

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE



annual report
2002 - 2003



college's mission



1. Advance the art and science of medicine
2. Discuss medical and scientific problems
3. Organise post-graduate courses and encourage participation by family physicians
4. Teach family medicine to undergraduate and post-graduate students
5. Promote and maintain standards in family medicine
6. Encourage and assist young people in preparing and establishing themselves in family practice
7. Preserve the right of family physicians to engage in procedures that they are qualified to do
8. Provide and support academic posts and programmes in family medicine
9. Bestow accreditations in recognition of proficiency in family medicine



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CORPORATE INFORMATION

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: Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
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Chairman : A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
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Members : Dr Lee Kheng Hock
: Dr Tan See Leng
: Dr Yii Hee Seng
Advisors : Dr Wong Heck Sing
: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
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: Dr Loo Choon Yong

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Honorary Treasurer	: Dr Wong Weng Hong
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REPORT OF THE 18th COUNCIL

For The Period 1 April 2002 – 31 March 2003

The end of the work year saw the beginning of the SARS Outbreak. It is a watershed event that will forever change the practice of medicine. The College is committing all its available resources to help in our nation's fight against SARS. At the time of writing a hive of activity is in progress and this will be reported in the following year.

The Council and the various Standing Committees are pleased to report the highlights of the activities of the College in the year ending 31 March 2003.



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Council member



Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian
Council member

Raising Academic Standards In Family Medicine.....

Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine

The Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine programme has become de rigueur standard of essential training in the discipline of family medicine. It is jointly organized by the College of Family Physicians Singapore and the Division of Graduate Medical Studies, National University of Singapore. It is a comprehensive 2-year programme that is divided into 8 modules of studies, 32 workshops, 4 clinical courses and 8 tutorials.

July 2002 saw the induction of the 3rd intake of trainees. The numbers of trainees admitted was at an all time high of 69.

The first GDFM examination was conducted over a 2-day period on 27th and 28th July 2002. There were 44 candidates.

The examinations consist the following:

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| • A 2-hour multiple choice question paper | 25% |
| • A 1-hour key feature problem theory paper | 25% |
| • A 2-hour Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) | 50% |

The College would like to congratulate the following doctors for successfully completing the programme and attaining the GDFM (Singapore) qualification which is recognised by the Singapore Medical Council as a registrable and displayable additional medical qualification.

Recipients of GDFM (Singapore):

Dr Anbumalar Ramiah	Dr Loo Choo Choon Andrew
Dr Aw Lee Fhoon Lily	Dr Masayu Zainab Bte Masagos Mohd
Dr Chay Wai Mun Jason	Dr Ng Delvin
Dr Chia Hong Chye Vincent	Dr Ng Seo Peng Christine
Dr Chong Tsung Wei	Dr Ong Eu Jin Roy
Dr Chua Kok Keong	Dr Radiah Binti Salim
Dr Eng Soo Kiang	Dr Ong Lan Fang Rebecca
Dr Kothagoda Henry	Dr Sarani Bte Omar
Dr Ho Chiuen Leey Victor	Dr See Toh Kwok Yee
Dr Howe Wen Li	Dr Siew Chee Weng
Dr Hui Seng Yin	Dr Soh Soon Beng
Dr Iskandar Bin Idris (<i>GDFM book prize recipient</i>)	Dr Tan Li Mei Joanna
Dr Koh Sien Ming Michael	Dr Tan Peck Kiang Angela
Dr Koh Thuan Wee	Dr Teo Hui Ling
Dr Lee Khai Weng Michael	Dr Teo Yi Jin
Dr Lee Woon Lin	Dr Tey Colin
Dr Ler Teng Noh Diana	Dr Tham Tat Yean
Dr Lim Heuk Yew	Dr Wu Ming Jark Basil
Dr Long Li Chern Iris	Dr Yap Siong Yew Mark
Dr Long Mei Ling	Dr Yong Molly

The College would like to express our appreciation to the following doctors who had contributed to the success of this programme.

Examiners of the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine:

A/Prof Chan Nang Fong	Dr Lee Kheng Hock
A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean	Dr Leong Soh Sum, Helen
A/Prof Goh Lee Gan	Dr Lim Fong Seng
Dr Lau Hong Choon	Dr Lim Jen Pei
A/Prof Lim Lean Huat	Dr Lim Kah Choo, Carol
Dr Alfred Loh	Dr Lim Lee Kiang, Julian
Dr Chang Ming Yu, James	Dr Lim Liang Boon
Dr Cheong Seng Kwing	Dr Lok Ying Fang
Dr Chong Phui-Nah	Dr Loong Tze Wey
Dr Dairianathan Justina	Dr Low Mun Heng, Gerard
Dr Damodaran, Ajith	Dr Low Sze Sen
Dr Doraisamy Gowri	Dr Moti Vaswani
Dr Ee Guan Liang, Adrian	Dr Siaw Tung Yeng
Dr Goh Choon Kee, Shirley	Dr Swah Teck Sin
Dr Goh Soo Chye, Paul	Dr Tan Chee Beng
Dr Henry Yeo	Dr Tan Heng Kwang
Dr Huan Meng Wah	Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
Dr Khemani Neeta Parshotam	Dr Tan Yu Sing, Lucienne
Dr Kurup Bina	Dr Tay Ee Guan
Dr Kwan Yew Seng	Dr Wong See Hong
Dr Lee Ai Ming, Audrey	Dr Yii Hee Seng

Invigilators of the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine:

Dr Moira Goh	Dr Winnie Soon
Dr Barry Thng Lip Mong	Dr Tan See Leng
Dr Goh Khean Teik	Dr Ruth Lim Mien Choo
Dr Matthew Ng	Dr Wong Song Ung
Dr Tan Kok Leong	Dr Chow Mun Hong
Dr Michael Wong	

Tutors of the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine Programme:

Dr Cheong Seng Kwing	Dr Loke Kam Weng
Dr Chia Tee Hien	Dr Loong Tze Wey
Dr Chin Swee Aun	Dr Low Chee Wah Mark
Dr Chow Mun Hong	Dr Low Mun Heng Gerald
Dr Chua Chi Siong	Dr Low Sze Sen
Dr Colin Ngeow	Dr Ng Chung Wai
Dr Ee Guan Liang Adrian	Dr Pang Sze Kang Jonathan
Dr Goh Choon Kee Shirley	Dr Shah Mitesh
Dr Goh Khean Theik	Dr Siaw Tung Yeng
Dr Goh Soo Chye Paul	Dr Soon Shok Wen Winnie
Dr Ho Han Kwee	Dr Swah Teck Sin
Dr Kalaimamani D/O Kanagasabai	Dr Tan Choon Seng Gilbert
Dr Kang Aik Kiang	Dr Tan Kee Wang
Dr Khemani Neeta Parshotam	Dr Tan Kim Eng
Dr Koh Choon Huat Gerald	Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
Dr Koh Kheng Keah Philip	Dr Tan See Leng

Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Dr Kwong Kum Hoong
Dr Lam Wai Khin
Dr Lee Soon Seng
Dr Leong Soh Sum Helen
Dr Lew Yii Jen
Dr Lim Fong Seng
Dr Lim Hui Ling
Dr Lim Mien Choo Ruth

Dr Tan Swee Lian Yvette
Dr Tan Yu Sing Lucienne
Dr Tay Ee Guan
Dr Theng Thiam Seng Colin
Dr Thng Lip Mong Barry
Dr Tse Wan Lung Derek
Dr Wong Tack Keong Michael
Dr Yung Charlotte

Since the beginning in 2000, the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine is rapidly evolving, becoming more learner centered and interactive with each transformation. An e-learning component will be introduced in the June 2003 intake. By 2004 it will become a full e-learning programme supplemented by face-to-face seminars, tutorials and skills courses.

Award of The Collegiate Membership of The College of Family Physicians Singapore (MCFPS)

The MCFP(S) is a prestigious academic award bestowed by the College on well trained family physicians in recognition of their academic achievement and professional development. Criteria for admission to the collegiate membership include:

1. member of the College of Family Physicians for at least two years
2. possess MMed (FM) Singapore
3. active in attending CME and has been certified by SMC for the past two years
4. is actively involved in teaching Family Medicine and College activities (e.g. postgraduate training, undergraduate teaching in Family Medicine) for at least a year and willing to tutor in the Graduate Diploma In FM Programme.
5. approve after an interview with the Board of Censors

This year six members of the College were awarded the MCFP(S). We would like to congratulate the following members for achieving this honour:

Dr Charlotte K Yung
Dr Goh Chin Ai Moira Clare
Dr Kalaimamani d/o Kanagasabai

Dr Kang Aik Kiang
Dr Lim Hui Ling
Dr Ling Yee Kiang



Award of Fellow of The College of Family Physicians Singapore (FCFPS)

The Fellowship Award by assessment is the highest academic qualification for family physicians in Singapore. In 1998, the Fellowship by Assessment programme was started. Potential candidates for this award must successfully complete a demanding 2-year assessment programme and an exit viva voce examination. This year saw the 2nd cohort of successful candidates reaching this Zenith of success in family medicine training. The following members were conferred with the Fellowship on 27th October 2002.

List of FCFPS recipients:

Dr Chong Phui-Nah
Dr Chow Mun Hong
Dr Goh Choon Kee Shirley
Dr Goh Khean Teik
Dr Leong Soh Sum Helen

Dr Lim Fong Seng
Dr Ng Joo Ming Matthew
Dr Tan See Leng
Dr Tay Ee Guan
Dr Thng Lip Mong Barry



New Fellows (standing) with College council members.
(Absent: New Fellows - Dr Helen Leong and Dr Tay Ee Guan)

Institute of Family Medicine And The Development of An Independent Academic Department of The Family Medicine In The University

At the last annual general meeting the idea of forming an Institute of Family Medicine within the College was mooted. The Council is pleased to announce that the Institute of Family Medicine had been created. In August 2002, A/Prof Goh Lee Gan was appointed as the Consultant to the Institute of Family Medicine. He is assisted by our Executive Director, Dr Lee Kheng Hock. The role of the IFM is to develop the academic programmes of the College.

On the 9th February 2003 the new logo of the IFM was inaugurated. The logo was designed by Mr Jonathan Leong, a student in the Mass Communications course of the Ngee Ann Polytechnic



Above: Logo for Institute of Family Medicine



CFPS President - A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean (on right)
presenting the certificate of appreciate to Mr Jonathan
Leong.

Improving The Standard of Primary Health Care.....

Continuing Medical Education

Continuing Medical Education in Singapore became compulsory in 2003. After some initial misgivings over administrative issues, it is now widely accepted as a positive development that will lead to greater public confidence in the medical profession.

The Singapore Medical Council had been in close consultation with the College as well as the Academy of Medicine and the Singapore Medical Association during the planning phase of this initiative.

The College was tasked to implement a system of evaluation and accreditation of CME events organized for all family physicians in Singapore. Under the direct leadership of our President A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, a comprehensive system of evaluating and accrediting CME programmes had been implemented.

E-Learning

As was reported in the last annual general meeting, the College is developing an e-learning programme which should be ready in 2003. Dr Lee Kheng Hock was appointed the Director of the Programme. Ms Emily Lim, our Senior Administrative Executive is the programme's Project Manager. A credible team of College members had been formed to develop content for the programme.

We are pleased to report that the e-learning programme is on track and the first module is slated for launch in July 2003. The launch of the programme will be preceded by a live webcast on 24th May 2003. This would be the first live webcast to doctors in Singapore. The elearning programme will be partially funded by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore.



The comprehensive CME by e-learning programme will have 4 modules a year. Each module comprises interactive question and answers as well as streaming videos. In view of the SARS outbreak, and in line with the College policy of mobilizing resources to fight SARS, the content is undergoing revamp to make it useful in training doctors to fight SARS. The course fee for the e-learning programme is aimed at cost recovery and ensuring long-term sustainability. However, it was decided that the first module should be made free in the interest of training our doctors to fight SARS.



Family Practice Skills Course

Except with the Ministry of Health, the Academy of Medicine and the Singapore Medical Association, the College no longer co-organises or provides nominal sponsorship for any CME programmes. Instead the College now focuses on its role in evaluation and accreditation as well as to encourage organizers to produce balanced and relevant programmes for family physicians.

The College will concentrate its resources on producing skills courses that are relevant to its structured training programmes. This would be open to family physicians as CME courses as well.

A series of family practice skills courses were planned, with a roll out of two per calendar year. However due to overwhelming demand and request, this had been increased to an expected four per year.

Components of the Course:

- Distance learning course – six units
- Two Seminars
- One Clinical Teaching Session
- Reading papers on Hypertension: A Selection of 10 papers will be presented. Course participants are advised to choose up to five for self-study.

The components may vary from course to course according to requirements. The following are courses that are planned for 2003.

- Basic Home Health Care Course
- Asthma
- Hypertension
- Bone and Joint Disorders

Basic Home Health Care Course

The first family practice skills course was conducted on 25th January 2003 at the Ang Mo Kio Community Hospital. Initially planned for a smaller group of doctors, the capacity was stretched to include 48 doctors. Due to overwhelming response, a second run of the course had to be quickly organized on 8th March 2003 to cope with the demand for more places.

The College was honoured to have Dr Richard Geeves to deliver an opening address at the start of the course. Dr Geeves was the first external examiner for the MCGP examinations. He was also awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the College for his contribution to the development of family medicine in Singapore. Dr Geeves spoke on his experience as a physician providing home health care to elderly patients in Australia and how his experience can be translated into lessons for Singapore.



Dr Geeves (left) with Dr Wong Heck Sing

Asthma Course

The second in the series of family practice skills course was conducted over two consecutive Sundays on 9th and 16th February 2003 at College of Medicine Building. The course again was oversubscribed despite increasing the intake to 100 participants. Similarly a second run of the course had to be conducted on the 23rd February and the 2nd March.



Contributing To Nation Building.....

Representation In National Committees And Programme

As the body representing family medicine in Singapore, the College plays an important consultancy role to many community and grass root organizations. We were often called upon to provide information to the media, various organizations and even members of the public.

In the past year the College had been invited to participate and send representatives to many workgroups and committees, including the following:

- SMC CME Co-ordination Committee (A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean)
- Family Life Ambassador Programme, Ministry of Community Development and Sports
- National Cervical Cancer Screening Programme, Health Promotion Board (Dr Bina Kurup)
- Dialogue Session on the Proposed Factories and other Workplaces Act, Ministry of Manpower (Dr Tan Chee Beng)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Anxiety Disorders Workgroup (A/Prof Goh Lee Gan)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Hormone Replacement Therapy Workgroup.(Dr Ling Yee Kiang)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Hypertension Review Workgroup (Dr Ruth Lim Mien Choo)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Stroke Review Workgroup (Dr Kalaimamani d/o Kanagasabai)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on H. Pylori Infection Review Workgroup (Dr Jonathan Pang)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Obesity Workgroup (Dr Tan Kok Leong)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Coronary Syndromes Workgroup (Dr Tan Kim Eng)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Colorectal Cancer Workgroup (Dr Kang Aik Kiang)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Diabetic Retinopathy Workgroup (A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Health Screening Workgroup (A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines on Heart Failure Workgroup (Dr Tan Boon Yeow)
- Workgroup on Elder Abuse Prevention SAGE Counselling Centre
- Breastfeeding Mothers' Support Group (Dr Charlotte Yung)
- Standards Committee, Singapore Productivity and Standards Board

Leading The Family Medicine Fraternity.....

Restructuring of The College Secretariat

The College will be implementing a new computerized database system that will improve the administrative functions of the Secretariat. This system will be deployed in June-July 2003. This system is partially funded by SPRING under the LETAS scheme.

Dr Lee Kheng Hock has been appointed as the Executive Director of the College for the term of one year.

A/Prof Goh Lee Gan has been appointed as the Consultant to the Institute of Family Medicine.

WONCA Invitational Research Conference On Family Medicine (8-11 March 2003, Kingston, Canada)

The College was invited to send two representatives to this world conference on developing family medicine research. Dr Matthew Ng and Dr Ruth Lim represented the College in this conference. Valuable lessons were gained from the exchange of experience and information on family medicine research with our international colleagues.

Visit of Professor Rick Botelho, NUS Visiting Professorial Fellow In Family Medicine

Professor Rick Bothello, Visiting Professor in Family Medicine was invited by the NUS Medical Faculty to conduct a review of Family Medicine development and training in Singapore. He visited our College on 5th September 2002 and had many subsequent discussions on the subject of family medicine development in Singapore. Professor Bothello also gave a lecture on Skills Training on Behavioral Modification on 11th September 2002 at our College Lecture Room.



Professor Rick Botelho visited the College and gave a talk on "Skill Training On Behavioural Modification" at the College's Lecture Room on 13 September 2002.

Visit of Professor Sean Hilton, Dean of St George's Medical School



Professor Sean Hilton visited the College on 18th January 2003. Prof Hilton shared with the College leadership the changes that have taken place in the UK's undergraduate programme. This discussion also covered vocational training and the different methods of teaching that can be used to improve training of family medicine trainees. Besides renewing ties, the visit allowed and exchange of ideas in improving our respective training programmes.

Visit of Dr Andrew Vallance-Owen, Deputy Chairman BUPA Foundation



BUPA Foundation is an independent non-profit, medical research organisation that helps to fund research projects in the prevention, relief and cure of diseases. On the 29th January 2003, its Deputy Chairman Dr Andrew Vallance-Owen visited the College to discuss issues related to research in primary care.

Developing An International System of Continuing Professional Development Recognition

Dr Dennis Wentz of the American Medical Association met up with our College representatives in September 2002 to discuss the possibility of developing an international system of mutually recognized CME credits. This is in anticipation of the advent of mandatory CME in more and more countries. This will also be helpful for doctors who attend overseas conferences as well as those who may be working overseas for long periods of time. A joint letter of intent was signed between the AMA, the CFPS, AM and the SMA.

Visit of Dr Chit Htun, Lecturer and Consultant Physician At Insein General Hospital, Myanmar

Dr Chit Htun, is a consultant physician and a lecturer from Myanmar. He was here in Singapore to receive the WHO Fellowship award for training in family medicine for 8 weeks. Part of his training programme was hosted by the College.



Joint Memorandum On Strengthening The Professional Medical Bodies

The College of Family Physicians Singapore, the Academy of Medicine and the Singapore Medical Association signed a joint memorandum of understanding. The memorandum is an affirmation of the commitment to work together for the greater good of the medical profession.

College SARS Workgroup

The SARS outbreak posed an unprecedented threat to the health of the people of Singapore. It is a new and highly infectious disease. There was an urgent need to collate and disseminate information. There were also urgent matters of logistics and infection control. The College SARS Workgroup was formed to link up primary health care providers. Its objective is to collect information from the ground and develop strategies to help the nation in its fight against SARS. The knowledge of ground level problems proved invaluable in providing feedback and information to the Ministry of Health. The workgroup was formed on 28th March 2003 at the initiative of the College. The members of the group are:

College SARS workgroup members:

A/Prof Chan Nang Fong
Consultant Family Physician, Peace Medical Clinic

A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
President, College of Family Physicians

Dr Shanta Emmanuel
Chief Executive Officer, NHG Polyclinics

A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
Consultant, Institute of Family Medicine

Dr Khor Chin Kee
Medical Director, Healthway Medical Group

Dr Lawrence Ng
Medical-Legal Advisor, Medical Protection Society (MPS)

Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Executive Director, College of Family Physicians

Dr Jonathan Pang Sze Kang
Senior Family Physician, Everhealth Family Clinic

Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Vice-President, College of Family Physicians

Dr Tan Chee Beng
Chief Executive Officer, Singhealth Polyclinics

Dr Tan See Leng
Acting CEO, BUPA Healthcare Singapore

Dr Jason Yap Soo Kor
Deputy Medical Director, Shenton Medical Group

Dr Yii Hee Seng
Deputy Medical Director, Raffles Medical Group

Activities of The Standing Committees

Please see respective reports.

College Membership

The College of Family Physicians Singapore is the national body representing all family physicians in matters pertaining to standards and professional development. Membership is voluntary and is recognized as a mark of commitment to the family medicine fraternity and the ideals of family medicine.

Admission to higher grades of membership such as ordinary membership, collegiate membership and fellowship are accorded only to family physicians who had satisfied strict requirements of professional experience and academic achievements.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

(As of 31 March 2003)

HONORARY FELLOWS

1. Clinical Professor Chee Yam Cheng
2. Dr Chen Ai Ju
3. Professor Fabb Wesley E
4. Dr Geeves Richard B
5. Dr Kwa Soon Bee
6. Dr Lam Sian Lian
7. Datuk (Dr) Lim Kee Jin
8. Professor Lim Pin
9. Dato (Dr) R Balasundaram
10. Dr Rajakumar M K
11. Dr Syed Mahmood Bin Syed Hussain
12. Professor Tock Peng Chong, Edward

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1. Dr Chan Nang Fong
2. Dr Chan Swee Mong, Paul
3. Dr Chang Ming Yu, James
4. Dr Chong Phui-Nah
5. Dr Chow Mun Hong
6. A/Professor Cheong Pak Yean
7. Dr Goh Choon Kee, Shirley
8. Dr Goh Khean Teik
9. A/Professor Goh Lee Gan
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11. Dr Hanam Evelyn
12. Dr Koh Eng Kheng
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14. Dr Lau Hong Choon
15. Dr Lim Lee Kiang, Julian
16. Dr Lee Kheng Hock
17. Dr Lee Suan Yew
18. Dr Leong Soh Sum, Helen
19. Dr Leong Vie Chung
20. Dr Lim Fong Seng
21. Dr Lim Kim Leong
22. A/Professor Lim Lean Huat
23. Dr Ling Sing Lin
24. Dr Loh Wee Tiong, Alfred
25. Dr Ng Joo Ming, Matthew
26. Dr Ong Chooi Peng
27. Dr Siaw Tung Yeng
28. Dr Soh Cheow Beng, Aloysius

29. Dr Swah Teck Sin
30. Dr Tan Chee Beng
31. Dr Tan See Leng
32. Dr Tay Ee Guan
33. Dr Thng Lip Mong, Barry
34. Dr Vaswani Moti Hassaram
35. Dr Wong Heck Sing
36. Dr Wong Kum Hoong
37. Dr Yeo Peng Hock, Henry

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2. Dr Chan Cheow Ju
3. Dr Cheong Seng Kwing
4. Dr Chia Yuit Keen
5. Dr Chiong Peck Koon, Gabriel
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7. Dr Chong Hoi Leong
8. Dr Choo Kay Wee
9. Dr Chow Yeow Ming
10. Dr Damodaran Ajith
11. Dr Ee Guan Liang, Adrian
12. Dr Foong Chan Keong
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14. Dr Goh Kiat Seng
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16. Dr Goh Siew Teong
17. Dr Heng Swee Khoon, Andrew
18. Dr Hia Kwee Yang
19. Dr Ho Gien Chiew
20. Dr Huan Meng Wah
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26. Dr Kurup Bina
27. Dr Kwan Pak Mun
28. Dr Kwong Kum Hoong
29. Dr Lee Kok Leong, Philip
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41. Dr Lim Shuen Li, Selina
42. Dr Lim Sinn Ling
43. Dr Lim Shyan
44. Dr Ling Yee Kiang
45. Dr Loo Choon Yong
46. Dr Low Kee Hwa
47. Dr Low Mun Heng, Gerard
48. Dr Lui Woei Sen
49. Dr Lum Chun Fatt
50. Dr Mathani Suresh Ramchand
51. Dr Murugasu Deirdre
52. Dr Ng Chee Lian, Lawrence
53. Dr Ng May Mei
54. Dr Ngeow Colin
55. Dr Omar Bin Saleh Talib
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59. Dr Tan Heng Kwang
60. Dr Tan Kee Wang
61. Dr Tan Kok Kheng
62. Dr Tan Swee Lian, Cecilia
63. Dr Tan Swee Teck, Michael
64. Dr Tay Soi Kheng
65. Dr Wee Sip Leong, Victor
66. Dr Wee Soon Heng, Christopher
67. Dr Wong Fook Meng, Wilson
68. Dr Wong Sin Hee
69. Dr Wong Song Ung
70. Dr Yeo Siam Yam
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| 58. Dr Tan Bang Liang | 72. Dr Yeoh Gueh Kwang |
| 59. Dr Tan Eng Seng | 73. Dr Yeoh Peng Cheng |
| 60. Dr Tan Kheng Khoo | 74. Dr Yong Lee Lee |
| 61. Dr Tay Leng Kong, Moses | 75. Dr Yung Siew Muay |
| 62. Dr Teo Chew Seng | |

Acknowledgements

The College would like to express our appreciation to all College members for their commitment to improving the standards of family medicine in Singapore. None of the achievements this year would have been possible without the moral support of members and dedication of volunteers who serve selflessly in the Council, in the committees and in the various publications and programmes of the College.

We would also like to acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Health in all our activities.

The very successful programmes that we had this year would not have been possible without the sponsorship, funding and goodwill of the following friends of the College:

Pfizer Pte Ltd
 Merck Sharp & Dohme (I.A.) Corp. Singapore Branch
 Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore
 SPRING Singapore

Last but not least, we would like to express our thanks to the very hardworking team at the College Secretariat.

Dr Lee Kheng Hock
 Honorary Secretary
 18th Council
 College of Family Physicians Singapore

Report of The Board of Censors

1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003

Censor-in-Chief : Dr Lau Hong Choon
Censors : A/Prof Chan Nang Fong
: Dr Tan Chee Beng
Advisors : A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
: A/Prof Cheong Pak Yeann



INTRODUCTION

2002/2003 mark the first academic year in which the first GDFM examination was conducted. The conferment of Fellowships and MCFP(S), and the College Commemoration of the GDFM were in conjunction with the College Convocation dinner on 27 October 2002 at Shangri-La Hotel. The first GDFM graduation marks a focal point in the College's academic history. It also incorporated the first Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) conducted by the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS) NUS supported by examiners from the College.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership grew by 67 on an aggregate total to 873 members representing an 8% increase from the preceding year. There were 75 retired members. The distribution by grade of membership for the last three years are also shown below:

Membership Category	2001	2002	2003
Honorary Fellows	12	12	12
Fellows	18	27	37
Diplomate	69	74	80
Ordinary Members	481	538	546
Associate Members	85	82	120
Overseas Members	3	3	3
Retired Members	62	70	75
Total	730	806	873

COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The commencement of the academic year took place at the Health Promotion Board (HPB) auditorium on 29 June 2002. The guest of honour was Dr Balaji Sadasivan, Minister of State for Health and the Environment. The recipient of the Teacher of the Year award was Dr Ng Joo Ming Matthew.

THE FIRST GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF FAMILY MEDICINE (GDFM) EXAMINATION

There was a 91% pass rate for the first GDFM examination. The examination was set by examiners approved by the Committee for Family Medicine. The Censors Board, which was the Examination Board vetted and selected all questions. The format of the exam is as follows:

- 100 MCQ questions (2 hours)
- 8 Key Features Problems (KFP) questions (1 hour)
- 10 OSCE stations (11 minutes per station comprising 8 minutes for testing and 3 minutes for marking)

Each OSCE station is designed to simulate an office consultation focusing on components of the consultation process including history taking, investigation, recognition of problems, procedural skills, health education, counselling and ethical issues. A total of 40 examiners were trained and participated the examination in July 2002.

The MCQ

There were 44 candidates in the first GDFM examination. In terms of knowledge of the spectrum of Family Medicine, the candidates performed well. All candidates passed the MCQ test with a median mark of 75.5 (range 62-84 marks)

The KFP

The key features paper (KFP) tested the candidates ability to manage and diagnose a clinical case on paper correctly. Almost all candidates did well in the KFP with an average mark of 72.5 (range 48.7 – 86.3).

The OSCE

The OSCE examination was considered as the real scenario of a clinical situation where simulated clinical practice was tested by peers. The pass grade was pegged at 6 out of 10 cases. Only four candidates passed all ten OSCE cases. The majority did well but four candidates failed more than four cases, thus failing the whole examination. Five candidates were borderline passes having managed to pass six cases out of 10. The majority of candidates (about 70%) failed between one to three cases.

FELLOWS OF THE COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

The following were successful Fellows by assessment and received their Fellowship Conferment in 2002 (2nd cohort).

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| 1. Dr Chong Phui-Nah | 6. Dr Lim Fong Seng |
| 2. Dr Chow Mun Hong | 7. Dr Ng Joo Ming Matthew |
| 3. Dr Goh Choon Kee Shirley | 8. Dr Tan See Leng |
| 4. Dr Goh Khean Teik | 9. Dr Tay Ee Guan |
| 5. Dr Leong Soh Sum Helen | 10. Dr Thng Lip Mong Barry |

This second cohort of Fellows were assessed on September 2002 by an Exit Panel comprising an external interviewer Dr Brian Kable from Australia and the Censors Board. Dr Brian Kable's report commended the new Fellows for their excellent standards and performance. Clearly the new Fellows were leaders in the field of Family Medicine and some had also gone on to be administrators. From this academic year onwards, there will be annual exit interviews as the College had started annual intakes for the Fellows by Assessment programme since year 2000.

THE 12TH MASTER OF MEDICINE (FAMILY MEDICINE) EXAMINATION

The 12th Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) Examination was held from 7 – 14 October 2002. The External Examiners were Dr Murray Lough and Associate Professor Neil Spike. Of the 30 candidates who sat for the examination, 24 were successful. They were:

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| 1. Dr Baskaran Surendran | 13. Dr Sim Kok Ping |
| 2. Dr Chew Eng Lee | 14. Dr Tan Beng Teck |
| 3. Dr Chia Kian Chua | 15. Dr Tan Chieu Har June |
| 4. Dr Goh Kian Peng | 16. Dr Tan Giap Swee Teresa |

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| 5. Dr Ho Shih Wei Sally | 17. Dr Tay Guan Yu Jeff |
| 6. Dr Lee Sueh Ying Patricia | 18. Dr Wee Chee Chau |
| 7. Dr Lim Chee Kong | 19. Dr Wee Kien Han Andrew |
| 8. Dr Low Lee Meng Lisa | 20. Dr Wijaya Hendrie |
| 9. Dr Ng Lai Peng | 21. Dr Wong Choo Wai |
| 10. Dr Ong Chin Fung | 22. Dr Wong Ted Min |
| 11. Dr Seet Lin Tze | 23. Dr Yap Soon Boon Raymond |
| 12. Dr Seow Hoong Wei Gabriel | 24. Dr Yee Jenn Jet Michael |

As of 31st March 2003, there were a total of 180 doctors with MMed FM qualification.

THE AWARD OF MCFP(S) TO MMED (FM) HOLDERS WHO FULFIL CRITERIA

In 2002, six applicants were awarded the MCFP(S). The criteria for the award were as follows:

- Members of the College for two years
- Active in CME and have achieved the 25 points in the SMC CME or equivalent if they do not have the certificate
- Actively involved in undergraduate or postgraduate teaching

The MCFP(S) were awarded to the following members

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| 1. Dr Charlotte K Yung | 4. Dr Kalaimamani d/o Kanagasabai |
| 2. Dr Goh Chin Ai Moira Clare | 5. Dr Ling Yee Kiang |
| 3. Dr Kang Aik Kiang | 6. Dr Lim Hui Ling |

THE CONFERMENT OF THE FCFP(S) AND THE MCFP(S)

This historic occasion took place at the College Dinner in conjunction with the College Convocation dinner on 27 October 2002. The guest of honour at the conferment was Director of Medical Services, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan. Music recitals by Dr Chang Tou Liang and Dr Au Kah Kay and a video presentation on the history of the College by Dr Lee Kheng Hock were highlights of the occasion.

THE CENSORS BOARD

The Censors' Board and Advisors as usual met numerous times to plan the various academic activities, GDFM examinations and the MMed (Family Medicine) examination. We would like to thank our Advisors, President Cheong Pak Yean and A/Prof Goh Lee Gan for their support, advice and work. Their commitment to the academic cause had enabled us to carry through many of these important developments. I would also like to thank the many colleagues who have helped to make the academic year a success and who have been unstinting and enthusiastic in their contributions. On behalf of the Censor Board I wish to show appreciation to the Council for supporting the Censors' Board in its deliberations and decisions and the College Administration who facilitated, administered and rendered excellent office support efficiently and dependably.

Dr Lau Hong Choon

Censor-in-Chief

Report of The Administration Committee

1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003

Chairman : Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Members : A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
: Dr Lee Kheng Hock
: Dr Tan See Leng



The College Secretariat has had an exciting year with two major advances, the development of the Graduate Diploma Family Medicine (GDFM) Course through funding from the Ministry of Health, and the development of the Distant Learning programme through the Singapore Family Physician Journal for the compulsory Continuing Medical Education (CME) which commenced in January 2003. These brought on a rapid expansion of the Secretariat portfolios and the set up of the Institute of Family Medicine (IFM).

The College and Secretariat is now run by an Executive Director, Dr Lee Kheng Hock, while Associate Professor Goh Lee Gan is appointed as the Consultant for the IFM.

The Executive Director of the College will oversee the Secretariat with regards to the following portfolio:

- Administration of College Secretariat
- Membership – administer and initiate programmes to enhance membership
- CME – facilitates IFM with existing Courses, further develop CME programmes, develop and upgrade our IT capabilities and online facilities and support the Editor of the Singapore Family Physician Journal.
- New Product Development and Marketing.

The Consultant for IFM has been appointed for the following portfolio:

- Administration of the IFM
- Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine Course - to provide leadership and driving force in the development of the Course and direct and supervise the running of the Course.
- Other Academic Courses – to co-ordinate and monitor the running of the following courses ; M.Med (FM), College Fellowship Course and any other Academic Courses that the Institute should conduct and manage.

The infra-structure for the Secretariat now includes a Senior Administrative Executive who manages the Secretariat office and administration, as well as co-ordinates and supervises the Accounts Executive and Administration Officer, and assisted by a Senior Administration Assistant. The four staff together provide all the administrative and secretariat support for the College and the IFM, as we continue our policy of maximizing resources while exercising cost containment.

With more exciting advances and expansion of programmes in the near future, the Committee will continually monitor the administrative support for the Secretariat to ensure its efficiency and relevance within our financial constrain.

Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Chairman
Administration Committee

Report of The Continuing Medical Education Committee

1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003



- Chairman** : A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
Vice Chairmen : Dr Lee Kheng Hock
: Dr Tan Chee Beng
: Dr Tay Ee Guan
Members : Dr Goh Khean Teik
: Dr Kwan Yew Seng

The members of the College CME Assessors' Board (CCAB) and the Accredited FM CME advisors are listed in the appendix to this report.

Two major restructuring of the College's CME were undertaken in 2002/2003. Firstly, the College has assumed new roles as CME is made compulsory by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) from January 2003 and secondly, the launch of the Family Practice Skills Courses.

COLLEGE'S ROLE IN SMC-CME SCHEME

The College supports the SMC CME programme by participating in the SMC CME committee and advising on the CME needs/standards of family physicians in particular.

Its recommendations for CME to be accredited as core for FM are:

Category	Criteria for Core FM
1A	Organisation will be accredited for organising Core FM CME activities under Category 1A if they meet the benchmarks of the two clusters polyclinics on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the objective/mission of the organisation as regards Family Medicine;2. the composition of the training committee chaired by a Fellow and comprising a majority of accredited family physicians.3. CME organised/provided by FM trainers accredited by NUS FM committee and/or the College4. track record of FM training for undergraduate and postgraduate FM.
1B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• topic covered must be of relevant to the family physicians (refer to the FM Matrix) and assess by the FM CME Advisor
3A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• peer-reviewed and cited in the index medicus; and• published by a FM institution or affiliate
3B	Organisation that have been accredited by SMC-CME Committee as a category 3B CME non-core provider and seek to obtain core FM status can apply to the CCAB. The same principle listed for Category 1A for those who want Core FM CME status applies.

COLLEGE'S ROLE AS FM CME ASSESSOR

From May 2002, College has been designated by the Singapore Medical Council to assess the FM CME event applications for core and non-core FM CME points. A two-step system for accrediting FM CME was set up, with the CME event organiser first crafting the programme with the advice of accredited FM CME advisor and then submits the application for assessment by the College CME Assessors' Board (CCAB).

For the first two months of compulsory CME (January and February 2003), 73 CME applications have been recommended for Core FM CME points and 28 CME applications recommended for non-core FM CME points. No application submitted for assessment was rejected.

With this positive experience, the College CME Assessors Board (CCAB) decided that the process of Category 1B FM CME applications with the approval of FM CME advisors could be further streamlined so that, the second step of assessment by CCAB need not be mandatory for every application.

The second step would only be applied to applications for auditing purpose, in response to complaints received on historic events organised by certain CME providers and when requested by the SMC CME Committee

This revised system will speed up the approval process and be piloted as from 2nd April 2003. It is to be reviewed in six months time.

COLLEGE'S ROLE AS CME PROVIDER

The FPSC system is formulated to meet the increasing need for relevant skill courses and increased interest in CME when it is made compulsory in 1st January 2003. The FPSC is a quality CME mark of the College. It would meet the needs of three groups of doctors:

- Those who attend certain components of the FPSC for Core FM CME. This is likely to be the biggest group;
- Those who attend all the components of an FPSC to qualify for skills certification; and
- Those enrolled in the GDFM who attend it as their mandatory elective skills course.

Each FPSC may comprise a mixture of the following components:

1. Distance Learning with verification
2. Lectures
3. Workshops
4. Small group activities including clinical attachments, tutorials, ward-rounds
5. Assessments which can be written, oral, demonstration and/or clinical

The FPSC for this year are:

- Asthma Management
- Hypertension
- Musculoskeletal

On 27th October 2002, the College has successfully launched its first Family Practice Skill Course (FPSC) on basic home health care. Coupled with a distance-learning module of 30 multiple-choice questions, a total of 343 answer-sheets were submitted for marking. 339 doctors passed the test and will be awarded with six FM CME points.

	No. of Doctors Attempted/ Attended:		
	Distance Learning	Seminars/workshops 1	Seminars/workshops 2
Home Healthcare	343	47	39
Asthma Management	502	64 (1 st run) 89 (2 nd run)	61 (1 st run) 89 (2 nd run)
Hypertension	On-going	Postponed	Postponed

Because of the SARS epidemic, the in persons attendance segments of the Hypertension course has to be postponed.

A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean

Chairman, CME Committee /

Assessor-in-Chief, Board of CME Assessors

Report of the Family Medicine Teaching Programme

1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003



In the year under review, Modules 8, 1, 2 and 3 were completed.

Each module continues to consist of 8 sessions of distance-learning materials sent to the participants by e-mail and also posted on the College website. Four workshops on case studies for each module were conducted to consolidate the learning.

The notes for the modules are on the College website (<http://www.cfps.org.sg>) and can be downloaded. By having them on the website has the added advantage that they can be referred to twenty-four hours a day.

The modules are attended by family physicians as CME, the PPS trainees and MOH trainees as requirements for their courses. In the year under review, the number of doctors enrolled on the course are shown in the table below.

Module	Period	PPS Trainees	MOH Trainees	TOTAL
8	DDMM – DDMM 2002 (4 May '02- 24 May '02)	18	42	66
1	DDMM – DDMM 2002 (3 Aug '02 – 24 Aug '02)	11	42	53
2	DDMM – DDMM 2002 (26 Oct '02 – 26 Nov '02)	12	36	48
3	DDMM – DDMM 2003 (8 Feb '03 – 1 Mar '03)	11	34	45

Thanks are due to the Chairmen and resource persons for their contributions in the teaching programme.

Module 8:

4 May '02 – Antenatal Care & Drug Use In Pregnancy, Medical Disorders In Pregnancy, *Dr Chan Kong Hon; Dr Tan Lay Kok* (Chairmen: Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Julian Lim)

11 May '02 – At-risk Pregnancy, Postnatal Care, *Dr Douglas Ong; Dr James Lee* (Chairmen, Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Cheong Seng Kwing)

18 May '02 – Nutritional Counselling, *Dr Mabel Yap; Quality Assurance, Dr Voo Yau Onn* (Chairmen: Dr Lee Kheng Hock, Dr Goh Khean Teik)

25 May '02 – Metabolic Disorders, *Dr Sum Chee Fang; Endocrine Disorders, Dr Tan Khai Tong* (Chairmen: Dr Lee Kheng Hock, Dr Matthew Ng)

Module 1:

3 Aug '02 – Principles of FM, *A/Prof Goh Lee Gan; Consultation Skills, A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean;* (Chairmen: Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Shirley Goh)

10 Aug '02 – Counselling, *Dr Helen Leong; Communication, A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean;* (Chairmen: Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Shirley Goh)

17 Aug '02 – Medical Records & Confidentiality, *Dr T Thirumoorthy; Ischaemic Heart Disease, Dr Teo Wee Siong;* (Chairmen: Dr Lee Kheng Hock, Dr Shirley Goh)

24 Aug '02 – Non-Infective Respiratory Disorders, *A/Prof Lim Tow Keang; Respiratory Infections, Dr Chan Tiong Beng* (Chairmen: Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Lee Kheng Hock)

Module 2:

26 Oct '02 - Adolescent Medicine, *Dr Mary Yang; Behavioural Paediatrics, Dr Yeo Kah Loke Brian;* Chairmen: A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean, Dr Matthew Ng

2 Nov '02 – Development Paediatrics, *A/Prof Ho Lai Yun; Acute Paediatrics, Prof Quak Seng Hock;* Chairmen: Dr Matthew Ng, A/Prof Goh Lee Gan

9 Nov '02 – Notification, Certification & Dispensing, *A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean; Liver & Biliary Tract Disorders, Prof Ng Han Seong;* Chairmen: Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Kee Kheng Hock

16 Nov '02 – Lower GI Disorders, *A/Prof Gwee Kok Ann; Upper GI Disorders, A/Prof Lawrence Ho Khek Yu;* Chairmen: Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Goh Khean Teik

Module 3:

8 Feb '03 – Hypertension, *Dr Teo Wee Siong; Principles of Continuing Care, A/Prof Goh Lee Gan;* Chairmen: Dr Kwong Kum Hoong, Dr Jonathan Pang

15 Feb '03 – Care of Terminally Ill, *Dr Goh Cynthia Ruth Nee Fung; Urinary Tract Disorders, Dr Anantharaman Vathsala;* Chairmen: Dr Tan Kim Eng, Dr Cheong Seng Kwing

22 Feb '03 – Anaemia, Bleeding Disorders, Haematological Cancers, *Dr Tan Hwee Huang; Oncological Problems, Dr Wong Kit Yee Karmen;* Chairmen: Dr Lee Soon Seng, Dr Winnie Soon

1 Mar '03 – The Doctor As Manager, Personal Effectiveness, Managing Work, *Dr Tan See Leng; Diabetes, Dr Lee Chung Horn;* Chairmen: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, Dr Matthew Ng

Thanks are also due to Ms Emily Lim, Ms Katy Chan, Ms Belinda Fok and Ms Christina Cheong, Miss Ng Hai Yan, and Miss Dawn Lim for their administrative and secretarial support throughout the year.

Associate Professor Goh Lee Gan

Course Director

Family Medicine Teaching Programme

Report of the IDFM-FM Foundation Committee

1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003



- Chairman** : A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
Vice-Chairman : Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Members : Dr Lee Kheng Hock
: Dr Tan See Leng
: Dr Yii Hee Seng
Advisors : Dr Wong Heck Sing
: A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
: Dr Lee Suan Yew
: Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
: Dr Loo Choon Yong

The Annual General Meeting 2001 of the College resolved

“that a Committee be formed comprising Senior Members of the College and the Ex-co, chaired by the President to spearhead efforts towards a) the development of an Independent Department of Family Medicine at a University in Singapore and b) in the setting up of a Family Medicine Foundation to further develop Family Medicine in Singapore”.

DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE IN THE UNIVERSITY

- (1) The Faculty of Medicine in NUS appointed a visiting fellow Professor Botello make a study on the future development of Family Medicine and to give his report. In his report, Prof Botello said that Family Medicine in Singapore could consider championing disease prevention and health promotion as the strategy in reducing disease burden. In this endeavour, the University could work with other stakeholders in both the public and private sectors and the Ministry of Health. This will give family medicine a focus of action. He also said that there should be more allocation of resources for research and teaching of family medicine.
- (2) A meeting was called by the Dean to discuss Prof Botello's report. This meeting was attended by the Dean's Committee, A/Prof Goh Lee Gan and Prof David Koh. It was agreed that disease prevention and health promotion is important and Family Medicine can play a role in emphasising its importance in health care delivery. As for research, the Dean decided that Family Medicine be given one full-time equivalent staff to embark on family medicine research activities. For administration, Family Medicine will be autonomous in decisions on staffing requirements and for general administration, Family Medicine will be part of the Department of COFM for the time being.

SETTING UP OF THE FAMILY MEDICINE FOUNDATION

1. As the College has IPC status and donations to the College would be eligible for tax exemption, there is no need to set up a separate Family Medicine Foundation for purpose of soliciting donations.
2. The operations of the Institute of Family Medicine are at present adequately funded by sponsorship and subscriptions.
3. The activities of this ad-hoc committee would hence be subsumed under the Executive committee for 2003/5.

A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean

Chairman

IDFM-FM Committee

Report of the International Committee

1 April 2002 - 31 March 2003

Chairman : A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
Members : A/Prof Cheong Pak Year
: Dr Lau Hong Choon
: Dr Lee Kheng Hock
: Dr Tan See Leng



TERMS OF REFERENCE

This Committee was set up in July 2001 with the following terms of reference:

1. To advise the College Council on developments in Family Medicine in the international scene;
2. To implement activities decided by WONCA World & WONCA Asia Pacific Region;
3. To implement bilateral activities in Family Medicine teaching, research and practice

KEY ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

The following programmes will be put on hold with the appearance of SARS outbreak in the Pacific Region. We will catch up once Asia Pacific has become safe for International travel again.

In the year under review, the following were the key activities:

- The WONCA World Secretariat is in the College premises. This has the added advantages of timely information exchange and also the opportunity for interaction between College Council members and WONCA visitors.
- The College is represented on WONCA by Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming, our Council Member.
- Dr Matthew Ng, Dr Ruth Lim attended the WONCA Invitational Research Conference held in Kingston, Ontario, Canada from 9-11 March 2003.
- The College hosted doctors from Myanmar Medical Association, Prof Thein Aung, Vice President, Prof Samuel Kyaw Hla, Secretary General, and Dr Khin Maung Chit, Joint Secretary General-District who were on a fact finding visit to meet College Council to discuss the setting up of Family Medicine vocational training programme in Myanmar.
- The College also participated in hosting Dr Chit Htun, who is a WHO Fellow in Family Medicine. He is here to study the training and service delivery of family practice with the view of applying some of the developments in Singapore to the Myanmar Family Medicine programme.

PLANS IN THE COMING YEAR

- The College will be sending a delegation to the WONCA Regional Conference in Beijing which is from 5-8 November 2003.
- The College has been invited by the WONCA Regional Vice President to participate in the conduct of the WONCA Post-Conference Research Training Workshop for Family Doctors to be held in Beijing from 8-11 November 2003.
- The College will be participating in the formation of a WONCA Asia Pacific Practice Based Research Network as one of the outcomes of the Kingston Invitational Research Conference.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The International Committee invites all College members to participate in its activities planned for the coming year.

A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
Chairman
International Committee

Report of the Membership Committee

1 April 2002 – 31 March 2003

Chairman : Dr Yii Hee Seng
Members : Dr Tan Chee Beng
: Dr Tan See Leng
: Dr Tay Ee Guan



The Membership Committee successfully completed its task of setting up the Institute of Family Medicine. This is the arm of the College that will conduct all post-graduate training including the FMTP and GDFM programs.

Being an academic body, the College will continue to focus on training and upgrading programs. Hence doctors and Family Physicians should be attracted to join the College to benefit from these programs, rather than through other non-academic incentives.

With compulsory CME commencing in year 2003, College members will have distinct privileges, including free participation in four Distance Learning Modules conducted by the College. Each successfully completed module earns six CME points. Non-members pay S\$40 per module. This will be another important benefit of College membership.

Dr Yii Hee Seng
Chairman
Membership Committee

Report of the Publications Committee

1 April 2002 – 31 March 2003



Chairman & Honorary Editor : Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming
Administrative Editor : Ms Ng Hai Yan
Section Editors : A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
: Dr Shivcharan Kaur Gill
: Dr Goh Khean Teik
: Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
: Dr Tan Chee Beng
: Dr Michael Wong
Ex-Officio : A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
College Mirror Editor : Ms Emily Lim
Editorial Assistant : Ms Katy Chan

With the incorporation of the Family Practice Skill courses in the Singapore Family Physician (SFP), the Journal has completed her evolution. This process which was inevitable with the changes in Medical scene in Singapore. It started in the last quarter of 2002 and will continue to evolve and grow so long there are changes in the legislation. The Singapore Family Physician now serves to update members and subscriber about new development in Family Practice as well as fulfilment of CME requirements.

Compulsory CME is now mandatory for all registered Medical practitioner in Singapore starting in 2003. By just reading the SFP, members will be able to achieve the mandatory core 10 CME points for the two years. Further, achieving the compulsory 50 points for two years will not be a problem now for the practitioner. Attending the skill workshops and submitting the distance-learning component of the Family Practice Skills courses in the Singapore Family Physician will achieve this.

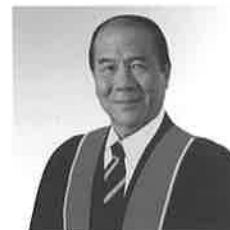
The College Mirror has also undergone a revamp and face-lift with a more up market look in line with the SFP journal. With such a makeover, reflections in the local and world medical scene will be incorporated into the mirror.

Dr Ng Joo Ming Matthew
Chairman & Honorary Editor
Publications Committee

Report of the Undergraduate Teaching Committee

1 April 2002 – 31 March 2003

Chairman : A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
Members : A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
: Dr Ajith Damodaran



The year 2002/3 saw the inaugural 4-week Family Medicine posting in action. The Family Medicine posting is moved with effect from 2002 to the Fourth Year and the continuing assessment of the posting and questions set will be reflected in the Final Year results.

The class of 200 students is too big to be taught a single block so the Family Medicine posting is conducted in three batches. The first batch did their posting in March/April 2002 (25 March to 19 April 2002) and the other two batches did their posting in July/August 2002 (29 July to 23 August 2002) and October/ November 2002(28 October to 22 November 2002).

In the four-week posting, two weeks were spent in the GP setting and the second two weeks in the Polyclinic setting. In addition, the students were given a one day teaching and clinical exposure on palliative care. The students had a one-day attachment in pairs to a private paediatrician. For each week there were departmental teaching sessions to give the students a headstart on the knowledge and skills to be acquired for the week. There were also joint teaching sessions hosted by the COFM Departmental FM staff, full-time and part-time, and the Polyclinic staff.

The continuous assessment is also provided by the GP tutors and the Polyclinic tutors. The four case write-ups and a written end-of-posting test also add to the total continuous assessment mark.

The posting would not have been possible without the contribution of some 40 GP tutors per batch and some similar number of polyclinic tutors. Then there are also the 14 teachers in palliative care as well as the 10 private paediatricians. Their names are given on the next two pages.

On behalf of the University and the College of Family Physicians, the College's Undergraduate Committee is grateful for the support and appreciates the efforts of one and all in making the posting useful, meaningful and interesting to the students.

Batch A of the second cohort of Fourth Year Medical Students started their posting on 24 March 2003 but has to be terminated on 26 March because of the SARS outbreak. This batch of students will complete their FM Posting next year in March 2004. We are hoping that Batch B could kick off in late July 2003 with the expectation that the SARS outbreak will be over.

GP TUTORS – 2003 (by alphabetical order)

Dr Ajith Damodaran
Dr Ang Boon Kiang, Steven
Dr Ang Choon Kiat, Alvin
Dr Bina Kurup
Dr Chan Swee Mong, Paul

Dr Siaw Tung Yeng
Dr Low Chee Wah, Mark
Dr Low Kee Hwa
Dr Thio Yauw Leng, Bernard
Dr Low Mun Heng, Gerard

Dr Chang Tou Liang
 Dr Cheong Wei Kok, Bernard
 Dr Chia Swee Heong, Daniel
 Dr Chiang Wing Chiong
 Dr Chong Poh Heng
 Dr Chow Yew Choong, Vincent
 Dr Chui Peng Leong
 Dr Dairanathan, Justina
 Dr Gan Tek Kah
 Dr Goh Chin Ai, Moira Clare
 Dr Goh Ming Kiong
 Dr Gong Swee Choo
 Dr Hui Keem Peng, John
 Dr Hui Meng Tong, Jasmine
 Dr Kang Aik Kiang
 Dr Koh Eng Kheng & Dr Kevin Koh
 Dr Koh Kheng Keah, Philip
 Dr Kwong Kum Hoong
 Dr Lai Kok Wei
 Dr Lee Chon Sham
 Dr Lee Hew Mun, John
 Dr Lee Kheng Hock
 Dr Ler Teng Noh, Diana
 Dr Lim Chien Wei
 Dr Lim Erk Meng
 Dr Lim Jit Biaw, Benny
 Dr Lim Lee Kiang, Julian
 Dr Lim Siew Hong, Priscilla
 Dr Lok Ying Fang
 Dr Loo Choo Woon, Daniel
 Dr Loong Tze Wey

Dr Mao Fong Hao
 Dr Omar Bin Saleh Talib
 Dr Pang Sze Kang, Jonathan
 Dr Pang Wui Chi, Jason
 Dr Ho Jee Meng
 Dr Seow Hoong Wei, Gabriel
 Dr Shiau Ee Leng
 Dr Soh Eng Liong, Lawrence
 Dr Tan Kee Wang
 Dr Tan Beng Teck
 Dr Tan Kok Eng
 Dr Tan Teck Hong
 Dr Tan Tze Lee
 Dr Tan Yew Seng
 Dr Tan Yu Sing, Lucienne
 Dr Tay Guan Yu, Jeff
 Dr Tsou Yu Kei, Keith
 Dr Wee Chee Chau
 Dr Wong Kum Hoong
 Dr Wong Ming
 Dr Wong See Hong
 Dr Wong Ted Min
 Dr Wong Weng Yew
 Dr Yap Soo Kor, Jason
 Dr Yap Siong Yew, Mark
 Dr Yee Jenn Jet, Michael
 Dr Yeo Peng Hock, Henry
 Dr Yeo Pheng Nam, Charles
 Dr Yii Hee Seng
 Dr Yun Kok Onn

List of Polyclinic Tutors 2003

Name

Dr Phang Siung King, Jonathan
 Dr Cheong Seng Kwing
 Dr Louis Loo
 Dr Winnie Soon
 Dr Chia Tee Hian
 Dr Chin Swee Aun
 Dr Carol Lim
 Dr Hwang Chi Hong
 Dr Lim Fong Seng
 Dr Wong Teck Yee
 Dr Matthew Ng
 Dr Siew Wei Fong
 Dr Lim Jen Pei
 Dr Shah Mitesh
 Dr Tan Suan Leng, Elaine
 Dr Yvette Tan
 Dr Clara Chung

Name of Polyclinic

NHGP
 NHGP - Ang Mo Kio Polyclinic
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 NHGP - Ang Mo Kio Polyclinic
 NHGP - Bukit Batok Polyclinic
 NHGP - Bukit Batok Polyclinic
 NHGP - Choa Chu Kang Polyclinic
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 NHGP - Choa Chu Kang Polyclinic
 NHGP - Choa Chu Kang Polyclinic
 NHGP - Clementi Polyclinic
 NHGP - Clementi Polyclinic
 NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
 NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
 NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
 NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
 NHGP - Jurong Polyclinic

Name

Dr Lee Soon Seng
 Dr Leong Soh Sum, Helen
 Dr Chong Phui-Nah
 Dr Joyce Seng
 Dr Karen Ng
 Dr Tang Wern Ee
 Dr Donna Tan
 Dr Gowri Dorisamy
 Dr Angelia Chua
 Dr Lew Yii Jen
 Dr Tan Choon Seng, Gilbert
 Dr Ong Chin Fung
 Dr Penny Lo
 Dr Swah Teck Sin
 Dr Vivien Ang
 Dr Loke Wai Chiong
 Dr June Tan
 Dr Soh Ling Ling
 Dr Tan Kok Leong
 Dr Sally Ho
 Dr Sim Kok Peng
 Dr Ee Guan Liang, Adrian
 Dr Tan Chee Beng
 Dr Tay Ee Guan
 Dr Chow Mun Hong
 Dr Ng Chung Wai
 Dr Lim Hwee Boon
 Dr Ruth Lim
 Dr Andrew Wee
 Dr Ling Yee Kiang
 Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
 Dr Wong Tack Keong, Michael
 Dr Chua Chi Siong
 Dr Wong Song Ung
 Dr Derek Tse Wan Lung
 Dr Goh Sing Hong
 Dr Goh Soo Chye, Paul
 Dr Ng Lai Peng

Name of Polyclinic

NHGP - Jurong Polyclinic
 NHGP - Jurong Polyclinic
 NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
 NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
 NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
 NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
 NHGP - Woodlands Polyclinic
 NHGP - Woodlands Polyclinic
 NHGP - Yishun Polyclinic
 NHGP - Yishun Polyclinic
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bedok
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bedok
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bedok
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bedok
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bukit Merah
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bukit Merah
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bukit Merah
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Geylang
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 SingHealth Polyclinics - IOH
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Marine Parade
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Marine Parade
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Marine Parade
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Pasir Ris
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Pasir Ris
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Pasir Ris
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Queenstown
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Queenstown
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Tampines
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Tampines
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 SingHealth Polyclinics - Tampines

List of Paediatricians 2003

Dr Chan Kit Yee
 Dr Ho Nai Kiong
 Dr K Vellayappan
 Dr Lee Bee Wah
 Dr Lee Woon Kwang
 Dr Ngiam Thye Eng
 Dr Sivasankaran Subramaniam
 Dr William Yip Chin Ling
 Dr Wong May Ling
 Dr Yip Yeng Yoong

List of Palliative Care Tutors 2003

Name	Name of Organisation
Dr Akhileswaran	Hospice Care Association
Dr Angel Lee	Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Dr Cynthia Goh	National Cancer Centre
Dr Ian Leong	Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Dr James Low	Alexandra Hospital
Dr Khin Khin Win	Singapore Cancer Society
Dr Koh Nien Yue	Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Dr Kok Jaan Yang	Dover Park Hospice
Dr Koo Weng Hsin	National Cancer Centre
Dr Lynette Ngo	Dover Park Hospice
Dr Noreen Chan	National Cancer Centre
Dr Pang Weng Sun	Alexandra Hospital
Dr Rosalie Shaw	National Cancer Centre
Dr Vincent Thai	Dover Park Hospice

List of Full and Part-time Departmental Staff For 2003

Associate Professor Goh Lee Gan
Dr Hong Ching Ye
Dr Jeanette Lee
Adj A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
Adj A/Prof Chan Nang Fong
Adj A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
Dr Annelies Wilder-Smith

A/Prof Lim Lean Huat

Chairman
Undergraduate Teaching Committee

Report of the WONCA 2001-2008 Organising Committee

1 April 2002 – 31 March 2003

Chairman	: Dr Tan See Leng
Vice-Chairman	: Dr Tan Chee Beng
Honorary Secretary	: Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming
Honorary Treasurer	: Dr Wong Weng Hong
Scientific Chairman	: Dr Lee Kheng Hock
Scientific Co-chairman	: Dr Tay Ee Guan
Social Programme Chairperson	: Dr Chng Woei
I.T. Resource Chairman	: Dr Tan Sze Wee
Members	: Dr Adrian Tan Yong Kuan
	: Dr Tan Yu Sing Lucienne
	: Dr Wong Chiang Yin



The committee met up every quarter for the entire year. There was a consensus to start intensive publicity stunts only in the year 2004 so as not to clash with the American college's preparations and publicity for the 2004 Wonca conference in Orlando. The committee also received a request from the Regional Vice President of the Europe to postpone our 2007 world conference to the end of the year 2007 instead of our original date of the last week of July. They have decided to hold their regional conference for Europe in June and are afraid that they will clash with our event. However, we have decided not to accede to their request since the original bidding and voting process was for the dates of the World conference to be held in July 2007.

The Conference Planning Committee for Wonca 2004 has also invited the Chairman and the Treasurer to visit the proposed venue and join their planning meetings. However, the Iraq war disrupted travel plans and both our members have decided against going in the interests of safety.

Singapore Airlines has also reverted with some proposed sponsorship which is not in line with the expectations of the committee. The committee has also spoken to Qantas-British Airways and presently awaits their response. All meetings for the planning committee have been postponed till the current SARS situation stabilizes.

Dr Tan See Leng

Chairman

WONCA 2001-2008 Committee

Report of the Finance Committee

1 April 2002 – 31 March 2003

Chairman : Dr Tan See Leng
Members : A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
: Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
: Dr Lee Kheng Hock



The College was able to obtain a significant source of educational grant for its Continuing Medical Education from pharmaceutical companies at the end of its financial year on 30th March 2003. An amount of S\$100,000 was allocated to the College by Merck Sharp & Dohme (I.A.) Corp and S\$200,000 was by Pfizer Pte Ltd. The educational grant was allocated to the College for the purpose of developing clinical CORE-CME (Continuing Medical Education) modules:

1. Distance-Learning Modules
2. Seminars and skills workshops
3. Promoting the modules as one of its core CME modules

A grant of S\$95,000 has been allocated by the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore ("IDA") to the college for the funding under E-Learning Initiative in Training and Education in Family Medicine [ELITE-FM]. The objectives:

- Encourage the adoption of IT in the health care industry.
- Introduce and proliferate the benefits of E-learning in the field of medical education in Singapore.
- Enable doctors to fulfill their Continuing Medical Education requirements defined by the Ministry of Health and Singapore Medical Council.
- To build and amass a professional library of online CME modules for use in Singapore and regionally.

Due to the SARS Outbreak, the college was able to obtain an educational grant of S\$30,000 from Merck Sharp & Dohme (I.A.) Corp for the developing of the SARS web-cast: "Learning from the SARS Outbreak – Strengthening the Defence Line".

StarHub Pte Ltd has kindly assisted the college by sponsoring handphones and lines for the Hotline for Frontlines.

In addition to the above, the college has also set aside an amount of S\$50,000 for the SARS Fund. This will cover any expenses incurred for SARS related projects. E.g. printing of SARS posters to all Family Physicians.

Income for the year increased by 70% to S\$675,978 as compared to the previous year. Expenditure for the year also increased by 15%, contributed to a large part by an increase in printing and photocopying due to a marked increase in academic activities and continuing medical education programmes organised by the College.

Increased staffing costs and high rental costs remained the two biggest expenditure items as with previous years.

The major activities organised in this financial year yielded the following financial results:

ACTIVITY	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
FMTP (on-going)	\$90,240	\$9,830	\$80,410
FMFP programme	\$32,504	\$332	\$32,172
Graduate Diploma in FM	\$259,520	\$18,058	\$241,462
Continuing Medical Education	\$160,105	\$11,490	\$148,615

As with the past years, the academic courses (FMTP, FMFP & GDFM) have remained fairly well supported and profitable. The income yield for this year's GDFM programme is higher compared to last year's as there is an increase in the number of participants. This is made possible with increased publicity and lobbying for the support from the Clusters and private healthcare groups.

Dr Tan See Leng
Honorary Treasurer

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH, 2003

**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet as at 31st March, 2003, and the income and expenditure account for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the rules and Statements of Accounting Standard, and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College of Family Physicians Singapore at 31st March, 2003 and of the results of the College of Family Physicians Singapore for the year then ended on that date.

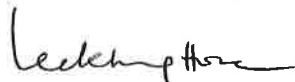


Singapore,
10th May, 2003

V.P. KUMARAN & CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



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PRESIDENT



.....
HONORARY SECRETARY



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HONORARY TREASURER

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2003

	<u>NOTE</u>	\$	<u>2003</u> \$	\$	<u>2002</u> \$
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>					
Balance at 31st March, 2001			(125,918)		(147,167)
Less: Net surplus for the year			<u>244,227</u>		<u>21,249</u>
			118,309		(125,918)
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>					
Journal fund	3	36,099		35,481	
College Development and Research fund	4	822,984		808,882	
Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	5	28,929		28,433	
Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	6	877,758		862,717	
Albert and Mary Lim award	7	18,871		18,871	
Family Medicine fund (Myanmar)	8	1,705		1,705	
Columbia University Home Study Programme	9	14,590		14,590	
Graduate diploma in family medicine fund	10	<u>274,314</u>	<u>2,075,250</u>	<u>382,400</u>	<u>2,153,079</u>
			2,193,559		2,027,161
			11,975		11,975
			<u>2,205,534</u>		<u>2,039,136</u>
<u>REVALUATION RESERVE</u>					
REPRESENTED BY:					
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	11		62,448		74,726
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Stock of postage stamps		-		142	
Fixed deposit	12	1,550,982		1,520,883	
Cash in hand and at bank	13	811,237		559,563	
Sundry receivable	14	-		11,300	
Deposits	15	<u>1,000</u>		<u>1,000</u>	
			<u>2,363,219</u>	<u>2,092,888</u>	
<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Advance for subscription/ surgical update		153,699		96,219	
Accrued charges	16	<u>66,434</u>		<u>32,259</u>	
		220,133		128,478	
Net current assets			<u>2,143,086</u>		<u>1,964,410</u>
			<u>2,205,534</u>		<u>2,039,136</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH, 2003

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2003</u>		<u>2002</u>	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Subscription		52,915		86,162	
Entrance fees		4,700		3,300	
Miscellaneous income	17 a	618,363		288,113	
Wonca bid fund and dinner		<u>-</u>	675,978	<u>18,000</u>	395,575
<u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u>					
Salaries, bonus and allowance		70,529		91,906	
Provident fund and skill development levy		14,941		16,964	
Rental of office premises		72,439		78,816	
Conference and seminars		-		4,818	
Printing and stationery		18,797		8,479	
Telephone charges		4,678		2,413	
Postages		4,231		9,883	
Transport		333		267	
Insurance		3,255		1,367	
Bank charges		120		-	
Water and electricity		2,003		1,748	
Repairs and maintenance		1,485		5,347	
Miscellaneous expenses	17 b	219,808		132,106	
Auditors' remuneration		700		700	
Depreciation of fixed assets		18,432	431,751	19,512	374,326
Net surplus for the financial year			<u>244,227</u>		<u>21,249</u>

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE
(INCORPORATED IN SINGAPORE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31ST MARCH, 2003

The notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements:

1) **GENERAL**

The College of Family Physicians Singapore is registered in the Republic of Singapore under the Societies Act Cap. 151. The registered and principal place of business of the college is:

16 College Road
01-02 College of Medicine Building
Singapore 169854

The principal activities of the college are to:

- i) Advance the Art and Science of Medicine.
- ii) Discuss Medical and Scientific problems
- iii) Assist in providing post graduate study courses
- iv) Arrange for and/or provide instructions for undergraduate or post graduate students
- v) Promote and maintain high standards of family practice of Medicine.

2) **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

a) **Basis of accounting:**

The financial statements of the college have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Statements of Accounting Standards, the requirement of Societies Act Cap 151 and the rules and regulations of the constitution of the College of Family Physicians Singapore.

The financial statements are expressed in Singapore dollars.

The college had 5 employees at 31 March, 2003 and (2002 : 4).

b) Revenue recognition:

All income are recognised in an accrual basis except entrance fees which are recognised when the applications are approved.

c) Fixed assets:

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost and are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, except potteries which are shown at market value, based on valuation by Christie's International Singapore Pte Ltd.

d) Depreciation:

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Furniture and fittings	3 years
Tapes and library books	3 years
Office equipment	3 years
Computers	1 year
Chubb alarm system	3 years
Renovation	5 years

No depreciation is provided for paintings and potteries as they appreciate in value.

The potteries have been revalued previous year by Christie's International Singapore Pte Ltd.

e) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and deposits held with banks.

3)	<u>JOURNAL FUND</u>		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
		\$	\$
	Balance at 31st March, 2002	35,482	34,643
	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	618	838
	Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>36,100</u>	<u>35,481</u>
4)	<u>COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH FUND</u>		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
		\$	\$
	Balance at 31st March, 2002	808,882	789,784
	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	14,102	19,098
	Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>822,984</u>	<u>808,882</u>
5)	<u>VICTOR LOUIS FERNANDEZ FELLOWSHIP FUND</u>		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
		\$	\$
	Balance at 31st March, 2002	28,433	27,762
	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	496	671
	Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>28,929</u>	<u>28,433</u>
6)	<u>POSTGRADUATE FAMILY MEDICINE LIBRARY FUND</u>		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
		\$	\$
	Balance at 31st March, 2002	862,717	842,348
	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	15,041	20,369
	Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>877,758</u>	<u>862,717</u>
7)	<u>ALBERT AND MARY LIM AWARD</u>		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
		\$	\$
	Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>18,871</u>	<u>18,871</u>
8)	<u>FAMILY MEDICINE FUND (MYANMAR)</u>		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
		\$	\$
	Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>1,705</u>	<u>1,705</u>

9) COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HOME STUDY PROGRAMME

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Balance at 31st March, 2002	14,590	14,450
Add: Interest on fixed deposit	-	140
Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>14,590</u>	<u>14,590</u>

10) GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE FUND

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Balance at 31st March, 2003	<u>274,314</u>	<u>382,400</u>

11) FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Furniture & Fittings</u>	<u>Office Equipment</u>	<u>Computer</u>	<u>Tapes and Library books</u>	<u>Chubb alarm system</u>	<u>Renovation</u>	<u>Paintings</u>	<u>Potteries</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>									
01.04.2002	\$ 82,087	\$ 79,862	\$ 67,900	\$ 54,688	\$ 4,264	\$ 43,646	\$ 11,525	\$ 24,275	\$ 368,247
Additions	-	-	6,154	-	-	-	-	-	6,154
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31.03.2003	<u>82,087</u>	<u>79,862</u>	<u>74,054</u>	<u>54,688</u>	<u>4,264</u>	<u>43,646</u>	<u>11,525</u>	<u>24,275</u>	<u>374,401</u>
<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>									
At 01.04.2002	81,800	76,140	67,900	54,688	4,264	8,729	-	-	293,521
Depreciation charges	143	3,406	6,154	-	-	8,729	-	-	18,432
At 31.03.2003	<u>81,943</u>	<u>79,546</u>	<u>74,054</u>	<u>54,688</u>	<u>4,264</u>	<u>17,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,953</u>
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>									
At 31.03.2003	<u>144</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,188</u>	<u>11,525</u>	<u>24,275</u>	<u>62,448</u>
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>									
At 31.03.2002	<u>287</u>	<u>3,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,917</u>	<u>11,525</u>	<u>24,275</u>	<u>74,726</u>

* Potteries are stated at revaluation

12) **FIXED DEPOSIT**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Journal fund	36,100	35,481
College Development and Research fund	822,984	808,882
Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	28,929	28,434
Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	877,758	862,717
General fund	(214,789)	(214,631)
	<u>1,550,982</u>	<u>1,520,883</u>

13) **CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Cash in hand	1,000	1,634
Cash at United Overseas Bank - a/c. No.1	776,138	525,259
Cash at United Overseas Bank - a/c. No.2	10,884	5,914
Cash at United Overseas Bank - a/c. No.3	-	3,649
Cash at citibank - Maxisave	23,215	23,107
	<u>811,237</u>	<u>559,563</u>

14) **SUNDRY RECEIVABLE**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Subscription in arrears	-	10,690
Singapore Family Physician advertisers	-	610
	<u>-</u>	<u>11,300</u>

15) **DEPOSITS**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Security deposit	1,000	1,000

16) **ACCRUED CHARGES**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Auditors' remuneration	700	700
Renovation and upgrading	5,625	5,625
Fixed assets	-	950
Telephone	20	368
Postages	1,507	52
Power supply	523	-
CME	540	-
GDFM Fund	32,000	-
Printing and stationery	3,369	2,414
Maintenance	357	357
Journals	21,793	21,793
	<u>66,434</u>	<u>32,259</u>

17 a) MICELLANEOUS INCOME

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Fellowship programme	32,504	22,000
Wonca Management fee	15,000	7,250
Rental of booth	-	9,400
Scientific conference	-	53,135
Advertisement in publications	-	1,000
SMC-CME	-	22,930
Continuing Medical Education	160,105	30,000
Sundry income	90	180
Family Medicine Teaching Programme	90,240	50,570
Minor Surgical Procedures	-	3,700
Journal Fund - Singapore Family Physician	-	26,000
Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine	259,520	35,146
Mailing and despatch fee	-	6,742
Surgical update	-	20,060
Health Endowment Fund	18,000	-
Eldersshield	39,372	-
MCFP (S)	3,532	-
	<u>618,363</u>	<u>288,113</u>

17 b) MICELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
AGM	9,962	-
Wonca Subscription	-	1,769
Family Medicine Teaching Programme	9,830	4,310
Refreshment	4,309	3,018
Sundries	1,831	4,812
Advertisement	1,322	853
Security charges	5,089	4,284
Photocopying	15,829	5,210
The Singapore Family Physician	46,180	16,212
Medical expenses	513	-
Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine	18,058	12,667
WONCA Bid and dinner	22,247	19,226
Accounting charges	2,450	4,800
Consultancy fee	56,000	-
Surgical update	-	2,583
Scientific conference	-	44,357
Continuing Medical Education	11,490	8,005
Convacation dinner	11,049	-
Entertainment	1,162	-
Fellowship programme	332	-
Annual Surgical update/Minor surgical update	2,156	-
	<u>219,809</u>	<u>132,106</u>

18) INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSIT

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	\$	\$
Citibank - Maxisave	30,257	40,976
Less: Transferred to Journal fund	618	838
Transferred to College Development and Research fund	14,102	19,098
Transferred to Victor Louis Fernandez fellowship fund	496	671
Transferred to Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	15,041	20,369
	30,257	40,976
As shown in income and expenditure account	-	-

19) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

Appendix

College CME Assessors' Board (CCAB)

- A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
- A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
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- Chai Chee Clinic & Surgery
- Chang Clinic
- Chang Clinic
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- LIM & CHAN Clinic
- Drs Bain & Partners
- Healthcare Medical Centre
- Healthway Clinic & Surgery
- Healthway Eastern Clinic
- Huan Clinic
- King George's Medical Centre
- L & L Family Medicine Clinic
- National Healthcare Group Polyclinics
- NHG Polyclinics - Choa Chu Kang
- NHG Polyclinics - Ang Mo Kio
- NHG
- Raffles Medical Group
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- Serangoon Garden Clinic & Dispensary
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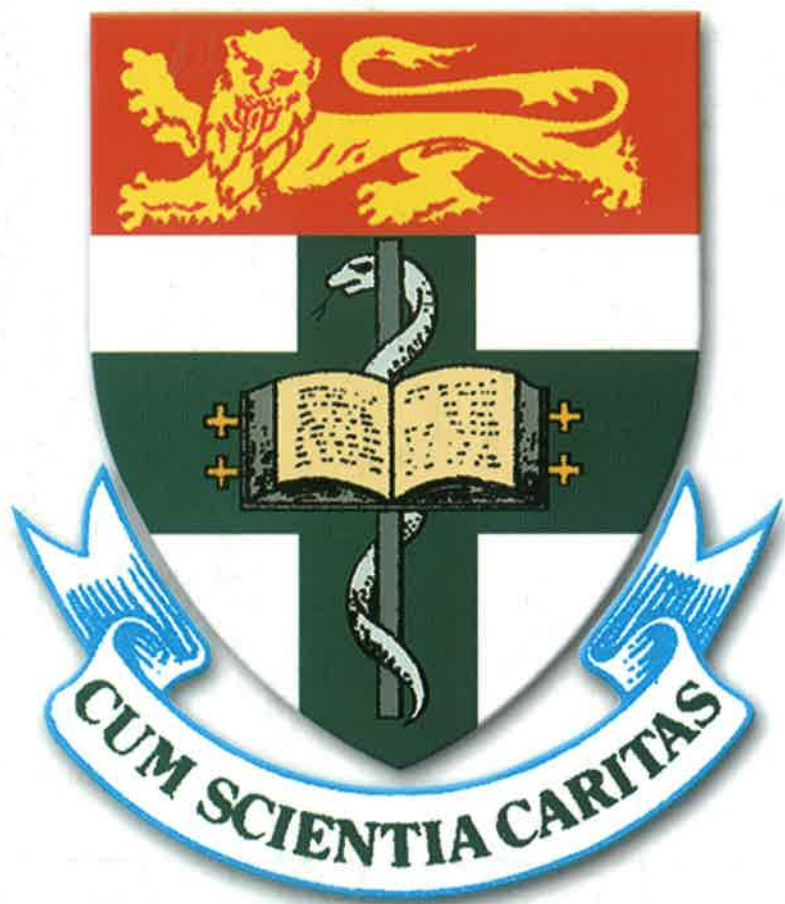
The College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS) was formed in 1971 as a non-profit organization to improve the standard of family medicine and the quality of primary healthcare in Singapore. The College works closely with the Ministry of Health, the National University of Singapore and all medical professional bodies in Singapore. It is co-located with the Ministry of Health at the prestigious College of Medicine Building.

The CFPS has a long academic tradition and work closely with organizations like the Medical Faculty and the Graduate School of Medicine of the National University of Singapore. In 1972 it instituted the first postgraduate degree in the discipline of family medicine. The MCGP examination was the first non-University medical qualification to be recognized by the Ministry of Health and the Singapore Medical Council. It is also recognized as equivalent to the post graduate degree awarded to family physicians by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

In 1993 the MCGP Examination evolved into a full Masters programme, the Masters of Medicine Family Medicine which is awarded by the National University of Singapore.

In 2000, the CFPS developed and launched 2 new academic programmes that are recognized by the Singapore Medical Council and the Ministry of Health. The Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine (GDFM) is the basic postgraduate qualification in family medicine. Eventually it would be the universal vocational qualification of all doctors practicing as Family Physicians in Singapore. The Fellowship of the College of Family Physicians Singapore (FCFP) is the highest academic qualification for family physicians in Singapore. There is one enrolment per year and only applicants with the Masters Degree in Family Medicine are accepted into this 2-year programme.

Notwithstanding its reputation in operating formal training programmes with recognised professional exit examinations, continuing medical education (CME) remains the core business of the CFPS. In the 1970s, nearly all CME programmes were organized by the CFPS. Over the years, the College had devolved the organization of ad-hoc CME to health care institutions and other professional bodies. It now plays the important role of starting turn-key CME programmes and running major CME courses in important areas of the discipline. With the introduction of mandatory CME for doctors in 2003, the College is taking on the role of evaluating and accrediting CME programmes to ensure the quality of the CME events that are organized in Singapore.



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Our nation is the courageous lion
Red of blood is the life which we must save
The green cross is our humanitarian mission
White is the purity of our aim
The open book is the pursuit of knowledge
The caduceus is our calling to heal

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