Message from the President

Time Flies and It Has Almost Come to the **End of the Year 2012**

This year, the Specialty Board chaired by Dr. Wendy W. S. Tsui and her board members have developed changes in the Clinical Audit and Consultation Skill Assessment segments of the Exit Examination. Trainees can submit either a clinical audit or a research paper this year. The purpose is to encourage our future specialists to develop skills and interest in research. The on-site Consultation Skill Assessment has also been changed to Video-recording Assessment. The aims of these changes are for better assessment of the actual daily practice of candidates.

This is the 26th year of our Conjoint Fellowship Examination with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP). I would like to thank the RACGP for the continuing advice and support. I would also like to congratulate the Board of Conjoint Examination chaired by Dr. Chan Hung Chiu and his board members who have run the Examination flawlessly with their hard work, experience and wisdom. On the day of the OSCE, examiners, candidates and staff worked together as a team whole-heartedly for this very important event.

The Board of Education led by Dr. Mary B. L. Kwong and her board members have organized a large number of educational activities with broad varieties. Thanks for their excellent work which represented the commitment of our College on vocational education of medical practitioners.

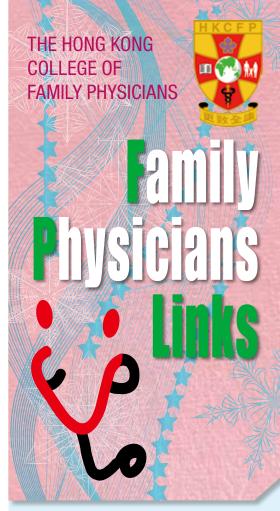
The Board of Diploma in Family Medicine (DFM) under Dr. Simon C. L. Au and his board members have worked hard to provide an intermediate step to fellowship qualification in Family Medicine and improve standards and quality in the practice of Family Medicine. With the support from the Macau Health Bureau, our DFM course has a record high number of students this year. I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to the DFM team for their hard work and the Macau Health Bureau for their support and promotion of the specialty of Family Medicine.

The new Board of Professional Development and Services (BPDS) was established to organize and develop educational activities for medical and health professionals outside Hong Kong in relation to Family Medicine as well as liaise and coordinate with other boards of the College for co-organizing other activities. Dr. Lau Ho Lim, Chairman of the Board and the board members have worked hard to organize educational activities for colleagues in various parts of China.

There is evidence that countries with more trained generalist family doctors are more likely to have better health outcomes, lower costs and greater patient satisfaction. Not only will financial resources be saved but also the use of advanced technology be highly effective. Primary health care is the best route to universal access, the best way to ensure sustainable improvements in health outcomes, and the best guarantee that access to care will be fair. Prof. Chen Zhu, the Minister of Health of China, and his delegates visited us this year to discuss the development of primary care in mainland China. We were also visited by the Department of Health of the Guangdong Province led by the Deputy Director Mr. Geng Qingshan and his delegates to explore the possibility of organizing training programmes in some selected cities in Guangdong. The growing demand for our Family Medicine education indicated an increasing emphasis on Family Medicine in our country. With increasing common values among us, we should strive to improve the status of Family Medicine and to thrive together.

The Public Education Committee led by Dr. Ngan Po Lun and his committee members have continued to deliver health education to the public through

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various channels including regular publications in various newspapers. Dr. Ngan has also led publicity campaigns to promote the concept of family doctor in collaboration with the Primary Care Office of the Department of Health.

The 2nd Hong Kong Primary Care Conference (HKPCC) was successfully held on June 2-3, 2012 with the theme "United We Care – Forging Partnerships in Health". There were newly added events and awards including "Best Programme Book Cover Page Design", "Best Clinical Case Presentation" and the team with "Largest Fans Club". The HKPCC 2012 has actualized its role as a fertile platform for all primary healthcare providers to share the latest scientific updates, and participate in academic exchange and hence promoted networking opportunities among the primary care communities.

I am most delighted to learn that many of our trainees are interested in research. Primary care is now a WHO priority with a substantial potential in research and publications. Besides our unique experience in health care, we are also part of China, a nation with an important role in our world's health with emerging primary care. Hong Kong is also part of Southeast Asia, a global microcosm with huge diversity. Primary care research can provide answers to many common clinical questions. I would like to thank Prof. Samuel Y. S. Wong for chairing the Research Committee and he will be retiring from our College Council after AGM.

The Editorial Board under Prof. Samuel Y. S. Wong and his board members, and the FP Links Committee under the Adviser Dr. Wendy W. S. Tsui and Chief Editor Dr. Catherine S. W. Ng have worked hard on the high quality and timely quarterly publication of our journal the Hong Kong Practitioners and the monthly publication of our FP Links, respectively.

The hard work of our secretarial staff led by Miss Erica So, External Affairs Committee under Dr. Gene W. W. Tsoi, Business Manager Dr. Mary B. L. Kwong, House Management, Quality Assurance & Accreditation Committees under Dr. Billy C. F. Chiu, Finance Committee under Dr. Quincy S. M. Yuen, Council Member on Duty System under Dr. Tony C. K. Lee, Web & Computer Committee under Dr. Mark S. H. Chan, Internal Affairs Committee under Dr. David V. K. Chao, and Membership Committee under Dr. Cheung Man Kuen have enabled the smooth and successful daily operation of our College.

Many Council Members have represented our College in various professional committees including Dr. Angus M. W. Chan in the Education Committee of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) of the Hong Kong Reference Framework for Preventive Care for Children in Primary Care Settings; Dr. Gene W. W. Tsoi in three Task Forces on Conceptual Model and Preventive Protocols, Primary Care Directory, Task Force on Primary Care, and Delivery Models, Working Group on Primary Care, and WONCA International Classification Committee; Dr. Chan Hung Chiu in Working Group on Alcohol and Health, Steering Committee on Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases; Dr. Lau Ho Lim in Task Force on Hong Kong Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, Self Learning Kit on Breastfeeding for Medical Professionals, Project Planning Committee, CAG of the Hong Kong Reference Framework for Preventive Care for Older Adults in Primary Care Settings, and the University of Hong Kong Health Services Committee; Dr. Billy C. F. Chiu in Subgroup on Professional Development for Primary Care Directory Enrolled Doctors and Dentists; Dr. Tony C. K. Lee in Working Group for Revision of Teaching Kit for the Exercise Prescription Project; Dr. David V. K. Chao in the Scientific Committee of Hong Kong International Cancer Congress; and Dr. Mary B. L. Kwong in the Resuscitation Council of Hong Kong, to name a few.

This year we have Professor Sum-ping Lee, Dean of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, as our Sun Yat Sen Orator on 3rd June 2012. Professor Lee examined the direction and the future development of the healthcare system in Hong Kong, in view of the phenomenal speed of technological advances in Medicine, cost-effectiveness of newer interventions, increasing expectations from the public and fragmentation of healthcare services. When summarizing his speech, Professor Lee concluded that "Family Medicine must rise to the call, step up to the plate and play the role of the hero in Hong Kong's healthcare reform. We must educate both the public and the medical profession, and bring to focus our disparate and fragmented way of providing care to focus. Family Medicine must position itself to be the foundation of healthcare delivery and healthcare reform in Hong Kong. It must foster a better doctor-patient relationship with the sick; and doctor-doctor relationship within the medical profession. To do so, the College is in a unique position to educate and to generate primary data on healthcare needs and outcomes. The College is also well situated to co-ordinate with academic institutions, government and non-government institutions. This would result in original scientific information from which will mould our own healthcare policy. This would be, in this diverse and metastable milieu, a guiding light for our social transformation. With that vision in mind, the direction and future of healthcare in Hong Kong is positive and bright."

Last but not least, I must thank our Chief Censor Prof. Cindy L. K. Lam, Censors Dr. Stephen K. S. Foo and Prof. Donald K. T. Li, and Immediate Past President Dr. Gene W. W. Tsoi for their invaluable advice and guidance; my Executives Drs. Angus M. W. Chan, Lau Ho Lim, Billy C. F. Chiu, Quincy S. M. Yuen, and all Council Members who shared a lot of the duties and assignments. I have to thank all the secretariat staff under Ms. Erica So for their dedication and hard work.

"Council Member-On-Duty" (CMOD) System

Dear College members,

We are still providing this alternative channel of communication for you to reach us. Do let us have your ideas and comments so that we can further improve our services to all the members.

From the period 15th December 2012 to 14th January 2013, Dr. Au Chi Lap and Dr. Mary Kwong will be the Council Members On Duty. Please feel free to make use of this channel to voice your doubts, concerns, queries, and comments about anything relating to our College and Family Medicine. You can reach us by contacting our College Secretariat by phone: 2528 6618, by fax: 2866 0616, or by email: hkcfp@hkcfp.org.hk. Once we receive your call or message, we will get in touch with you directly as soon as we can.





Dr. Au Chi Lap

Dr. Mary Kwong

Dr. Tony C. K. Lee Co-ordinator, CMOD System

Membership Committee News

The Membership Committee approved, on recommendation of the Chairlady of the Membership Committee, the following resignation application for membership in **November 2012**:

Resignation from Associate Membership

Dr. Tse Mei Kuen, Queenie

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Board of Vocational Training and Standards News

Reminder: Submission of Annual Checklist for Basic Training

To all Basic Trainees,

Please be reminded that all basic trainees must submit the annual checklist to the Board of Vocational Training and Standards <u>either</u> by registered post or in-person on or before 31st January 2013 (Thursday). Late submission will not be accepted.

The training experience of 2012 **WILL NOT** be accredited if the trainee fails to submit the checklist on or before the deadline.

Basic Training Subcommittee

BVTS

Reminder: Enrolment of Higher Training

Basic trainees who have completed 4-year basic vocational training and attained a higher qualification in Family Medicine can be enrolled into the higher training programme.

For those who prepare to sit for the Exit Examination in 2015, please submit the application for higher training on or before 28th February 2013 (Thursday) in order to meet the requirement for sitting Exit Examination. The application form can be available from the College Secretariat or downloaded from the College website.

Higher Training Subcommittee BVTS

Reminder: Submission of Annual Checklist / Logbook for Completion of Higher Training

To all Higher Trainees,

Please be reminded that all higher trainees should submit the original copy of annual checklist to our Board either by registered post or in-person on or before 28th February 2013 (Thursday). Late submission will not be accepted.

For the application for certification of completion of higher training, please make sure that the application form and checklist for completion of higher training are completed and returned together with the original copy of your training logbook on or before 28th February 2013.

The training experience of 2012 **WILL NOT** be counted if the trainee fails to submit the checklist before the deadline. Higher Training Subcommittee BVTS

Board of Diploma in Family Medicine (DFM) - Lectures

Topics and Speakers:

Dates	Topics	Speakers
5 Jan 2013 (Sat)	Module III – Evidence-based Medicine	Dr. Wong Chi Kwong, Roger
12 Jan 2013 (Sat)	Module III – Critical Appraisal	Dr. Lau Kin Sang, Kinson

Co-ordinator: Dr. Au-yeung Shiu Hing

Board Member, The Board of Diploma in Family Medicine, HKCFP

Venue : Council Chamber, Room 802, 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road,

Wanchai, Hong Kong

Time : 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lecture and Discussion

Accreditation: 3 CME Points HKCFP (Category 4.4)

3 CME Points MCHK

Registration Fee (Please tick as appropriate):

Dates	Topics	HKCFP Member	Non-member
5 Jan 2013 (Sat)	Module III – Evidence-based Medicine	☐ HK\$200	☐ HK\$400
12 Jan 2013 (Sat)	Module III – Critical Appraisal	☐ HK\$200	☐ HK\$400

Capacity : 20 Doctors

Registration : Registration will be first come first served. For registration or enquiries, please call the

College secretariat, Mr. John Lee at 2861 0220. All cheques are payable to "HKCFP Holdings and Development Limited". Please mail the cheque to Rm 802, 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai. All fees received are

non-refundable and non-transferable.

To: HKCFP, Room 802, 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. (Fax: 2866 0981)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a *Member/ Non-Member of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians. (*Please delete as appropriate)

I would like to attend the lecture(s) of **Module III** at Council Chamber, Room 802, 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Name	:	
Tel No.	:	
Email	:	
Date	:	
Date	•	

Steroids and Antivirals for Bell's Palsy

Bell's palsy occurs in 0.2% of the population in the Western world with geographical variations, approximating to a lifetime risk of 1 in 65. The incidence is slightly higher in persons of Japanese descent.¹ It mostly occurs in females in their teens and twenties. The distribution is almost equal in the thirties, with a slight predominance in males over 40. The incidence is highest in persons aged 15-45 years of age. It affects both sexes equally overall.²

It was first reported by Nicolas A Friedrich two centuries ago in 1798. Sir Charles Bell originally described this condition in 1821. The term Bell's palsy is used to describe an acute-onset, idiopathic facial paralysis resulting from a dysfunction anywhere along the peripheral part of the facial nerve from the level of the pons distally.

The updated guideline, developed by the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Guideline Development Subcommittee and published online on 7th November 2012, is based on a review of relevant studies published since the 2001 AAN Practice Parameter regarding the effectiveness, safety, and tolerability of steroids and antiviral agents for Bell's palsy.

It is a Level A recommendation for steroid prescription - with the two Class I studies demonstrating a significant increase in the probability of complete recovery in patients randomized to steroids, with a risk difference favouring steroids in the range 12.8% to 15%, translating to a number needed to treat (NNT) of six to eight.

However, it does not necessarily follow that "all patients" need steroids. For example, it would be reasonable for a clinician to opt not to use steroids in a patient with brittle diabetes mellitus. Other comorbidities potentially requiring further consideration include morbid obesity, osteopenia, and a prior history of steroid intolerance.

On the other hand, the evidence for efficacy of antivirals in new-onset Bell's palsy remains less clear. The updated guideline concludes that antiviral agents in combination with steroids do not increase the probability of functional recovery of the facial muscles by more than 7%. However, because of the possibility of a modest increase in recovery, patients might be offered antivirals (in addition to steroids) (Level C). Patients offered antivirals should be counselled that the benefit from antivirals has not been established, and its benefit, if any, is at most modest.

Because the studies included only patients presenting early after the onset of palsy, it is difficult to determine the effect of steroid or antiviral treatment in patients presenting later in the course of their illness (e.g. one week after the onset of facial weakness).

Finally, future large randomized trials comparing outcomes in patients receiving steroids with or without antivirals would help determine whether adding antivirals results in further additional benefits.³

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Compiled by Dr. SZE, Hon Ho



MY FIRST EUROPE MARATHON

Dr, Chan Shan Ching Resident, United Christian Hospital



I started running the marathon in 2005 when my clinic colleagues asked me to join the Standard Chartered Marathon. After a few years, I enjoyed running the marathon more and more. Through training for a marathon, not only could one develop a strong body but also a tough mind. One of my wishes is to run in different places around the world. My target is to qualify for the Boston Marathon (one of the five races that make up the World Marathon Majors), which requires me to fulfill a qualifying time to enroll. My ultimate target is running a marathon under 3 hours (sub-three).

For this round, I chose a beautiful city in Russia, Saint Petersburg as the place for my first Europe marathon. My basic target was to run within 3:10:00 (the qualifying time of the Boston Marathon for my age group). I trained myself for this marathon for three months in total through a structured programme from a professional book called 'the Advanced Marathoning'. Through this training, I became strong both physically and mentally.

The weather was good on the race day with a temperature below 20 degree Celsius and a cloudy sky. The race course was completely flat. With a structured training, good weather and a flat course, I finally finished this race in 3:04:14. I broke my personal best record and fulfilled the qualifying time for the Boston Marathon.

To me, a fruitful result after a period of hard training is worthwhile. And I enjoy running a lot more after this race.



LEARNING POINTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION

Interest Group in Dermatology – The 33rd Meeting on 3rd November 2012

Dr. Wong Nai Ming (Co-ordinator) - Board of Education

Theme : Skin Infection
Speaker : Dr. Chan Shu Yu

Dermatologist in Private Practice

Moderator: Dr. Wong Nai Ming

Co-ordinator, Board of Education

Dr. Chan Shu Yu, a Dermatologist in private practice, spoke to us on Skin Infection.

Learning points

Impetigo is caused by bacterial infection of the superficial layers of epidermis, usually by staphylococcus or streptococcus. Besides superficial skin changes like redness/oedema/tenderness, blisters may form which could break easily, discharging golden yellow exudates and dried to form yellow crusts. The infection is highly contagious and rapidly spreads. It is common in children, especially involving the areas surrounding the orifices of face, affecting both normal and abnormal skin (e.g. impetiginisation of herpes infection). There will be no scarring if effectively treated by antibiotics.

In Erysipelas and Cellulitis the infection involves deeper level of dermis and subcutaneous tissue, there is no desquamation of the superficial skin. Aggressive treatment with systemic antibiotics is necessary to avoid damage of the subcutaneous lymphatics which may lead to recurrences.

Syphilis is a great imitator of other skin conditions. Primary syphilis occurs at the site of contact after an incubation period of 9 to 90 days as Chancre which is a painless ulcer with an indurated base, and the neighbouring lymph nodes may be enlarged. Blood tests in the primary stage may be negative. 6 to 8 weeks after the primary lesion, syphilis enters into the secondary stage where there may be systemic symptoms affecting other body systems. The skin lesions may present with patchy alopecia of scalp, and generalized, non-itchy, symmetrical maculopapular rash with or without desquamation, affecting mainly the trunk but also the palms and soles in particular. Blood tests at this stage are usually positive. Differential diagnoses at this stage include pityriasis rosea, pityriasis versicolor, guttate psoriasis etc. In treatment of syphilis with penicillin, Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction may develop, especially in those with high VDRL titre.

A wart is a rough-surfaced growth arising from skin, usually with its diameter greater than its height. It can be congenital or acquired. Acquired warts can be benign or malignant and benign warts can be infectious or non-infectious. Infectious warts are usually caused by human papilloma virus (HPV) infection.

The layman term "chicken-eye" (雞眼) can mean a viral wart or a corn (or callosity). It can be distinguished after pairing down the hard core when corn will show a smooth surface while a wart will show red or black spots representing the feeding small blood vessels.

Viral warts can occur in different parts of the body. Periungual warts are notoriously difficult to treat. Subungual warts can be painful. Plane warts usually affect younger individuals. Warts can also affect mucosal surfaces and scalp.

When treating viral warts, patients should always be given the option of NO treatment, in fact some warts can involute by themselves. After treatment, patient should always be warned that other warts (even belonging to the same episode of infection) may develop later.

HPV infection can cause genital viral warts (condyloma acuminata) through sexual exposure at the sites of contact. In doubtful cases, acetic acid test can aid diagnosis. By applying 5% acetic acid, the lesions may turn white after a short period of skin occlusion.

Herpes usually present as a group of blisters. It can be infectious e.g. herpes simplex type I/II, herpes zoster and can also be non-infectious e.g. dermatitis herpetiformis, herpes gestationis. Herpes infection can usually be diagnosed clinically. However, sometimes viral culture/DNA study may be required to differentiate herpes simplex from herpes zoster infection.

Scabies infection are acquired after prolonged physical contacts, and short contacts are unlikely to cause transmission. Pruritus starts 2 to 6 weeks after infestation. Successful treatment should significantly reduce pruritus within one day. Nowadays, the treatment of choice is 5% permethrin solution, applied once and washed off after 8 to 14 hours. Patients may develop inflammatory juicy nodules e.g. at scrotum. This is due to sensitization to the scabies mite and there should be no scabies within the nodules. Even after successful treatment with scabicidal agents, the nodules may persist for a few more weeks to months.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Saturday, 5 January 2013. The guest speaker is Dr. Luk Nai Ming, Specialist in Dermatology and Director of the Dermatology Research Centre, CUHK. He will speak to us on Antibiotic Resistance in *P. Acnes*.

All members are welcome and encouraged to present their cases and problems for discussions or role play. Please send your cases to our secretariat (yvonne@hkcfp.org.hk) 2 weeks before the date of presentation.



(from left to right) Dr. Chan Shu Yu (the speaker) and Dr. Wong Nai Ming (the moderator)



Introduction of Integrated Depression Care

Dr. Chan Man Li

Associate Consultant, Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care, New Territories West Cluster

Introduction

Patients with common mental disorders (CMD) are common in our community. It is estimated that prevalence of depressive disorder in adults is around 5-20% from local study.

Improving Mood: Promoting Access to Collaborative Treatment (IMPACT) is a multisite primary care trial of collaborative and stepped care for depression that integrates brief psychotherapy and medication management.

IMPACT Treatment Protocol

- 1. Assessment and Education
- 2. Behavioral Activation / Pleasant Events Scheduling
- 3. a) Antidepressant Medication Usually an SSRI or other newer antidepressant
 - b) Problem-Solving Treatment in Primary Care (PST-PC) 6-8 individual sessions followed by monthly group maintenance sessions
- 4. Maintenance and Relapse Prevention Plan for patients in remission

Stepped Care

Systematic follow-up & outcomes tracking

- Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Treatment adjustment as needed

- Based on clinical outcomes
- According to evidence-based algorithm
- In consultation with team psychiatrist

Relapse Prevention

Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) 病人健康狀況問卷-9						
1. 在過去的兩個星期,您曾否經常被以下問題煩擾著?	完全 沒有	有幾天	過半數 的日子	差不多 每天		
	0	1	2	3		
a. 任何事都覺得沉悶或者根本不想做任何事						
b. 情緒低落、抑鬱或絕望						
c. 難於入睡;半夜會醒或相反地睡覺時間過多						
d. 覺得疲倦或活力不足						
e. 胃口極差或進食過量						
f. 不喜歡自己,覺得自己做得不好、對自己失望或 有負家人期望		_				
g. 難於集中精神做事,例如看報紙或看電視						
h. 其他人反映你行動或說話遲緩;或者相反地, 你比平常活動更多坐立不安、停不下來		_				
i. 想到自己最好去死或者自殘						
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Collaborative Care

Patient can choose treatment in consultation with health

Antidepressant and / or brief psychotherapy

The team comprises Primary Care Provider (PCP) (Refers; prescribes antidepressants)

- + Depression Care Manager
- + Consulting Psychiatrist

Primary Care Provider

- Oversees all aspects of patient's care at the primary care clinic
- Makes / confirms diagnoses of common mental disorders with the use of PHQ-9 for depression
- Starts pharmacotherapy as indicated
- Prescribes for medications if clinically indicated
- Introduces collaborative care team and care manager
- Works closely with the care manager and other team members to stay informed about treatment progress and to make treatment adjustments if clinically indicated
- Supports patient in working with care manager
- Consults with the team psychiatrist on difficult diagnostic or therapeutic issues
- Adjusts treatment as clinically indicated in consultation with the patient, care manager, and consulting psychiatrist

Care Manager

- Supports and collaborates closely with PCPs in patient management
- Facilitates patient engagement and education
- Performs systematic initial and follow-up assessments. Tracks depression symptoms and treatment response (PHQ-9)
- Supports medication management by PCPs
- Provides brief, evidence-based counseling (e.g. behavioral activation and / or PST-PC) or refers to other clinic-based providers for such counseling
- Regularly reviews challenging patients with the consulting psychiatrist



- Facilitates referrals to other services (e.g. substance abuse treatment, specialty care and community resources) as needed
- Prepares patient for relapse prevention

Consulting Psychiatrist

- Supports care managers and PCPs
- Provides regular (weekly) and as needed consultation for a <u>caseload</u> of patients followed in primary care, focusing on patients who are not improving clinically
- In person or telemedicine consultation or referral for complex patients
- Provides education and training for primary carebased providers

What is Problem-Solving Treatment in Primary Care (PST-PC)?

- Problem-Solving Treatment is an action focused on immediate issues causing depression
- It is not Life Review Therapy, Psychodynamic Analysis or *JUST* supportive therapy / case management
- It is Brief, Common sense, Evidence-based, Practical to apply, Easily Learned by therapist and patient, enjoys high patient receptiveness and satisfaction
- Three Broad Goals of PST-PC:
 - A. Helps the client understand the link between current life problems and current symptoms
 - B. Develop a systematic problem solving strategy
 - C. Engage in pleasant social and physical activities

Seven Steps of PST-PC

- 1. Clarify and Define the Problem
- 2. Set Realistic / Achievable Goal
- 3. Generate Multiple Solutions
- 4. Evaluate and Compare Solutions
- 5. Select a Feasible Solution
- 6. Implement the Solution
- 7. Evaluate the Outcome [if a new problem comes out, go back to step 1]

PST-PC Session 1 (60 Minutes)

Three Main Goals:

- A. Build the Rationale for PST-PC (15 minutes)
- B. Collect an Initial Problem List (15 minutes)
- C. Conduct an Initial PST-PC Session (30 minutes)

A. Building Rationale for PST-PC (First 15 Minutes)

Six Main Tasks:

- 1. Explain the Structure of PST-PC
- 2. Achieve Agreement with the Patient that Symptoms are Related to Depression
- 3. Explain the Link Between Problems and Depression, and the Rationale for PST
- 4. Establish Positive Problem Orientation
- 5. Describe the 7 stages of PST-PC
- 6. Build the Rationale for Activity Scheduling

B. Compile a List of Current Problems (15 Minutes)

- Stay focused on the present "What problems are you facing right now?"
- Allow spontaneous reporting
- Cue patient as necessary regarding:
 - Relationships, Work, Money
 - Housing and Transportation
 - Health and Exercise
 - Pleasant Activities, etc

C. PST-PC Session (30 Minutes)

- 1. Clarifying and defining the problem
- 2. Establishing a realistic goal
- 3. Generating multiple solutions
- 4. Evaluate pros and cons
- 5. Choosing the preferred solution(s)
- 6. Implementing the preferred solution(s)
- 7. Evaluating the outcome

Structure of PST-PC Treatment

- Four to eight sessions [majority 4 sessions]
- Can be weekly or bi-weekly
- Initial session: 1 hour
- Subsequent sessions: 30 minutes
- Work through at least one full problem per session
- Let patient to action between sessions

Conclusion

IMPACT can be adapted and is effective in a wide range of health care settings

Effective teamwork is key to success

- Different professionals (nurses, social workers, psychologists, licensed counselors, and medical assistants) can be trained to support primary care providers with evidence-based care management
- Psychiatric consultation provides important back-up to primary care based care management programs

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Written Enhancement Training 2013

Organizer: Written Enhancement Training Sub-committee, Board of Education, HKCFP

Tutors : Family Medicine Specialists, Fellows of HKCFP and RACGP

Supervisors: Dr. Kwong Bi Lok, Mary;

Dr. Chan Chi Wai, Edmond &

Dr. Lee Kar Yun, Peter

Co-ordinator : Dr. Tam Chung Yin, Janet

Objectives

: 1. To enhance the clinical knowledge and problem solving skills through different workshops.

2. To improve the preparation skills for written examination.

 ${\it 3.}\ \ {\it To\ provide\ opportunity\ for\ inter-professional\ communication\ and\ social\ network\ expansion\ through\ self$

help groups.

4. To improve time management through simulated practice workshop.

Venue: 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai

Written Enhancement Training 2013

Dates	Topics	Speakers	Moderators
26 Jan, 2013 (Sat) 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Introduction on Key Features with sample practice questions	Dr. Leung To Fung, Andrew	Dr. Lee Kar Yun, Peter
2 Mar, 2013 (Sat) 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Introduction on MCQ with sample practice questions	Dr. Ng Ching Luen	Dr. Tam Chung Yin, Janet

Accreditation: Up to 4 CME points (Category 4.3) for the whole course

Enrolment: Enrolment is now open. Please call the College Secretariat, Ms. Yvonne Lam, at 2861 0220 for details.

Successful applicants will be informed later.

Course Fee : Members : HK\$1,200 (Whole Written Enhancement Training)

HK\$ 500 (Spot admission for each workshop)

Non-Members : HK\$ 2,400 (Whole Written Enhancement Training)

HK\$ 900 (Spot admission for each workshop)

All cheques payable to "HKCFP Education Ltd".

(All Fees received are non-refundable and non-transferable.)

Capacity : 30 doctors maximum

Disclaimer: All cases and answers are suggested by our tutors only. They are not standard answers for examination.

Registration will be first come first served. For any enquiry, please call the College secretariat, Ms. Yvonne Lam at 2861 0220.

REPLY SLIP

To: HKCFP, Room 802, 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, H.K.

I am a *Member/ Non-member of The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians. (*Please delete as appropriate)

I would like to attend "Written Enhancement Training Course 2013".

Name:	Tel:	Date:

Email: ______



HKCFP Practice Management Training Course – Part B: Practical Part: Practice Management Attachment Course in Private Sector

Introduction:

Practice management is very important to all practicing doctors irrespective of whether you are practicing in the public or the private setting. It is one of the quality assurance accredited items and is an area to assess the competence of a family medicine specialist. Possession of good practice management knowledge and skills can prevent foreseeable medical and legal risks and facilitate daily clinical operation more effectively and efficiently. The clinical attachment in private practice is aimed at sharing hands-on experience in practice management within the private setting in which the majority of primary health care is provided in our locality.

Learning Objectives:

Family Medicine doctors undergoing this attachment are expected to gain exposures in the following:

- Patient consultations conducted by private family physicians in
 - Private clinic settings in the community
- The disease spectrum in private primary care setting
 - The challenges in management, including the use of medications, surgery tests and investigations
- Rapport among patients and private family physicians
- Common practical procedures in private practice
- Setting up a private practice
- Daily operation of a practice
- Clinic drug store organization
- Drug dispensing procedures
- Patient record systems
- Patient registration systems
- Staff management
- Community networking of private family physicians
- Experience sharing from private family physicians

Target Group:

- 1) Doctors who have attended the HKCFP training certificate course of practice management OR
- 2) Family Medicine higher trainees

Venue : Private Family Medicine clinicsDate : From March 2013 to Feb 2014

Time : To be arranged by the HKCFP secretariat and mutually agreed by the Practice Management Advisor and the participating doctor.

Duration: Two clinic visits and each visit lasts for 3 hours per participating doctor

Pre-requisite Qualification of Practice Management Advisors:

 $\label{eq:fhkam} \mbox{FHKAM (Family Medicine) AND currently practicing in private sector.}$

Course fees: HK\$2,700 All fees received are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Deadline of Application: 25 Jan 2013

Award : The participating doctor will be issued a certificate by the Board of Education, HKCFP

Practice Management Training Course Part B APPLICATION FORM

Name:					
Surna	me (BLOCK LETTERS)	Given Name		Name in Chinese	
Sex: M / F					
Correspondence Address	s:				
Mobile:			Office Telephone:		
Contact Fax:			Email:		
Membership: HKCFP r	member: Fellow / Full	/ Associate / Affiliate	e Member ID:		
Current Practice:					
Private: Solo □	Group □ Y	ears in practice			
Government: HA □	Department of Health I	☐ Years in ser	vice		
Other Institutions: Please specify					

NOTES:

A completed application form must be returned to the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians on or before 25 January 2013 with an application fee of HK\$2,700 by crossed cheque payable to "HKCFP Education Limited". This application fee is non-refundable unless the application is unsuccessful.

Registration will be first come first served. For registration or any enquiry, please call the College secretariat, Mr. Marco Cheng at 2861 0220. Please mail the cheque to 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Services Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, H.K.



5 January 2013 Saturday

Board of Education Interest Group in Dermatology

Aim To form a regular platform for interactive sharing and discussion of interesting dermatological cases commonly seen in our daily practice

Antibiotic Resistance in P. Acnes - Does It Matter Theme

Dr. Luk Nai Ming Speaker

Specialist in Dermatology and Director of the Dermatology Research Centre, CUHK

Co-ordinator Dr. Wong Nai Ming

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians & Chairman

Time 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Theme Presentation &

Discussion

Venue 5/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building,

15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Admission College Fellow, Full or Associate Fee

Members

HK\$ 350.00 Other Categories of Members HK\$ 450.00 Non-Members

All fees received are non-refundable and

non-transferable.

2 CME points HKCFP (Cat. 4.3) Accreditation

2 CPD points HKCFP (Cat. 3.15)

2 CME points MCHK

Language Lecture will be conducted in English and Cantonese.

Registration Registration will be first come first served.

Please reserve your seat as soon as possible.

Note Participants are encouraged to present own cases for discussion. Please forward your cases to the Co-ordinator via the College

secretariat 2 weeks prior to meeting.

HKCFP would like to thank HKMA for supporting this educational activity.

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5 January 2013 Saturday

Board of Diploma in Family Medicine Module III

Theme	Evidence-based Medicine		
Speaker	Speaker Dr. Wong Chi Kwong, Roger		
Co-ordinator & Chairman			
Time	2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.		
Venue	8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong		
Admission Fee			

All fees received are non-refundable and

non-transferable.

3 CME points HKCFP (Cat. 4.4) Accreditation

3 CME points MCHK

Lecture will be conducted in English and Cantonese. Language

Registration will be first come first served. Registration

Please reserve your seat as soon as possible.

12 January 2013 Saturday

Board of Diploma in Family Medicine Module III

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Theme	Critical Appraisal	
Speaker	Dr. Lau Kin Sang, Kinson	
Co-ordinator & Chairman	Dr. Au-Yeung Shiu Hing The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians	
Time	2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	
Venue	8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	
Admission Fee	College Fellow, Full, Fee or Associate Members Non-Members All fees received are non-refundable and non-transferable.	HK\$ 200.00 HK\$ 400.00
Accreditation	3 CME points HKCFP (Cat. 4.4) 3 CME points MCHK	
Language	Lecture will be conducted in English and Cantonese.	
Registration	Registration will be first come first served. Please reserve your seat as soon as possible.	

17 January 2013 **Thursday**

Basic Principles of Electrodiagnosis and Its Application in Patients Complaining of Lower Limb Pain

Dr. Chow Chi Ping, Alex

Specialist in Rehabilitation,

Director, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital

Chairman	Dr. Lee Wan Tsi, Francis		
	The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians		
Time	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch		

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lecture & Discussion

Shanghai Room, Level 8, Langham Place Hotel, 555 Venue

Shanghai Street, Mongkok, Kowloon

Admission College Fellow, Full or Associate Free

Fee Members

HK\$ 350.00 Other Categories of Members Non-Members HK\$ 450.00

All fees received are non-refundable and

non-transferable

Accreditation 2 CME points HKCFP (Cat. 4.3)

2 CME points MCHK

Up to 2 CPD points (Subject to submission of satisfactory report of Professional Development

Lecture will be conducted in English. Language

Registration Registration will be first come first served. Please reserve your seat as soon as possible.

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Monthly Video Viewing Session

Monthly video viewing sessions will be scheduled on the last Friday of each month at 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at 8/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

January's session:

December's session:

Date	28 December 2012 (Friday)	Date	25 January 2013 (Friday)
T:	2.20 2.20	Time	2:30 p.m 3:30 p.m.
Time	2:30 p.m 3:30 p.m.	Topics	1. Understanding Fats: Good VS Bad – Dr. Sylvia Lam
Topic	Myofascial Pain Syndrome (2) – Dr. Ngai Ho Yin, Allen Free for Members		Therapeutic Strategies to Prevent Diabetic Nephropathy – The ROADMAP Study Is BP < 120/70
Admission			mm Hg a Good Control? – Prof. Jan Menne
Accreditation	1 CME point HVCEP (Cat. 4.2)	Admission	Free for Members
Accreditation	1 CME point HKCFP (Cat. 4.2) 1 CME point MCHK Up to 2 CPD points (Subject to submission of satisfactory report of Professional Development Log)	Accreditation	1 CME point HKCFP (Cat. 4.2)
			1 CME point MCHK
			Up to 2 CPD points (Subject to submission of satisfactory report of Professional Development Log)
Language	Lecture will be conducted in Cantonese.	Language	Lecture will be conducted in English.

Community Education Programme

Open and free to all members HKCFP CME points accreditation (Cat 5.2)

Date/Time/CME	Venue	Topic/Speaker/Co-organizer	Registration
12 Jan 2013	Training Room II, 1/F, OPD Block, Our	Updating Breast Problems Management Dr. Chiu Ying Wah SMO OMLH, Department of Surgery	Ms. Clara Tsang
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Lady of Maryknoll Hospital, 118 Shatin		Tel: 2354 2440
2 CME points	Pass Road, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon		Fax: 2327 6852

Structured Education Programmes

Free to members

HKCFP CME points accreditation (Cat 4.3)

Date/Time/CME	Venue	Topic/Speaker(s)	Registration	
27 Dec 12 (Thur)				
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Auditorium, G/F, Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Personal Data Ordinance	Ms. Cordy Wong	
3 CME points		Dr. Leung Yuen Kin and Dr. Fan Wing Chi	Tel: 3513 3087	
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen	Community Resources on Work Stress	Ms. Eliza Chan	
2 CME points	Mun Hospital	Dr. Ip Chung Ho	Tel: 2468 6813	
02 Jan 13 (Wed)				
2:15 – 4:45 p.m.	E1034AB, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun	Family Medicine Training in Hong Kong	Ms. Eliza Chan	
3 CME points	Hospital	Dr. Lau Lai Na	Tel: 2468 6813	
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Multi-media Conference Room, 2/F, Block S,	Consultation Process, Models of Consultation	Ms. Cordy Wong	
3 CME points	United Christian Hospital	Dr. Ho Pui Gi and Dr. Wan Pui Chu	Tel: 3513 3087	
5:15 – 7:15 p.m.	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Common Urological Conditions, and Discussion	Ms. Man Chan	
2 CME points		Dr. Yiu Ming Kwong	Tel: 2589 2337	
03 Jan 13 (Thur)				
2:15 – 5:15 p.m. 3 CME points	Auditorium, G/F, Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Consultation Process, Models of Consultation Dr. Kwong Lok See and Dr. Chung Sze Ting	Ms. Cordy Wong Tel: 3513 3087	
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen	What Makes a Competent Family Physician	Ms. Eliza Chan	
2 CME points	Mun Hospital	Dr. Lai Siu Wai	Tel: 2468 6813	
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Room 041, 2/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole	Hyperlipidaemia & Familial Hyperlipidaemia	Ms. Kwong	
2 CME points	Eastern Hospital	Dr. Choy Yi Chun, Vanessa	Tel: 2595 6941	

09 Jan 13 (Wed)			
2:15 – 4:45 p.m.	E1034AB, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Counselling in Primary Care Setting	Ms. Eliza Chan
3 CME points		Dr. Cheng Chui Ching	Tel: 2468 6813
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Multi-media Conference Room, 2/F, Block S,	Journal Club (EBM related)	Ms. Cordy Wong
3 CME points	United Christian Hospital	Dr. Chan Kam Sum and Dr. Mok Ka Yee	Tel: 3513 3087
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Seminar Room, 3/F, Li Ka Shing Specialist	Psychological Problems in Elderly	Ms. Crystal Law
3 CME points	Clinic, Prince of Wales Hospital	Dr. Wong Hiu Lap	Tel: 2632 4021
5:15 – 7:15 p.m. 2 CME points	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Care of Patient with Common Heart Diseases (IHD/AF/CHF) in GOPC Setting Dr. Carol long	Ms. Man Chan Tel: 2589 2337
10 Jan 13 (Thur)			
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Auditorium, G/F, Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Journal Club (EBM related)	Ms. Cordy Wong
3 CME points		Dr. Zhu Guixia and Dr. Ng Hoi Ling	Tel: 3513 3087
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen	Counselling in Primary Care Setting	Ms. Eliza Chan
2 CME points	Mun Hospital	Dr. Ip Chung Ho	Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Room 041, 2/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole	Approach to Abnormal Results: Immunology Dr. Cheng Long Yee, Eva	Ms. Kwong
2 CME points	Eastern Hospital		Tel: 2595 6941
16 Jan 13 (Wed)			
2:15 – 4:45 p.m.	E1034AB, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	Healthy Lifestyle	Ms. Eliza Chan
3 CME points		Dr. Liu Chung Wo	Tel: 2468 6813
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Multi-media Conference Room, 2/F, Block S,	Infections Diseases and Infection Control in Hospital / Community Dr. Luk Wei Kwang Journal Club (Infections Disease / Infection Control Related) Dr. Lo Ka Kit	Ms. Cordy Wong
3 CME points	United Christian Hospital		Tel: 3513 3087
5:15 – 7:15 p.m.	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Medical Council, MPS and Other Insurances	Ms. Man Chan
2 CME points		Dr. Tseung Kwan Hang	Tel: 2589 2337
17 Jan 13 (Thur)			
2:15 – 5:15 p.m. 3 CME points	Auditorium, G/F, Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Infections Diseases and Infection Control in Hospital / Community Dr. Luk Wei Kwang Journal Club (Infections Disease / Infection Control Related) Dr. Tsui Wing Hang	Ms. Cordy Wong Tel: 3513 3087
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen	Health Care Delivery Systems in Switzerland Dr. So Chi Kin	Ms. Eliza Chan
2 CME points	Mun Hospital		Tel: 2468 6813
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Room 041, 2/F, Pamela Youde Nethersole	Introduction to Clinical Psychology Service	Ms. Kwong
2 CME points	Eastern Hospital	Dr. Wu Xiao Qing	Tel: 2595 6941
23 Jan 13 (Wed)			
2:15 – 4:45 p.m.	E1034AB, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital	The Red Book: Professional Code & Conduct	Ms. Eliza Chan
3 CME points		Dr. Tong Ka Hung	Tel: 2468 6813
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Multi-media Conference Room, 2/F, Block S,	Update on Management of Dementia	Ms. Cordy Wong
3 CME points	United Christian Hospital	Dr. Wong Sze Kei & Dr. Lo Alvina	Tel: 3513 3087
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Seminar Room, 3/F, Li Ka Shing Specialist	Genogram	Ms. Crystal Law
3 CME points	Clinic, Prince of Wales Hospital	Dr. Lee Sum	Tel: 2632 4021
5:15 – 7:15 p.m. 2 CME points	Lecture Theatre, 6/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital	Management of Common Peri-menopausal Problems in OPD Setting Dr. Lai Sum Yin	Ms. Man Chan Tel: 2589 2337
24 Jan 13 (Thur)			
2:15 – 5:15 p.m.	Auditorium, G/F, Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Update on Management of Dementia	Ms. Cordy Wong
3 CME points		Dr. Cheung Yan Kit & Dr. Lee Tin Wai	Tel: 3513 3087
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Room 614, Ambulatory Care Centre, Tuen	Common Medical Legal Issues in Primary Care Setting	Ms. Eliza Chan
2 CME points	Mun Hospital	Dr. Lee Kar Fai	Tel: 2468 6813

Osteoporosis in Practice

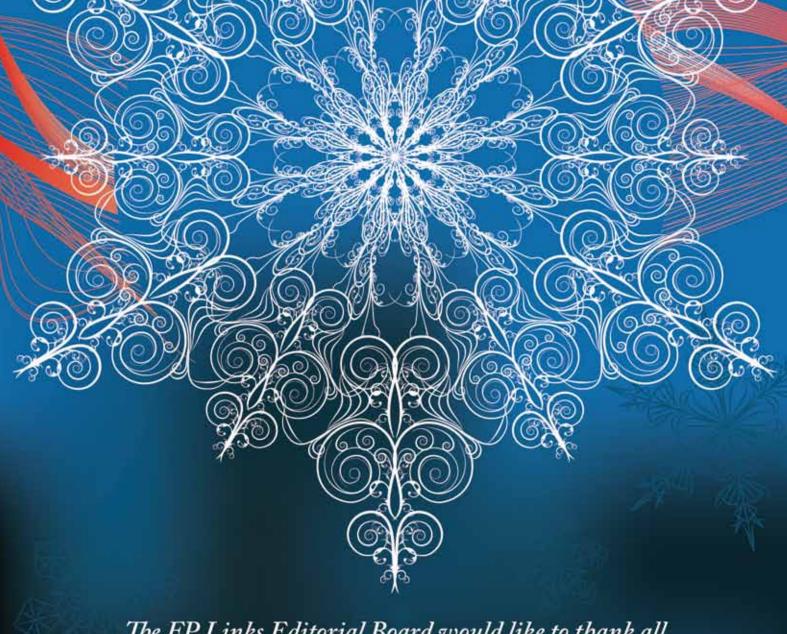
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5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 CME points

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Wishing you all

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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