



Nurturing Specialists for
30 Years: Guarding the
Health of the Community

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Introduction on Postgraduate Specialist Training

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About us

Established in **1993**, the Academy as **a statutory body** has been tasked with organising, monitoring, assessing and accrediting all medical and dental specialist training in Hong Kong.

Statutory power of the Academy



- Admits registered medical and dental practitioners as **Fellows** if they fulfill the training and examination requirements of the Academy
- **Determines CME requirements** for the Specialist Register
 - According to the Medical Registration Ordinance and Dentists Registration Ordinance, a specialist must fulfill the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements if he/ she wishes to **maintain his/her name in the Specialist Register.**

Objectives of the Academy

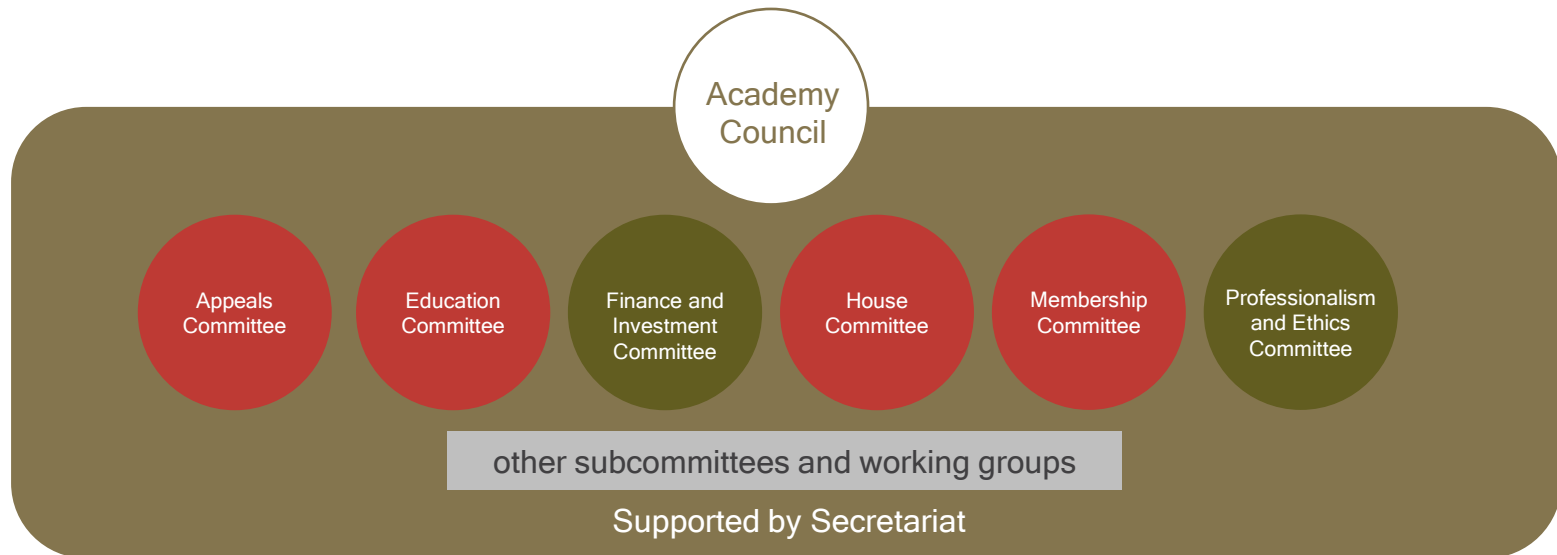


- To promote the **advancement** of the art and science of medicine
- To foster the development of **continuing medical education**
- To promote the **integrity** of the medical profession and improve the **standards** of such practice
- To promote the **improvement of health care** for Hong Kong citizens
- To foster a spirit of **co-operation** among medical practitioners
- To facilitate the **exchange** of information and ideas in relation to the art and science of medicine



Management structure

- Managed by a Council currently consisting of 6 Officers, 15 Ex Officio members (College Presidents) and 5 elected Council members
- Committees formed under the Council to carry out different functions for the Academy



15 Specialty Colleges

More than 9,000 Fellows
(as of August 2023)



麻醉科
Anaesthesiologists



社会医学
Community Medicine



牙科
Dental Surgeons



急症科
Emergency Medicine



家庭医学
Family Physicians



妇产科
Obstetricians &
Gynaecologists



眼科
Ophthalmologists



骨科
Orthopaedic Surgeons



耳鼻喉科
Otorhinolaryngologists



儿科
Paediatricians



病理科
Pathologists



内科
Physicians



精神科
Psychiatrists



放射科
Radiologists

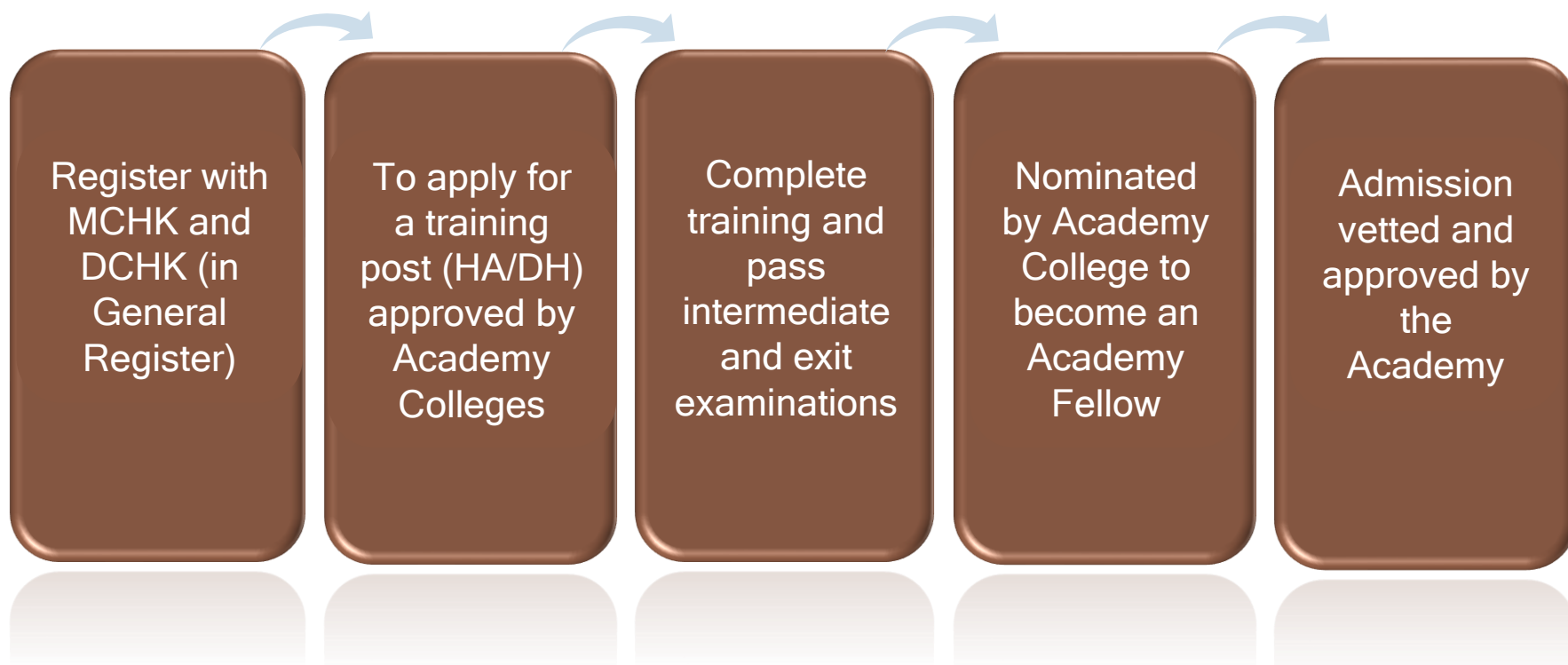


外科
Surgeons

Number of medical specialties: 64

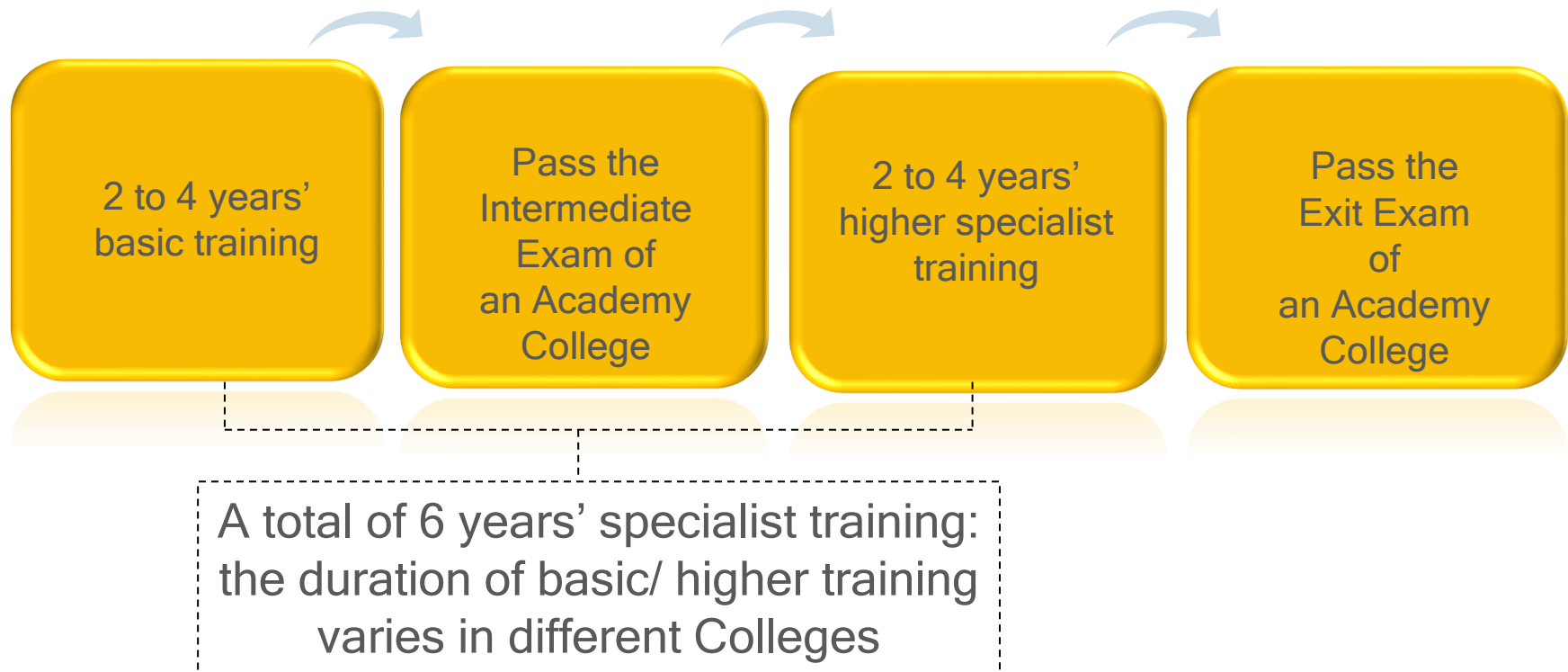
Number of dental specialties: 8

Becoming an Academy Fellow





Specialist Training & Examinations

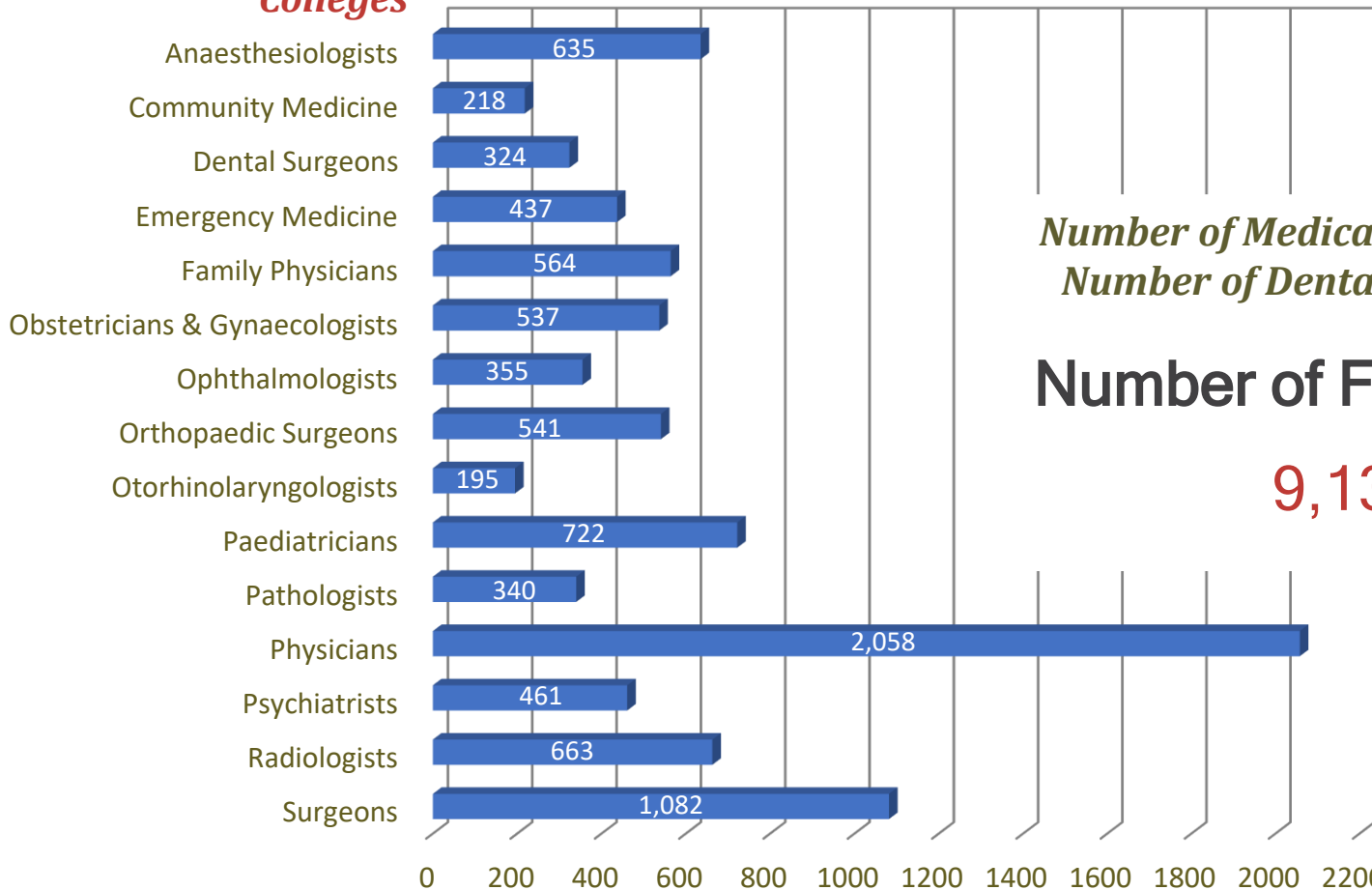




Fellowship statistics by specialties

(as of Aug 2023)

Colleges



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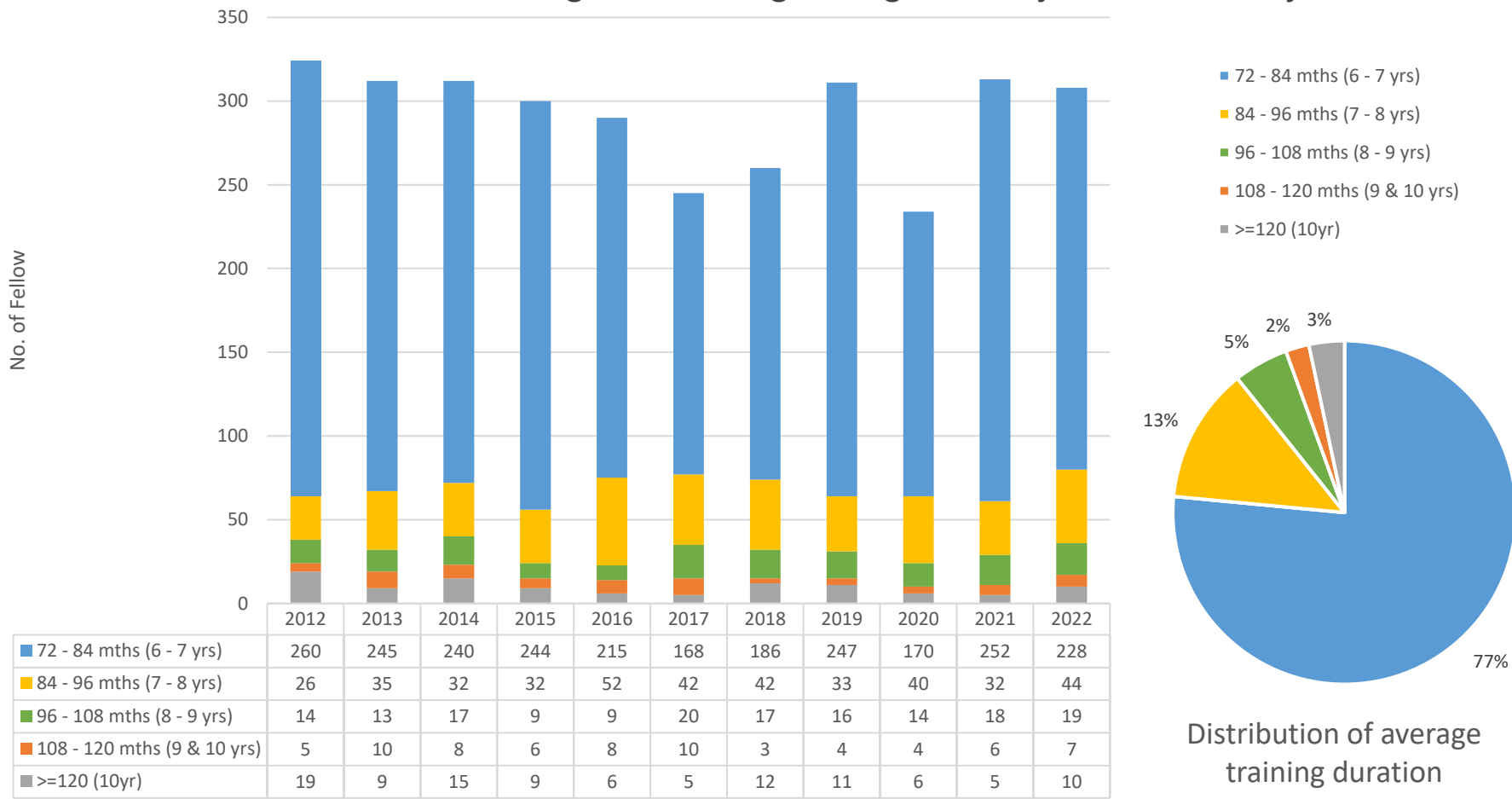
Number of Fellowships

9,132

Number of Fellowships

Specialist training duration (2012 – 2022)

From Basic to Higher training recognised by the Academy



Fellowship Statistics (2012 - 2022)

Academy Fellows by Colleges



College	2012	2022	Increase
Anaesthesiologists	406	606	49%
Community Medicine	148	215	45%
Dental Surgeons	245	326	33%
Emergency Medicine	287	424	48%
Family Physicians	344	539	57%
Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	421	524	24%
Ophthalmologists	242	344	42%
Orthopaedic Surgeons	361	527	46%
Otorhinolaryngologists	140	190	36%
Paediatricians	546	703	29%
Pathologists	249	328	32%
Physicians	1,414	1,987	41%
Psychiatrists	281	448	59%
Radiologists	412	632	53%
Surgeons	753	1,051	40%
Grand Total	6,249	8,844	42%



CME / CPD Principles and Guidelines

- First mandatory CME cycle commenced in **1996**
- **All Fellows must fulfill** CME / CPD requirements to maintain their Fellowship.
- Fellows are required to obtain **90 points in a 3-year cycle** with a minimum of **15 “active” points**
- Failure to do so will result in **removal** of Academy Fellowship (and removal of one’s name from Specialist Register)

Public Healthcare System in Hong Kong



Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

- Train medical and dental specialists
- Organise, monitor, assess and accredit medical and dental **specialist training**
- Develop and uphold the training standard of specialists
- Vet training qualifications of candidates applying for specialist registration



Medical Council of Hong Kong/ Dental Council of Hong Kong

- Monitor medical/ dentist registrations on both **the General Register and Specialist Register**
- Regulate the ethical conduct of doctors/ dentists

Hospital Authority

- Major **training sites** (Department of Health also provides training sites)
- Its hospitals offer training posts for specialist training as well as providing healthcare services to the public



List of CME / CPD activities



- Attend formal college approved activities
- Chair sessions or make presentations at CME activities
- Self-study
- Publication
- Research
- Development of new technologies or services
- Undergraduate and postgraduate training
- Conduct examinations
- Postgraduate course

List of CME / CPD activities



- Development of CME / CPD or knowledge-translation materials
- Quality assurance and audits
- Activities for improvement of patient / medical care
- Grand rounds in training units
- Reviewers of Hong Kong Medical Journal, journals of Academy Colleges and other indexed journals
- Hands-on clinical attachment programme
- Other non-medical professional development programme

Young Fellows Chapter (YFC)



Established in 2017

Aims to nurture future healthcare leaders by involving young Fellows in various activities and affairs of the Academy & allowing members to better understand the objectives and work of the Academy.




Formed by the representatives from 15 constituent Colleges
HKAM Fellowship was conferred within the past 10 years



Chicken Soup of Doctor's Soul
心靈雞湯




Moving towards a greener future



GREENING HEALTHCARE IN PRACTICE

HKAM YFC WEBINAR
CME EVENT BY YOUNG FELLOWS CHAPTER
19th MAY 2023 (Friday)
HKT 19:00 - 21:30



Continuing Medical Education Webinars



Training & Workshop

Chocolate Tasting Workshop
REAL chocolate



Learn, through tasting, how quality, origin, freshness, concentration and sugar affect the taste of chocolate while also hearing about the darker side of the mainstream chocolate industry.

\$270 inclusive of samples and a box of 8 pralines

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Press

- Academy's Press office established in October 2002
- Provide professional publishing services for a wide range of publications in Hong Kong and internationally, including journals, books and newsletters
- Academy's publication, *Hong Kong Medical Journal*, being co-published with Hong Kong Medical Association bimonthly; 2022 impact factor: 3.7 (Clarivate, 2023)

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Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine (HKJC ILCM)

- Established in 2013
- Provide innovative simulation-based learning and research for safe and quality patient care
- Affiliation with the Center for Medical Simulation
- Being evolved to further support the Academy's postgraduate medical education as a whole



Hong Kong Jockey Club
Innovative Learning Centre
for Medicine



Facilities at HKJC ILCM





Professionalism and Ethics Committee

Established in March 2019

- **identify, examine and bring forward issues of ethical importance** deserving the attention
 - **collaborate** with relevant external organisations on ethical issues related to the practice of specialty medicine and dentistry, public policy and other Academy matters
 - formulate relevant **code of conduct** on the practice of individual specialty where applicable
 - Review the provision of **relevant training**





Professionalism and Ethics Committee



Developing Best Practices



CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF REGISTERED
MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

MEDICAL COUNCIL OF HONG KONG

(Revised in January 2016)

Unlike MCHK's "red book", the Academy's Best Practice Guidelines will not be prescriptive, but provide guideline which aim to complement the regulatory Code of Professional Conduct.

Facilities at the Academy



A multi-functional building with various facilities





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