session 3/2021: 23rd February 2021
 - i. Topic: The Rapunzel Syndrome (by Mr Koay Yeang Wee, HTAA Kuantan)
 - ii. Topic: Spectrum of Challenges with Total Colonic Aganglionosis (by Mr Mohd Razin Hassan, HRPZ II Kota Bharu)
- d. Session 4/2021: 9th March 2021
 - i. Topic: Chronic abdominal pain (by Mr John Emmanuel, HRPB Ipoh)
 - ii. Topic: Laparoscopic assisted Transanal Pull Through (by Mr Tan SK, HSB Alor Setar)
- e. Session 5/2021: 23rd March 2021
 - i. Topic: Choledochal cyst with omphalocele (by Mr Anand Sanmugam, UMMC)
 - ii. Topic: Is it thyphlitis? (by Mr Zaim Hazin bin Onn, HUS Kuching)
- f. Session 6/2021: 6th April 2021
 - i. Topic: The various presentations of gastric perforation in children (by Ms Tammy Teoh Han Qi, HPP Pulau Pinang)
 - ii. Topic: Corrosive ingestion (by Mr Rajiev Raja Sakaran, HTJ Seremban)
- g. Session 7/2021: 13th July 2021
 - i. Topic: Colonic pseudo-obstruction (by Ms Azrina Zaman (HCTM / PPUKM)
 - ii. Topic: Divide and Conquer: A Staged Surgical Approach to Multifocal Primary Neuroblastoma Speaker 2: Mr Muhammad Firdaus (HRPB Ipoh)
- h. Session 8/2021: 3rd August 2021
 - i. Topic: Young Appendicitis (by Mr Muhammad Che Yaacob (HSNZ Terengganu)
 - ii. Topic: Uncommon Presentation of Recurrent Left Hydrothorax: Our role in this dilemma (by Mr Vigneshwaran Kandiah (HTAA Kuantan)
- i. Session 9/2021: 24th August 2021
 - i. Topic: Recurrent Epidymo-orchitis (by Ms Lee Joo Ann, HRPZ II, Kelantan)
 - ii. Topic: Double Bubble: A Saving Grace (by Ms Cheng Joo Qing, HTA Kuala Lumpur)
- j. Session 10/2021: 14th September 2021
 - i. Topic: Jugular Venous Ectasia (by Ms Pavin Kaur Bal, HRPB Perak)
 - ii. Topic: Oesophageal Atresia with spontaneous pneumothorax (by Mr Muniswaran, Hospital Pulau Pinang)
- k. Session 11/2021: 5th October 2021
 - i. Case 1: Brachial artery injury (by Mr Muhammad Firdaus, HRPB Perak)
 - ii. Case 2: Popliteal artery injury (by Mr Mohd Yusran, HTA Kuala Lumpur)
 - iii. Topic: Vascular Emergencies in Children (by Dato' Dr Zakaria, HTA Kuala Lumpur)
- l. Session 12/2021: 26th October 2021
 - i. Topic 1: A gastrostomy like no other (by Associate Professor Dr Shireen Anne, UMMC)
 - ii. Topic 2: Transcending Borders - The Growing Role of virtual managed care networks (by Associate Professor Dr Shireen Anne, UMMC)



- iii. Topic 3: Managed care network for Paediatric Surgical Emergencies in Klang Valley (by Mr Mohd Yusof Abdullah, HTA Kuala Lumpur)

m. Session 13/2021: 16th November 2021

- i. Topic: Wonder case from land of kenyalang (by Ms Carine Sun Chung Yine, HUS Sarawak)
- ii. Topic: Neonatal Surgical Emergencies: Role of General Surgeons (by Ms Hazlina Mohd Khalid, HWKKS Sabah)
- iii. Topic: Perspective of a General Surgeon with Difficult Access to Emergency Paediatric Surgical Service (by Mr Lai Chung Ket (General Surgeon, HDOK, Sandakan)

n. Session 14/2021: 7th December 2021

- i. Topic: Massive pleural effusion in newborn (by Mr Leiw Yew Chai, HSB Kedah)
- ii. Topic: Oh My Wilms, you're Extra-ordinary! (by Mr Che Ahmad, HTAA Pahang)

o. Session 15/2021: 28th December 2021

- i. Topic: Sometimes glue just ain't enough! (by Mr Chung Kuet Jun, HUS Sarawak)
- ii. Topic: Familial Achalasia Cardia (by Ms Roshafiza bt Jaafar, HSNZ Terengganu)

2. MAPS SESSION FOR TRAINEES

a. Part 1: Life as a New Specialist: What I Wish I Had Known

- i. Date: 5th June 2021
- ii. Moderator: Mr Anand (UMMC)
- iii. Speaker:
 - Ms Nur Aini (HWKKS Sabah)
 - Ms Nur Akmal (HSNZ Terengganu)
 - Mr Muhammad Firdaus (HRPB Perak)

b. Part 2: Life as a Specialist: What is Expected from New Specialists

- i. Date: 10th July 2021
- ii. Moderator: Ms Tammy (HPP Penang)
- iii. Speaker:
 - Ms Hazlina (HWKKS Sabah)
 - Ms Najua (HSA Johor)
 - Mr Mohd Yusran (HTA Kuala Lumpur)
 - Ms Ava Tay (MMMC Melaka)

c. Part 3: What do trainees want in a trainee?

- i. Date: 10th August 2021
- ii. Moderator: Associate Professor Dr Shireen Anne Nah
 - She has shared a survey report
 - Survey topic: Sociodemographic factors affecting postgraduate training in paediatric surgery
- iii. Panelists:
 - Topic 1: Feeding the mind so the eyes can see

- Mr Tan Shung Ken, Paediatric Surgeon HSB Kedah
- Dr Jessmine A Dass, Paediatric Surgical Trainee (UM)

• Topic 2: See one, assist one, do one - is it enough?

- Mr Ashok Krishnan, Paediatric Surgeon HSA Johor
- Dr Alia Maisyah, Paediatric Surgical Trainee (UM)

• Topic 3: Leading by example

- Mr Mohd Tarmizi Md Nor, Cons. Paediatric Surgeon HRPZ II Kelantan
- Dr Sandhya Aruljoethy, Paediatric Surgical Trainee (UM)

3. CME Session

a. Cloacal malformation

- i. Speaker: Mr Chia Wee Yan
- ii. 18th May 2021

4. Webinar Series on Paediatric Parenteral Nutrition (in collaboration with Fresenius Kabi Malaysia)

a. Week 1: Paediatric Intestinal Failure

- i. Date: 27th May 2021
- ii. Speaker: Associate Professor Dr Shireen, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, UMMC
- iii. Moderator: Ms Shona Alison Edmonds, Paediatric Surgeon (Sunway MC)

b. Week 2: Paediatric Intestinal Rehabilitation

- i. Date: 3rd June 2021
- ii. Speaker: Dr Ong Sik Yong, Paediatric Gastroenterologist, HTA Kuala Lumpur
- iii. Moderator: Ms Marjmin Osman, Paediatric Surgeon HCTM/PPUKM

c. Week 3: Basics of Paediatric Parenteral Nutrition

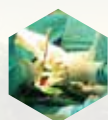
- i. Date: 10th June 2021
- ii. Speaker: Jasreena Kaur Gill, Pharmacist, UMMC
- iii. Moderator: Dr Kam Choy Chen, Paediatric Gastroenterologist, HTA Kuala Lumpur

d. Week 4: Developing a Multidisciplinary Paediatric Nutrition Team for Intestinal Failure

- i. Date: 17th June 2021
- ii. Speaker: Dr Theodoric Wong, Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist, Birmingham UK
- iii. Moderator: Dr Ong Sik Yong, Paediatric Gastroenterologist, HTA Kuala Lumpur

e. Week 5: Step by Step Approach to PN

- i. Date: 24th June 2021
- ii. Speaker: Mr Anand Sanmugam, Paediatric Surgeon, UMMC
- iii. Moderator: Ms Ms Abhirrami Lechmiannandan, Paediatric Surgeon, HTA Kuala Lumpur





Vascular Society of Malaysia (VSM) Activities

by Dr Khang Nan Chuang

The year 2021 was the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of that, almost all physical scientific conferences or seminars were held online or hybrid. The Vascular Society of Malaysia (VSM) has initiated several online activities for members as well as for fellows of vascular surgery.

1. Monthly VSM Webinars

VSM started its monthly 2-hour webinars on various topics in vascular surgery. It entailed different aspects of vascular surgery from various pathologies in aorta, peripheral arterial disease to venous issue. Vascular access issues such as arteriovenous fistula management and update was also discussed in detail. We have invited several renowned experts in their respective field, both local as well as from overseas, to sit as panelists in the topics discussed. The consultants invited included interventional radiologist, neurologist, nephrologist, cardiothoracic surgeon, statistician and legal expert. It has received very good review with lively discussion during the webinars. The attendance had been very encouraging with an average of 40-50 attendees per session, from our fellow vascular consultants in the country as well as fellows in training. Amongst the topics presented and discussed were:

Management of life-threatening-bleed from AVF	Professor Dr Liew Ngoh Chin
The Management of Vascular Diseases During COVID-19 Pandemic - QEII Experience	Dr Feona Sibangun Joseph & Dr Benjamin Leong Dak Keung
Management of Venous Ulcer in Developing Countries	Dr Susan Wendy & Dr Billy Karundeng
Type B Aortic Dissection: What Should We Do	Dr Putera Mas Pian
Current Management of Carotid Artery Stenosis	Dr Ahmad Rafizi Hariz Ramli
Vascular Surgeons: Putting out fires in the Operating Theatre	Dr Naresh Govindarajanathan

Facing the Anaconda in the East (Fistula Aneurysms)	Dr Rosnelifaizur Ramely & Dr Syaiful Azzam Sopandi
Finding the Bulge Down Under	Dr Sunil Siri Pathmanathan
To Drug or Not to Drug	Dr Khang Nan Chuang
Delayed Presentation of Acute Limb Ischaemia: Embolectomy or Catheter Directed Thrombolysis	Dr Zahari Othman & Dr Wong Shu Shyan
EVAR for AAA: The Easy Ones & The Not So	Dr Benjamin Leong Dak Keung

2. Monthly Journal Clubs Discussion

The monthly journal club discussion was started in July 2021. It is part of the training for our current vascular surgical fellows. Published articles from indexed vascular surgical journals were selected for critical appraisal by the fellows with panelists from all VSM consultants. Discussion on topics as well as feedbacks to the fellows were given. The sessions were opened to all members. It is held on the third week of the month. The topics were:

A polymer-coated, paclitaxel-eluting stent (Eluvia) versus a polymer-free, paclitaxel-coated stent (Zilver PTX) for endovascular femoropopliteal intervention (IMPERIAL): a randomised, non-inferiority trial	Dr Hisham
Superb Micro-vascular Imaging (SMI): a Doppler ultrasound technique with potential to identify, classify, and follow up endoleaks in patients after Endovascular Aneurysm Repair (EVAR)	Dr Zahari Othman
Rivaroxaban in Peripheral Artery Disease after Revascularization	Dr Muhammad Syafiq Idris
Back to Basic: How to Read a Research Paper	Dr Lenny Suryani Safri
Long-term Clinical and Cost-effectiveness of Early Endovenous Ablation in Venous Ulceration	Dr Susan Wendy

3. Fellowship Tutorial Sessions

This monthly tutorial session is conducted by our VSM consultant, Dr Benjamin Leong Dak Keung from Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Sabah. Various topics



were presented by the vascular surgical fellows in training and attended by trainees in vascular surgery. The topics of discussions formed the core of their vascular surgical training.

Management of axillary/subclavian artery injury	Dr Lenny Suriani
Endovascular approach of juxtarenal AAA	Dr Zahari Othman
Management of iliac artery aneurysm	Dr Wong Shu Shyan
Management of Endoleak	Dr Susan Wendy
Options of treatment for SFA diseases	Dr Hisham
Management of superficial Vein Reflux	Dr Karthi
May-Thurner and Pelvic Congestion	Dr Syafiq
Management and guidelines of Carotid artery stenosis	Dr Susan Wendy

4. Corporate-initiated Webinars in collaboration with VSM

There were several webinars initiated by the industry associated with vascular surgical products. VSM is proud to be in collaboration with the industry. Members of VSM as well as industry-invited experts were involved as part of the speakers or the panelists to showcase the product in relation to the vascular disease management.

Current Perspectives in Aorto-Iliac EndoVascular Intervention	Dr Ahmad Rafizi Ramli, Dr Benjamin Leong Dak Keung, Dr Peter Goverde
Voyage to See Life & Limb in PAD Patients - Another Milestone	Dr Putera Mas Pian & Professor Dr Liew Nghoh Chin
Peripheral Intervention with Scoring Balloon	Dr Saravana Kumar & Dr Ahmad Rafizi Hariz & Dr Lim Beng Kiat & Professor Dr Liew Nghoh Chin

5. Asian Society of Vascular Surgery Conference 2021

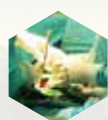
The 2021 edition of the ASVS was organised by the Japan Society of Vascular Surgery. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 16th Asian Venous Forum. It was held from the 11th till the 13th October 2020 in Royton Sapporo, Japan and virtually for overseas participants. VSM members formed part of the international faculty where we participated as chairpersons, speakers as well as panelists.

6. Malaysian College of Surgeons Congress 2021

The 47th Annual Scientific Congress of College of Surgeon of Malaysia was held from 27th to 29th August virtually. VSM is proud to be part of the congress programme. Common topics in vascular surgery were presented. These included venous thromboembolism, salvage vascular dialysis access, vascular injury in trauma and treatment of ischemic reperfusion injury.

7. MySIR meeting

The Malaysian Society of Interventional Radiology organised its Annual Scientific Meeting from 3rd to 5th December in a hybrid manner. VSM was invited to collaborate in this meeting. The topics presented were peripheral arterial disease, aortic aneurysm, carotid disease and treatment of vascular dialysis access complications.





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