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Annual Subscription

Debit notes for the 2017 subscriptions have been sent to Fellows and Members. Please settle your subscription as soon as possible. The annual subscription would be waived for fellows and members aged over 65 or for those who have declared retirement (irrespective of age). The waiving of subscription will start in the following financial year after the fellow/member had attained aged 65 or over or after the retirement application received by the College secretariat. To declare retirement, a written declaration from the applicants confirming that they had retired from all remunerative practice/job/business in or outside Hong Kong. Should you have any questions about the subscription, please contact the College at subscription@hkca.edu.hk.

Warning Issued by FDA

The College would like to update all fellows and members that, on 14th December 2016, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a warning regarding repeated or lengthy use of general anesthetic and sedation drugs during surgeries or procedures in children younger than 3 years or in pregnant women during their third trimester may affect the development of children's brains. This warning will result in a labelling change for 11 common general anaesthetics and sedative agents that bind to GABA and NMDA receptors, including all anaesthetic gases such as Sevofurane, and the intravenous agents propofol, ketamine, barbiturates and benzodiazepines. Fellows are advised to balance the benefits of appropriate anesthesia in young children and pregnant women against the potential risks, especially for procedures that may last longer than 3 hours or if multiple procedures are required in children under 3 years. Discuss with parents, caregivers, and pregnant women the benefits, risks, and appropriate timing of surgery or procedures requiring anesthetic and sedation drugs. For further detail, please refer to the following links.

- [FDA review results in new warnings about using general anesthetics and sedation drugs in young children and pregnant women](#)

- [Anesthesia and Developing Brains — Implications of the FDA Warning](#)

Important Changes in the Final Fellowship Examination in 2018

The Board of Examinations will implement some changes in the Final Fellowship Examination from the first examination in 2018. The purpose of the changes is to broaden the coverage of the syllabus and to improve the logistics in examination organization. Please click [here](#) for the summary of the changes. The sample Final FRCA MCQ questions can be found on [RCoA website](#).

Update on HKCA new curriculum

In view of the global trend towards a competency based training curriculum, a Curriculum and Exam Review Working Group has been formed to review the anaesthesia training curriculum and examination and to formulate the components of competency based training. The Working Group is having a meeting every three months and the working group members are currently working on the new training curriculum and expected that the new curriculum will be implemented in mid 2018.



Update on the collaboration with The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA)

The HKCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) on 31 August, 2016 in Hong Kong. The collaboration on the education and examination are in progress. The College is going to send a delegation to visit RCoA in March 2017. During the visit, in addition to the review of the new curriculum and the discussion of the implementation of FRCA Final Examination MCQ component in Hong Kong, the delegation will visit the RCoA Training Centres in London and view workplace based assessments being undertaken in a hospital. Train-the-trainers workshop is another major collaboration with RCoA as a significant number of trainers will be needed for the new competency based training curriculum. The delegation will discuss the programme for the Train-the-trainer Workshop with the RCoA representatives.

Trainee Committee

To strengthen the communication between trainees and the College, a Trainee Committee is formed. To ensure the trainees' voice is heard, the Committee is composed of a trainee representative from each training centre, Training Officer and a council representative and the Committee directly reports to the Council. The roles and the duties of the Committee are:

- Considering matters referred to it by Council and College Boards, and providing feedback or making comments on issues related to trainees affairs;
- having consultation with trainees regarding issues related to training and education;
- Facilitating 2-way communication between the College and trainees.

The Council would like to express their gratitude to Dr Henry Wong for his effort towards the formation of the Committee.

Lecture on Focused Echocardiography

Prof David Canty, the Simulation Director from the Ultrasound Education Group of the University of Melbourne will deliver a lecture on "How to train the whole department in bedside ultrasound-guided diagnosis and procedures?" at Lecture Theatre, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital at 6:30pm on Thursday, 13 April 2017. Professor David Canty is a specialist cardiothoracic anaesthetist with an academic interest in echocardiography and lung ultrasound. He has completed a Doctorate of Philosophy thesis in "The impact of focused transthoracic echocardiography in anaesthesia and non-cardiac surgery". His areas of interest in cardiac anaesthesia include perioperative echocardiography, lung ultrasound and myocardial protection with cardioplegic arrest.

Poster

Should you or your colleagues are interested in attending the Lecture, please register [online](#).

ECHO HONG KONG 2017, organized by Ruttonjee and Tang Shiu Kin Hospitals will be held on 23-26 November 2017. The College is negotiating with the Organisers on reservation of quota and there may be partial sponsorship supported by the College. Details will be sent out in June and please keep a close eye on College's notification.

Dr Chow Yu-fat, Honorary Treasurer of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

Dr Chow Yu-fat, the Immediate Past President of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists was elected as Honorary Treasurer of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. Congratulations to Dr Chow.

Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology 2017

The Annual Scientific Meeting 2017 (ASM 2017) will be held on 18-19 November 2017 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Please save the date and the details will be announced soon.

Dr Jean Allison at WCA 2016

Dr Jean Allison, one of the founding fellows of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists has written an article for the Magazine of The Australian Society of Anaesthetists to share her experience of WCA 2016. The background of Dr Allison is given in the second part of the article. It will help the young anaesthetists to get to know this pioneer of the Hong Kong anaesthesia community.

[16th World Congress of Anaesthesiologists, written by Dr Jean Allison](#)

NTEC Simulation and Training Center

The NTEC Simulation and Training Centre courses scheduled for 2017 can be found [here](#).

Certificates

The certificates of the following fellows have not been collected yet. To collect your certificate, please go to the College's Office during office hour.

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