

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE



annual report
2001 - 2002

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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REPORT OF THE 18TH COUNCIL (2001-2003)

1 April 2001 – 31 March 2002

The College had an eventful and fruitful year, continuing to make significant progress in our efforts to improve the standard of family medicine and the quality of primary health care in Singapore.

The Council and various Standing Committees are pleased to report the highlights of the activities of the College in the year ending 31 March 2002.



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RAISING ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN FAMILY MEDICINE.....

Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine



The Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine programme is a vocational certification course jointly organized by the College and the Graduate School of Medical Studies of the National University of Singapore and supported by the Ministry of Health.

It is a two-year distance learning programme supported by workshops and tutorials. It is designed for doctors embarking on a career in family medicine and practicing family doctors who want to enhance their skills and knowledge. The course is divided into 8 modules, 32 workshops, 4 clinical courses and 8 tutorials. It is a challenging course that culminates in a theory and practical clinical examinations.

The following doctors were appointed tutors of the GDFM programme.

Year 2000-2002

1. Dr Chong Chun Hon
2. Dr Chong Phui-Nah
3. Dr Chow Mun Hong
4. Dr Ee Guan Liang Adrian
5. Dr Goh Khean Theik
6. Dr Goh Shirley
7. Dr Hwang Chi Hong
8. Dr Kwan Yew Seng
9. Dr Lee Kheng Hock
10. Dr Leong Soh Sum Helen
11. Dr Lim Fong Seng
12. Dr Lim Hui Ling
13. Dr Loke Kam Weng
14. Dr Low Mun Heng Gerard
15. Dr Low Sze Sen
16. Dr Ng Joo Ming Matthew
17. Dr Shah Mitesh
18. Dr Shiau Ee Leng
19. Dr Swah Teck Sin
20. Dr Tan Kee Wang
21. Dr Tan See Leng
22. Dr Tan Yu Sing Lucienne
23. Dr Tang Kim Lian
24. Dr Tay Ee Guan
25. Dr Thng Lip Mong
26. Dr Yew Woon Wah

Year 2001 – 2003

1. Dr Chin Swee Aun
2. Dr Koh Choon Huat Gerald
3. Dr Koh Kheng Keah
4. Dr Kwong Kum Hoong
5. Dr Lee Soon Seng
6. Dr Lim Mien Choo Ruth
7. Dr Ngeow Colin
8. Dr Pang Sze Kang Jonathan
9. Dr Tan Kim Eng
10. Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
11. Dr Tan Swee Lian Yvette
12. Dr Theng Thiam Seng Colin
13. Dr Wong Tack Keong Michael

The course started in 2000 and the first cohort of trainees will be graduating this year in 2002. The first GDFM examination will be held in 27 & 28 July 2002. The following doctors were nominated by the Censors' Board and were appointed and approved by the Graduate School of Medical Studies (NUS) as examiners.

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| 1. A/Prof Chan Nang Fong | 27. Dr Loh Wee Tiong Alfred |
| 2. Dr Chang Ming Yu, James | 28. Dr Lok Ying Fang |
| 3. A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean | 29. Dr Loong Tze Wey |
| 4. Dr Cheong Seng Kwing | 30. Dr Low Mun Heng Gerard |
| 5. Dr Chong Phui-Nah | 31. Dr Low Sze Sen |
| 6. Dr Justina Dairianathan | 32. Dr Moti Vaswani |
| 7. Dr Ajith Damodaran | 33. Dr Siaw Tung Yeng |
| 8. Dr Gowri Doraisamy | 34. Dr Swah Teck Sin |
| 9. Dr Ee Guan Liang Adrian | 35. Dr Tan Chee Beng |
| 10. Dr Goh Choon Kee Shirley | 36. Dr Tan Heng Kwang |
| 11. A/Prof Goh Lee Gan | 37. Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan |
| 12. Dr Goh Soo Chye Paul | 38. Dr Tan Yu Sing Lucienne |
| 13. Dr Huan Meng Wah | 39. Dr Tay Ee Guan |
| 14. Dr Khemani Neeta Parshotam | 40. Dr Wong See Hong |
| 15. Dr Kurup Bina | 41. Dr Yeo Peng Hock Henry |
| 16. Dr Kwan Yew Seng | 42. Dr Yii Hee Seng |
| 17. Dr Lau Hong Choon | |
| 18. Dr Lee Ai Ming, Audrey | |
| 19. Dr Lee Kheng Hock | |
| 20. Dr Leong Soh Sum Helen | |
| 21. Dr Lim Fong Seng | |
| 22. Dr Lim Jen Pei | |
| 23. Dr Lim Kah Choo Carol | |
| 24. A/Prof Lim Lean Huat | |
| 25. Dr Lim Lee Kiang Julian | |
| 26. Dr Lim Liang Boon | |

The admission for the third cohort of trainees will occur in June 2002.

In March 2002, the Ministry gave the College a grant of S\$382,400 to develop and build up capacity for the course. It is envisaged that the intake will increase over the years to a steady state of 120 trainees per year. The vision of the College is for all new doctors entering the discipline of family medicine to receive formal and structured training in family medicine. The Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine will eventually be the distinctive of a well-trained family doctor in Singapore.

Award of Member of the College of Family Physicians Singapore (MCFPS) by Collegiate Membership



The CFPS has a long academic tradition and work closely with organizations like the Medical Faculty and the Graduate School of Medical Studies 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 that was awarded by the National University of Singapore.

Continuing the tradition of giving recognition to well trained family doctors, members who have obtained the MMed (Family Medicine) are invited to apply for admission to Diplomate membership which carries the title of Member of the College of Family Physicians Singapore (MCFPS). Criteria for admission for this distinguished category of membership include:

1. Membership of the College for at least 2 years.
2. Demonstrate commitment to professional development by satisfying SMC's requirements for CME.
3. Be active in academic and College activities.

On 26th August 2001, 9 members of the College were awarded the MCFPS in recognition of their academic and professional achievements under these new criteria. This marks the continuation of the prestigious Diplomate Membership of the College that was last awarded in 1992.

Award of Fellow of the College of Family Physicians Singapore (FCFPS) by Assessment

The Fellowship of the College of Family Physicians Singapore (FCFPS) is the highest academic qualification for family physicians in Singapore. Since the founding of the College in 1971, this award was given to members who had distinguished themselves in the discipline and elected by their peers in the College.

From 1998, potential candidates for the award of fellowship must successfully complete a demanding 2-year assessment programme and an exit viva examination. The first batch of 8 candidates successfully completed the programme in 2000. They were conferred with the Fellowship award in August 2001.



The Albert and Mary Lim Award



The Albert and Mary Lim Award (AMLA) is given to members who have distinguished themselves in the service of the College and the development of family medicine in Singapore.

The recipient of the 2001 AMLA is Dr. Lim Kim Leong who was the past Honorary Secretary and the past Censor-in-Chief of the College for many terms. He was instrumental in the development of many of the academic programmes of the College and is still actively involved in College activities.



Honorary Fellowship



*The Late Emeritus
Professor S S Ratnam*

The Honorary Fellowship is awarded to non-members of the College who had made significant contributions to the discipline of family medicine. The recipient of the 2001 Honorary Fellowship was the late Professor SS Ratnam. Although he was not a family physician, Prof Ratnam recognised the importance of having well trained family doctors. In his capacity as Director of the Graduate School of Medical Studies, he championed the cause of starting a Masters programme in family medicine. In 1993 with the support of Prof Ratnam and many other physician leaders, the College succeeded in instituting the Masters of Medicine Family Medicine programme.

Independent Department of Family Medicine and the Institute of Family Medicine

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24th September 1999, the general body passed the following resolutions:

1. That the College initiates the move to set up a Department of Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore.
2. That the College spearheads the fund raising towards a target sum of S\$ 3,000,000 for the Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine.
3. That a donation of at least S\$250,000 be made by the College from its existing funds to the proposed Endowment Fund for the Chair in Family Medicine at the National University.

The Council had worked to implement the resolutions but events and new developments as reported in the last Annual General Meeting had necessitated a change in strategy. These changes included:

1. An economic downturn making it more difficult to raise funds.
2. Re-structuring within the National University of Singapore itself.
3. The counter-proposal of a Research Chair in lieu of a Chair in Family Medicine from the existing Community, Occupational and Family Medicine at the National University of Singapore.

At the last Annual General Meeting, a change of strategy was endorsed by the general body. A new resolution was passed in response to the new developments:

“ 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.

In the past year some progress had been made. A new idea that came about was the possibility of forming an Institute of Family Medicine as an operational entity within the College itself. This operational entity will carry the aspirations of the College and do the work of teaching undergraduate and postgraduate family medicine.

In the meantime, discussions about forming an independent department at the university is still on-going with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and various opinion leaders in the University and the medical fraternity. The consensus so far is that we should have an independent department that teaches family medicine at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The question is one of structure and timing. The Council will continue to work on this very important task. With the support of all the family physicians in Singapore, we are confident that our efforts will bear fruit within the next few years.

IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF PRIMARY HEALTHCARE.....

Continuing Medical Education

With the advent of compulsory CME in 2003, the College had been tasked by the Singapore Medical Council to implement a system of evaluation and accreditation of CME events organised for all family physicians in Singapore.

The College will also work towards helping family physicians meet the requirements of compulsory CME. Besides auditing and accrediting programmes, the College will also organise relevant and useful events that will help busy family physicians fulfill their professional development needs. The emphasis will be on learner directed programmes, programmes that emphasise the application of knowledge to practice and distance learning programmes that can accommodate the long working hours of family physicians in Singapore.

This is a very important area of College work and our President A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean had personally taken charge of the CME Committee to steer the restructuring efforts.

Electronic CME Programme

The College is determined to harness the productivity-enhancing qualities of information technology and use it to help family doctors in their professional development. To this end a team of members of our College have worked very hard towards developing an on-line, electronic CME programme. The e-learning platform will also be used by the many structured courses that are organized by the College.



In the past year, the College had worked with World Health Network, a British-based information technology company. Unfortunately, the company had unexpectedly ceased its Singapore operations in December 2001.

The College workgroup is now working on a new electronic CME programme. This programme will run on a new and more reliable e-learning platform. The programme should be ready by 2003.

WONCA 2007 World Conference



Singapore will once again be hosting the WONCA World Conference on Family Medicine from 24th to 28th July 2007. The theme of the conference is "Human Genomics and its Impact on Family Physicians".

Members will remember that the College made local history when it held the then largest medical conference in Singapore back in 1983. Many senior WONCA members are still impressed

by the success of the 10th WONCA World Conference and remembered with fondness how we were able to present the full conference proceedings to every delegate at the conference itself.

The pro-tem host organizing committee led by Dr Tan See Leng went to bid for the 18th WONCA World Conference in South Africa. In a cliff-hanger contest, they won narrowly by defeating Sydney, Australia's bid by just one vote.

For a small and young College to be given the honour of playing host to the world of family medicine twice in so few years, is testament to the international reputation of the College of Family Physicians Singapore.

CFPS Website



The College website had been revamped entirely. Our new web mistress is Ms Emily Lim of our Secretariat. Members can look forward to new and better features in the coming months. The website will be linked with our e-learning programmes once they are up and running.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

Proliferation of clinical practice guidelines is a world-wide phenomenon and Singapore is no exception. It is universally accepted that good guidelines are helpful. Poorly developed guidelines are ineffective and sometimes hinder.

The College had tried to give our input to the development of guidelines, emphasizing the need for adapting recommendations to accommodate the biopsychosocial complexity of individual patients and the nature of family practice.

We have communicated this to the Ministry of Health. Our comments were accepted. The Ministry had invited the College to take on a greater role in the development of future clinical practice guidelines.

CONTRIBUTING TO NATION BUILDING.....

Regular Meetings with the Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health

The Director of Medical Services, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan had initiated a series of regular meetings with the College Council to discuss issues pertaining to primary health care in Singapore. During such meetings the Ministry of Health and the College exchange views and update each other on developments and work plans. Such meetings had been immensely useful and had fostered a greater level of co-operation between the Ministry and the College in working towards our common goal of a higher standard of primary care for Singaporeans.

Representation in national committees and programmes

The importance and influence of the College is well recognised by various organisations. Besides providing valuable input during informal consultations, the College had been invited to send representatives to various important national committees. In the past year the College had been invited to participate in the many workgroups and committees including the following:

SMC CME Coordinating Committee
Medical Society's Career Seminar
Bioethics Advisory Committee
Standards Committee, Singapore Productivity and Standards Board
Breastfeeding Mothers' Support Group

Quality Assurance Programmes

Quality assurance is an important tool to improve the standard of care that we provide to our patients. The College had been invited by the Clinical Quality Department of the Ministry of Health to collaborate in quality assurance projects.

Discussions are on going and such projects will work towards empowering family physicians to manage important chronic diseases more effectively.

LEADING THE FAMILY MEDICINE FRATERNITY.....

College Secretariat Restructuring

The advent of many successful projects and programmes had greatly increased the amount and the complexity of work at our Secretariat.

As an interim measure, Dr Lee Kheng Hock had been appointed as the Part-time Executive Director to head the Secretariat and continue to develop new and on-going programmes.



The College is also in the process of recruiting more staff and re-organising our work processes to provide better services to our members and participants of our various courses and programmes.

Renovation of the College Premises

As directed by the general body at the last Annual General Meeting, the College premises was renovated to create a new lecture room which has a seating capacity of 65 persons. Our Vice-President, Dr Arthur Tan, supervised the renovation project. The new lecture room had proven to be immensely useful to our many CME programmes. Trainees of courses such as the GDFM are especially appreciative of the better facilities.

Activities of Standing Committees

Please refer to individual committee reports.

College membership

The College work towards improving the standard of family medicine in Singapore. We represent and work for the betterment of all family physicians in Singapore. Membership is voluntary and is the mark of commitment to one's fraternity.

Admission to Ordinary Membership, Diplomate Membership and Fellow Membership is an honour that is accorded only to those that have satisfied strict requirements in professional experience and academic achievements as stipulated in our Constitution and Regulations.

MEMBERSHIP LIST (As at 31-March-2002)

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8. Professor Lim, Pin
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12. Professor Tock Peng Chong, Edward

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3. Dr Chang Ming Yu, James
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5. A/Professor Goh Lee Gan
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13. Dr Lee Suan Yew
14. Dr Leong Vie Chung
15. Dr Lim Kim Leong
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22. Dr Tan Chee Beng
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25. Dr Wong Kum Hoong
26. Dr Yeo Peng Hock, Henry

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7. Dr Chong Hoi Leong
8. Dr Choo Kay Wee
9. Dr Chow Yeow Ming
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13. Dr Goh Kiat Seng
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25. Dr Kwong Kum Hoong
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36. Dr Lim Liang Boon
37. Dr Lim Shuen Li, Selina
38. Dr Lim Sinn Ling
39. Dr Lim, Shyan
40. Dr Loo Choon Yong
41. Dr Low Kee Hwa
42. Dr Low Mun Heng, Gerard
43. Dr Lui Woei Sen
44. Dr Lum Chun Fatt
45. Dr Mathani, Suresh Ramchand
46. Dr Murugasu, Deirdre
47. Dr Ng Chee Lian, Lawrence

48. Dr Ng Joo Ming, Matthew
49. Dr Ng May Mei
50. Dr Ngeow, Colin
51. Dr Omar, Bin Saleh Talib
52. Dr Seet Po Choo, Cynthia
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56. Dr Tan Kee Wang
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59. Dr Tan Swee Teck, Michael
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63. Dr Wong Fook Meng, Wilson
64. Dr Wong Sin Hee
65. Dr Wong Song Ung
66. Dr Yeo Siam Yam
67. Dr Yii Hee Seng

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2. Dr Chung Sin Fah
3. Dr Hee Wan Jang, Henry
4. Dr Hew Kin Sun
5. Dr Yong Voon Fatt
6. Dr Yoong Foh Yan

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2. Dr Soon Siew Pheng, Roy

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3. Dr Robin, Elizabeth Clare

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3. Dr Ang Lai Lai
4. Dr Ang Poh Kit
5. Dr Ang Su Lin Vivien
6. Dr Ang Yiau Hua
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9. Dr Au Kah Kay
10. Dr Auw Tiang Meng
11. Dr Aw Lee Fhoon, Lily
12. Dr Balasubramaniam, P
13. Dr Balasundram, Ganesh
14. Dr Balkis Binte Akbar Ali
15. Dr Caldwell George Yuille
16. Dr Chan Foong Lien
17. Dr Chaim Heng Tin
18. Dr Chan Heng Thye
19. Dr Chan Hsiu Mei
20. Dr Chan Kah Kwok, Henry
21. Dr Chan Khye Meng
22. Dr Chan Wah Mei
23. Dr Chan Wai Lup
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25. Dr Chan Yuan Kuen
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29. Dr Chang Tou Liang
30. Dr Chao Wen Pin, Cynthia
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32. Dr Chee Fon Foo, Ernest
33. Dr Chee Yuet Ching, Caroline
34. Dr Chen Chih Min
35. Dr Chen Jenn Yuh
36. Dr Chen Sze Sin
37. Dr Cheng Heng Lee
38. Dr Cheng Soo Hong
39. Dr Cheong Cher Chee, David
40. Dr Cheong Kwok Keong
41. Dr Cheong Lee Ching
42. Dr Chew Gian Moh
43. Dr Chew May Ling
44. Dr Chew Swee Eng
45. Dr Chia Kian Chua
46. Dr Chia Swee Heong, Daniel
47. Dr Chia Tee Hien

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| 57. | Dr Chong Lay Hwa | 107. | Dr Goh Kar Cheng |
| 58. | Dr Chong Mui Hun | 108. | Dr Goh Khean Teik |
| 59. | Dr Chong Phui-Nah | 109. | Dr Goh Kong Tek |
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Last but not least, we would like to express our appreciation to the hardworking staff of our College Secretariat for their efficiency and their dedication.

Dr Lee Kheng Hock
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College of Family Physicians Singapore

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1. Introduction

2001/2002 was another year of academic milestones for the College. In 2001, the College started the Family Medicine Fellowship Programme (Aged Care) and for the first time awarded the MCFP(S) to MMed(FM) holders who fulfilled criteria for the award of diplomate membership. The year also saw the commencement of the academic year and the Teacher of the Year award. The conferment of Fellowships and the MCFP(S) were held together with the College Dinner. The Graduate Diploma of Family Medicine (GDFM) programme is now in its final phase with the preparation for the inaugural GDFM examination. The GDFM examination is a landmark in our academic history as it will also be the first time that the College and the Graduate School of Medical Studies (GSMS) organise the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) and the Key Features Problem written examination (KFP).

2. Membership

In the year under review the membership strength was 806 as at 31 March 2002. This represented a 10% increase in membership. Of these 70 are retired members. The distribution by grade of membership for the last three years are also shown below:

Membership Category	2000	2001	2002
Honorary Fellows	12	12	12
Fellows	18	18	26
Diplomate	72	69	75
Ordinary Members	390	481	538
Associate Members	170	85	82
Overseas Members	4	3	3
Retired Members	52	62	70
Total	718	730	806

4. Commencement of the Academic Year

The commencement of the academic year took place at the Health Promotion Board (HPB) auditorium on 23 June 2001. The guest of honour was Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, Director of Medical Services, MOH. Other significant guests who attended include Dr Ling Sing Lin, Chairman of the Committee for Family Medicine, Prof Tan Ser Kiat, GCEO Singhealth, and Dr Alfred Loh, CEO WONCA. One highlight of the commencement was the Teacher of the Year awards. The first recipients of this award were Dr Tan Chee Beng and Dr Julian Lim.

5. Preparation for the First Graduate Diploma of Family Medicine (GDFM) Examination

The structure, components and launch of the GDFM were reported in the immediate two previous Censors' Board Reports. A study visit to Townsville, Queensland Australia by A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, Censor-in-chief Dr Lau Hong Choon and Censor Dr Tan Chee Beng in November 2001 gave us a first hand experience of the Australian College (RACGP) examination at James Cook University Townsville. The technical aspects of, and lessons learnt, from the Australian exam were adapted into the GDFM Exam. The Council and the Committee for Family Medicine were informed regarding new examination components (KFP and OSCE), the Clinical examination (OSCE) process, and the standardisation, assessment of candidates and technical aspects of the GDFM examination in a formal report. The Committee for Family Medicine accepted the recommendations of the Censors Board and the Study Visit for the structure and preparations for the GDFM examination. The first batch of trainees will take the first GDFM examination on 27 and 28 July 2002.

The GDFM examination matrix provided the systematic structure from which all questions and OSCEs in the GDFM are set. The GDFM examination will be set by a group of examiners approved by the Committee for Family Medicine. The Censors Board, which is the Examination Board vets and selects 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 have been trained and will be ready for the examination in July. The training consisted of two afternoons, each of which involved practice of OSCE scenarios first among examiners themselves and another session involving real candidates (the trainees) going through practice sessions with the examiners. The trainees have been trained in the new examination format and were familiarised with MCQ, KFP and OSCE sample questions through the two afternoon sessions in the GDFM Clinical Revision Course. Our College secretariat and GSMS staff who will be organising the logistics of the examination were actively involved in the OSCE training sessions.

6. Fellows of The College of Family Physicians

The following were successful candidates in the Fellowship by assessment and received their Fellowship Conferment in 2001.

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| 1. Dr Goh Soo Chye, Paul | 5. Dr Ong Chooi Peng |
| 2. Dr Kwan Yew Seng | 6. Dr Tan Chee Beng |
| 3. Dr Lee Kheng Hock | 7. Dr Siaw Tung Yeng |
| 4. Dr Lim Lee Kiang, Julian | 8. Dr Swah Teck Sin |

Dr Lau Hong Choon received the Fellowship by election.

The second cohort of Fellows by Assessment will be assessed on September 2002. The Exit Panel will include an external interviewer Dr Brian Kable and members of the Censors Board. From 2002 onwards, there will be annual exit interviews as the College had started annual intakes for the Fellows by Assessment programme since year 2000.

7. The 11th Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) Examination

The 11th Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) Examination was held from 9-15 October 2001. The External Examiners were Professor Wesley Fabb and Professor Stuart Murray. Of the 21 candidates who sat for the examination, 16 were successful. They were:

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| 1. Dr Ang Su Lin Vivien | 9. Dr Ng Chung Wai Mark |
| 2. Dr Chia Tee Hien | 10. Dr Ng Ming Yann Karen |
| 3. Dr Chua Chi Siong | 11. Dr Soh Ling Ling |
| 4. Dr Goh Sing Hong | 12. Dr Tan Choon Seng Gilbert |
| 5. Dr Kalaimamani Kanagasabai | 13. Dr Tang Wern Ee |
| 6. Dr Ling Yee Kiang | 14. Dr Tse Wan Lung Derek |
| 7. Dr Loo Wee Ping Louis | 15. Dr Wong Teck Yee |
| 8. Dr P Cruz Marie Stella | 16. Dr Yung Charlotte |

As of 31st March 2002, there were a total of 156 doctors with MMed FM qualification.

8. The Award of MCFP(S) to MMED (FM) holders who fulfill criteria

In 2001, out of a total of 16 who applied, 9 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 Cheong Seng Kwing | 6. Dr Ng Joo Ming Matthew |
| 2. Dr Koh Choon Huat Gerald | 7. Dr Ngeow Colin |
| 3. Dr Kwong Kum Hoong | 8. Dr Shivcharan Kaur Gill |
| 4. Dr Lee Soon Seng | 9. Dr Tan Kee Wang |
| 5. Dr Lim Liang Boon | |

9. The conferment of the FCFP(S) and the MCFP(S)

This historic occasion took place at the College Dinner in conjunction with the 5th Scientific Conference on 26 August 2001. The successful candidates for the FCFP(S) and the MCFP(S) were awarded their fellowships and memberships. The guest of honour at the conferment was Minister for Health Mr Lim Hng Kiang. A video presentation on the history of the College created by Dr Lee Kheng Hock was shown on this occasion.

10 The Censors Board

The Censors' Board and Advisors met numerous times during the busy academic year in the evenings, usually. Besides the planning for all the academic initiatives, the Censors' Board and Advisors also spent long hours preparing the MMed (Family Medicine) examination questions and the GDFM examinations and other associated academic activities. Credit must go to our Censors and Advisors for spending much time and effort in planning for the MMed and GDFM examinations besides implementing the Fellowship by assessment and the Fellowship programme (Aged Care). The Censors Board also deliberated on membership policies and various criteria for admission to the main academic programmes of the College.

I would like to thank the Censors and the Advisors to the Censors Board for their hard work, enthusiasm and support. 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 and friends who have helped to make the academic year a success. I thank 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.

Dr Lau Hong Choon

Censor-in-Chief

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002

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



The College Secretariat has been managed by three staff for the previous terms and has been maintained at this level for the current term also. However, staff-function restructuring was done so we now have two Administrative Executives. An Administrative Executive manages general office administrative duties together with Events Management, Publications, Membership and Continuing Medical Education, while another manages the structured courses, especially the administration of the Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine course, co-ordinating the Masters of Medicine (Family Medicine) and all IT matters including the College website.

As the College is presently at the threshold of further development, the Secretariat will see an exciting term ahead and will have to gear up to provide adequate administrative support. We are currently looking into employing an Administrative Officer to provide further support, especially for the GDFM which is now in its second year and hence catering for two batches of participants, the SMC-CME for which our role will increase when the new programme is developed and when CME becomes compulsory.

The Committee will continually monitor the administrative support for the Secretariat so as to ensure its relevance to College's requirements, within the financial constrain.

Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Chairman
Administration Committee

Report of the Continuing Medical Education Committee

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002



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
Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo

Two major restructuring of the College's CME were undertaken in 2001/2002. Firstly, CME events are organised around the theme of the FMTP Modular Course and secondly, the College has assumed new roles as CME is to be made compulsory by the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) from January 2003.

Structured Modular CME

The College this year moved away from nominal sponsorship of CME events planned and supported by pharmaceutical trades and healthcare providing institutions, to pro-active CME structured around the quarterly themes of the FMTP Modular Courses. A special four-page newsletter - the College CME Calendar, was printed every quarter in advance and with the courtesy of the SMA sent to about 3,800 SMA members, in addition to College members. The events were co-organised with institutions and specialist societies as Skills Courses and Updates to complement the case-based workshops of the FMTP Modular Courses to give a range of educational experience. A list of the activities is listed in Appendix 1.

This is a radical move as the CME topics were not dictated by the specific interests of the pharmaceutical or healthcare service providers and were planned based on educational needs of Family Physicians. Costs were kept low by utilising in-house facilities and keeping refreshments and hospitality modest. Specialists and the institutions were also very co-operative and contributed time and effort to these CME events. Doctors also like the concept of a single payment for any event that they subscribed to for the next 3 months.

Although the events were well subscribed in general, the CME Committee learnt many valuable lessons.

Firstly, some Family Physicians, while appreciative of the educational value of these activities and the small registration fees of the events, tend to compare the events with those organised by drug companies and service providing institutions which are free. Secondly, because of the low funding, the College could not invest in printing and posting dedicated brochures for each individual event. Hence, some events held later in the quarter suffered from poor publicity as doctors were not willing to commit to pay for events held 2 to 3 months later. Thirdly, the skeletal College administrative staff was over-stretched in tending to these events in addition to the regular FMTP modular courses. The College would therefore have to spend more on administration if it wishes to be also a significant CME provider. Fourthly, a few CME events had to be cancelled because of lack of subscription. These were mainly important but orphaned

topics, orphaned because lack of marketing interest from the pharmaceutical industry and from practice perspective.

Because of these issues and the new CME order when CME is made compulsory from January 2003, the College would like to take a step back for the second half of 2002 and review its strategy. Should it concentrate on vocational training and related CME? Should it only organise CME topics which are orphaned? Who should College's CME partners be? How should CME events be priced and how should the CME of College members be further supported? These and other questions should be thought through before the College plans its CME Calendar for 2003.

College Role in the new SMC-CME Scheme

The SMC would make CME compulsory for all doctors from January 2003 and introduced the concept of Core CME. Details of what this means to Family Physicians are discussed in the President's Column in the January-March 2002 issue of "The Singapore Family Physician" journal.

The College has accepted the role of assessing deserving CME to be designated by SMC as Core FM CME and Non-core CME. The Council has initially decided that cost-recovery fees must be charged for such applications from Category 1B CME-providers based on the following considerations viz.

- (1) The College needs to spend to build the physical infrastructure;
- (2) Increase its administrative staff and its leaders have to expend time to provide the continual service;
- (3) Family Physicians who are members supporting the College are paying for the upkeep of the system which benefits all Family Physicians; and
- (4) SMC is not funding the College for this task.

However after further consideration, it decided to shelf the imposition of fee for the first year.

The College has set up a Board of Assessors and a panel of FM CME Advisors from senior members of the FM fraternity to oversee the role (see Appendix 2). The system in place is different for the various categories of CME.

Categories	System worked out	Remarks
1A Structured Series (e.g.Ward rounds)	In addition to the College, only 4 centres are accredited by the College viz, Singhealth Polyclinics, NHG Polyclinics, Graduate FM Centres and NUS Centres. College appointed Assessors to oversee each centre.	Six monthly reports of activities to be presented to the Board of Assessors;policies to be made based on review.
1 B	Usual Category 1B providers apply to SMC with information to College with the advice of College accredited CME Advisors. College Assessors would then decide on the merits.	Six monthly analysis would be done according to - FM Matrix - QA

Categories	System worked out	Remarks
2	Authors of publications in Singapore Family Physician (SFP) would be merit core FM points	
3A	SFP would be designated 2 articles in each quarterly issue for reading for FM points	By self-reporting, 5 core FM points can be earned.
3B	College to develop paper-based and distance learning in collaboration with colleagues assisted by external funding.	College Members would be given Cat 3B programmes at reduced cost; maximum of 18 core FM points to be earned

The Category 1A and 1B accreditation system has been in effect from 3rd June 2002. The Category 3A features would start from the October-December 2002 issue of "The Singapore Family Physician" journal. The Category 3B programmes would be implemented towards the 4th quarter 2002.

This is a watershed year for CME in Singapore. With the role assigned to the College by the Singapore Medical Council, there are opportunities for the FM fraternity to ensure that CME is effective for Family Physicians with the College taking the lead. The College can also adopt policies such that members who have subscribed to provide the administrative infrastructure to run the CME machinery would have their CME needs facilitated.

A/Prof. Cheong Pak Yean
Chairman, CME Committee /
Assessor-in-Chief, Board of CME Assessors

Appendix 1

NOMINALLY SPONSORED / CO-ORGANISED CME EVENTS WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND SOCIETIES

Date	Event	Organiser
28 April 2001	Electrocardiography in Clinical Practice	Changi General Hospital
26 May 2001	Interactive Case Discussion Conference on 'Aging and the Family Physician'	Department of Urology, Singapore General Hospital
06 June 2001	GP Lecture on An Asian Perspective To IBS	Bristol-Myers Squibb (S) Pte Ltd / Novartis (Singapore) Pte Ltd
18 June 2001	The Impact of Asthma in Singapore : Asthma Insights and Realities in Asia Pacific	GlaxoSmithKline
27 July 2001	Managing Insulin Resistance Syndrome in Diabetes	GlaxoSmithKlin
04 August 2001	Towards a Holistic Care in Cancer Management	The Cancer Institute
30 September 2001	Psychosis - Early Recognition and Intervention : Family Physicians Can Make A Difference	Institute of Mental Health - Department of Early Psychosis Intervention
06 October 2001	Management of Soft Tissue Problems	TTSH-College
13 October 2001	Lipids, MIs and Statins	Merck Sharp & Dohme (IA) Corp
13 October 2001	Physical Medicine	TTSH-College
20 October 2001	Emergencies in Family Practice	TTSH-College
27 October 2001	Rheumatological Diagnosis	TTSH-College
15-21 October 2001	Hepatitis B Action Week	Singapore Hepatitis Support Group / National Foundation for Digestive Diseases
20 October 2001	GP Symposium "Chronic Hepatitis B Updates"	Singapore Hepatitis Support Group / National Foundation for Digestive Diseases
11 November 2001	Paediatric ENT – In Focus : Obstructive Sleep Disorders	Mount Elizabeth Hospital
01 December 2001	Emergency Medicine	TTSH-College
08 December 2001	Rheumatology	TTSH-College
15 December 2001	Travel Medicine	TTSH-College
22 December 2001	Allergy & Immunology	TTSH-College

Date	Event	Organiser
12 January 2002	Approach to ENT problems	Singhealth-College
19 January 2002	Approach to Eye Problems from Child to Adulthood	Singhealth-College
26 January 2002	Common Neurological Problems	Singhealth-College
16 February 2002	Gynaecological Cancers	Singhealth-College
21 February 2002	Primary Care Symposium – 1st Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Symposium	National Neuroscience Institute / Clinical Neuroscience Society of Singapore
02 March 2002	Practical Tips in Eye Examination and Therapeutics	Singhealth-College
02 March 2002	Clinical Cholesterol Management Course	Singapore Cardiac Society
03 March 2002	Clinical Cholesterol Management Course	Singapore Cardiac Society
09 March 2002	Tips and Techniques on ENT Exam	Singhealth-College
16 March 2002	Neurological Examination	Singhealth-College
23 March 2002	GSK Scientific Meeting	GlaxoSmithKline

Appendix 2

Board of FM CME Assessors

Chairman: A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean
Members: A/Prof Chan Nang Fong
Dr Goh Khean Teik
Dr Lim Fong Seng
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Dr Arthur Tan Chin Lock
Dr Tay Ee Guan
Dr Yii Hee Seng
Advisor: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan

FM CME Advisors Panel

1. Dr Chang Ming Yu James
2. Dr Chong Phui-Nah
3. Dr Cheong Seng Kwing
4. Dr Justina Dairianathan
5. Dr Ajith Damodaran
6. Dr Goh Soo Chye Paul
7. Dr Huan Meng Wah
8. Dr Khemani Neeta Parshotam
9. Dr Bina Kurup
10. Dr Kwan Yew Seng
11. Dr Lau Hong Choon
12. Dr Lim Kah Choo Carol
13. A/Prof Lim Lean Huat
14. Dr Alfred Loh Wee Tiong
15. Dr Lok Ying Fang
16. Dr Low Mun Heng Gerard
17. Dr Siaw Tung Yeng
18. Dr Swah Teck Sin
19. Dr Tan Chee Beng
20. Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
21. Dr Tan Yu Sing Lucienne
22. Dr Wong See Hong

REPORT ON THE FAMILY MEDICINE TEACHING PROGRAMME

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002



In the year under review, Modules 4, 5, 6 and 7 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.

In the year under review, the number of doctors enrolled on the course are shown in the table below.

Module	Period	Family Physicians	PPS Trainees	MOH Trainees	TOTAL
4	14 April - 12 May 2001	8	17	45	70
5	28 July - 18 August 2001	6	18	41	65
6	03 November - 24 November 2001	4	17	45	66
7	02 February - 24 February 2002	6	17	43	66

Thanks are due to the Chairmen and resource persons for their contributions in the teaching programme. Thanks are also due to Ms Emily Lim, Ms Katy Chan, Ms Belinda Fok and Ms Christina Cheong for their administrative and secretarial support.

Associate Professor Goh Lee Gan
Course Director
Family Medicine Teaching Programme

REPORT OF THE IDFM-FM COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002

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".

The President and Council worked at the purview of the two related matters of the resolution and would like to update the House as follows.

Development of Family Medicine in the University

- (1) The Council prepared a position paper regarding the development of an independent Department of Family Medicine (see Appendix 1)
- (2) A/Profs Cheong Pak Yean, Goh Lee Gan and Lim Lean Huat met with Professor Lee Eng Hin (Dean, Faculty of Medicine) to discuss the issues. The Dean assured the College that the Faculty would actively look into this matter.
- (3) Family Medicine training amongst undergraduates has been extended in 2002. The primary care posting has been increased from a 2-week posting in the 3rd year to a 4-week posting in the 4th year. Further, assessment in Family Medicine would be incorporated in the clinical examination in the final year instead of with community and public health in the 3rd year examination.
- (4) The leadership of the Community, Occupational and Family Medicine (COFM) Department was passed from Professor Lee Hin Peng to Professor David Koh.
- (5) There is continuing dialogue with the Dean. The next meeting is scheduled on 1st July 2002.

Setting up of a Family Medicine Foundation

- (1) The Council has explored the issue with senior members of the FM fraternity. The consensus was that an academic institution be set up which would then seek the status of a foundation. In an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 8th February 2002 as reported in the President's Column in "The Singapore Family Physician" journal (April to June 2002 issue), the Council set up the IFM. Dr Wong Heck Sing was appointed as Chairman of an honorary advisory panel to advise the Council.

The other members appointed to the panel to date are: Dr Lee Suan Yew, Dr Loo Choon Yong, Mr Ong Teong Tat and Mr Koh Choon Hui.

- (2) The Institute now functions within the College, undertaking all the academic programmes that lead to the Diploma or Masters in Family Medicine. It works closely with the Graduate School of Medical Studies, NUS which is now organised as the Division of Graduate Medical Studies in the Faculty of Medicine, NUS.
- (3) The need for a separate private limited company as an intermediate step to applying for foundation status was considered. However, the Ministry of Finance has recently announced enhanced tax deduction for donations to Institutions of a Public Charter (IPC) (see page 46) and we have confirmed with the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore that the College has IPC status. Donations to the College would hence be eligible and there is no need to set up a separate Family Medicine Foundation.

A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean

Chairman

IDFM-FM Committee

Appendix 1

MEMORANDUM ON THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP AN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE IN THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

BACKGROUND

- 1 On 13 Feb 1987, the Department of Social Medicine and Public Health changed its name to Community, Occupational and Family Medicine (COFM) to reflect the inclusion of Family Medicine as a subject to be formally taught as an academic discipline in the undergraduate MBBS course. The undergraduate Family Medicine course currently consists of a 6 lectures, a one-week posting to the private practitioner and a one-week posting in the Government Polyclinic.
- 2 The current training at undergraduate level is not adequate to raise the standard of family practice in Singapore. This paper proposes the expansion of the family medicine component in the Department of COFM to an independent department of family medicine within the Faculty of Medicine in NUS in order that the department will be able to undertake such a task. The full department will also take on the leadership role to promote family medicine in Singapore and in the Asia Pacific Region.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

- 3 Family medicine will play an increasingly important role in the health care delivery system in the years to come. With an increasing trend towards specialization of hospital care, the need for the family doctor as primary healthcare provider and co-ordinator of care is correspondingly felt. With the growing numbers of patients with chronic conditions and elderly people, the need for multidisciplinary care also calls for the family doctor to be involved in the care of such people in the community.
- 4 In the last 30 years and particularly in the last decade, the developed countries and the World Organisation of Family Doctors or WONCA (World Organisation of National Academies and Associations of Family Medicine/General Practice) have worked together to push forward the frontiers of teaching, practice and research of family medicine. There are also initiatives to work towards effective care in the developed and developing countries through the formation of a WHO-WONCA strategic forum to discuss how the family doctor could better meet the needs of the people.
- 5 The importance of Family Medicine is recognized in developed countries with their longer medical traditions. This is exemplified by independent departments of Family Medicine in the UK, Europe, Australia, the United States of America and Canada. There are also the existence of international Family Medicine Journals like the Journal of Family Practice, Family Practice and Family Medicine; and textbooks of family medicine by well-known authors e.g. Goroll, MacWhinney, Rakel, Taylor, and Murtagh. There are also postgraduate training programmes in various countries and exit examinations, e.g. MRCGP, FRACGP, and American Board Certified Family Physician diploma.

CURRENT SITUATION IN SINGAPORE

- 6 In Singapore, a postgraduate Family Medicine programme was started in 1988 as a tripartite effort of the Ministry of Health, the College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS) and the Graduate School of Medical Studies in NUS. Staff from COFM contributed to the course development and taught in the postgraduate programme. A MMed(FM) programme was created in 1991 and the first MMFM examination was conducted in 1993. There are now 130 doctors with the MMed(FM) degree.

- 7 The College of Family Medicine Singapore has also, since 1998, developed a Fellowship by Assessment programme to further develop leaders and teachers in family medicine in 1998. It has seen the award of eight fellows into the College fraternity in 2000. Furthermore, in 2000 the College has also embarked on a Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine programme to train young and aspiring doctors to become well trained family physicians.
- 8 During an Extraordinary General Meeting of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore in 1998, members of the College discussed the need for an independent department of family medicine to meet the educational and research needs of family medicine in a more focused way. The College is keen to work with a medical school to help set up an independent department of family medicine.
- 9 There have been many recent health care reforms aimed towards integration of health care delivery. The Minister for Health has in his speeches spoke of the desire to shift the centre of gravity of care to the family doctor. There are now pilot schemes launched to give the family doctor more participation in the care of subsidized patients with chronic medical conditions, in the screening of the elderly, and in the care of the elderly.
- 10 In contrast, the undergraduate programme has not seen dramatic advancement since family medicine was introduced into the undergraduate curriculum in 1987 due to resource limitations.
- 11 The academic and departmental backup to spearhead the enormous task of training future GPs can be only be effected by a dedicated department of Family Medicine. Such a department will be more likely to have a focused mission to develop Family Medicine and extend the thrust and outreach of academic Family Medicine to improve clinical practice.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- 12 There is now a window of opportunity to leverage on the international role that Singapore now plays to be a world class venue in family medicine. The National University of Singapore needs to be part of the web of world and regional linkages in family medicine:
 - a) Singapore has just won the bid to host a World Conference for Family Medicine in Singapore in 2007. The venue for the 2004 Conference is in Orlando in the United States. This is the second time that Singapore has won the bid to host a World Conference. The first was in 1983 which was a prelude to the introduction of family medicine into the National University of Singapore in 1987.
 - b) A member of the staff in the University is now the Regional Vice-President of WONCA for the Asia Pacific Region. In this capacity, he has the responsibility to oversee the development of family medicine training, research and practice in the Region. This will provide opportunities for Singapore to be a regional player in family medicine.
 - c) Singapore is now poised to further expand its role as an international contributor to the continued development of family medicine as a discipline. The conjoint efforts of the College of Family Physicians, Singapore and the National University of Singapore have given Singapore a head start. Singapore was invited to participate in both the WHO-WONCA strategic forums on family medicine in 1992 and in 2001. The World Secretariat of the World Organisation of Family Doctors is now hosted by the Singapore College and the CEO of WONCA is the immediate past President of the College, a Singaporean.

- d) The developed countries of the world now have full departments of family medicine. In the Asia Pacific Region, countries Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Hongkong and Malaysia have full departments of Family Medicine in their universities. In this respect, Singapore should also consider trying to catch up with these other countries by having an independent department of Family Medicine.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13 This paper recommends the setting up of an independent department of family medicine within the Faculty of Medicine in NUS by Sept 2001 with

a) The vision to:

- i) be a world renowned academic and research institution for Family Medicine,
- ii) provide the leadership in Family Medicine development and research in Singapore and in the Asia Pacific region,
- iii) provide a comprehensive and integrated professional development programme for the undergraduates and postgraduates in Singapore and the region to enable doctors to provide effective and integrated health care to the individual, family and the community.

a) The mission is to:

- i) educate undergraduate medical students and train postgraduate doctors in the sphere of family medicine
- ii) provide initiative, leadership and collaboration in family medicine research to find answers to cost effective and affordable care
- iii) foster quality oriented and best practice standards in clinical care.

- 14 The recommended objectives and the deliverables of the department are detailed in the Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively.

- 15 The recommended timetable for setting up the department of family medicine is as given in Table 1:

Table 1. Timetable for setting up the department of family medicine

Key Items	Jul 2001	Aug 2001	Sep 2001
Confirmation of proposal	To be completed		
Confirmation of Site	To be completed		
Hiring of Staff	To be initiated. Confirmation of existing staff	Recruitment of existing staff completed	Completed
Renovation and purchase of equipment	To be initiated		Completed
Operational			Fully

16 It is proposed that the department will be staffed by the following:

- a) Academic staff consisting of:
 - i) Full-time
 - 1 Head — A/Prof or higher
 - 1 A/Prof or higher in charge of research
 - 1 A/Prof in charge of training (or equivalent of two Adjunct A/Profs)
 - 1 A/Prof (Senior Lecturer)
 - 2 Asst Prof (Lecturers)
 - ii) Part-time
 - 4 Adjunct A/Profs
- b) Research staff consisting of:
 - 1 Research Officer and 3 Field Investigators
- c) Administrative staff consisting of:
 - 1 Senior Admin/Executive Officer
 - 1 Admin/Executive Officer
 - 1 Clerical officer

17 The commencing budget for the new department will be one-third allocation of the EOM (\$394,000 per month) and OOM (\$187,400 per month) of the Department of COFM for the financial year 2000. This will be around \$2,325, 600 for the entire year. External sources of funding, e.g. Ministry of Health, College of Family Physicians, Singapore and other departmental programmes and projects will need to be explored if necessary. The detailed costing is given in Appendix C.

18 The department will be located on MD3 occupying a portion of the third floor of the current Department Office of Community, Occupational and Family Medicine.

FOR APPROVAL

19 Approval is sought for the setting up of the department of family medicine as detailed in paragraphs 13 to 18 of this paper.

APPENDIX A

OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

The objectives of the proposed Department are as follows in the areas of teaching, research and practice are as follows:

Teaching

To undergraduates:

- The concepts and core values of family medicine
- Clinical and preventive care of the child, adult and elderly patient
- Integration with public health and hospital specialist care.

To postgraduates:

- vocational skills of family physicians
- effective management of the clinic
- continuing professional development of family physicians and general practitioners.

Research

To initiate, provide leadership and support a family medicine research programme to define and find answers to:

- the outcome of clinical care in the community and how this can be improved in a cost-effective way for the major causes of morbidity and mortality namely, strokes, ischaemic heart disease, cancer, diabetes mellitus, and falls in the elderly
- the changing needs of patients, families and the community
- the ideas, concerns and expectations of the community on their medical care
- ethical and legal issues in health care delivery.

Practice Improvement

To participate in the efforts of the local professional bodies such as College and the Singapore Medical Association in:

- development of evidence based clinical guidelines
- practice management and quality improvement initiatives.

APPENDIX B

DELIVERABLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

Teaching

The proposed department will undertake the following in the undergraduate teaching programme:

- Participate in the professional development programme of Year 1 students.
- Participate in the teaching of community medicine with respect to primary health care and health illness and behaviour for Year 2 students.
- Provide the curriculum, organize, lead and co-ordinate the Year 4 teaching programme which provides 4 weeks of experiential learning in family medicine – this is an expansion of the current programme from two to four weeks to be implemented in 2002 (See appendix D). A Family Medicine Primer will be published for the students (The table of contents is shown in Appendix E). This will complement the set of notes on common symptoms that are now in existence.
- Participate in the summative assessment process of the final year medical students – this is under consideration.

The proposed department will undertake the following in the postgraduate teaching programme:

- Participate conjointly with the Ministry of Health, the two healthcare clusters, the College, the Graduate School of Medical Studies and in the vocational training of doctors in family medicine.
- Participate with the Graduate School of Medical Studies in course development and summative assessment of trainees in Family Medicine postgraduate programme.

Research

The proposed department will lead in the following research programmes:

- The Geriatric Research Programme – this is a programme of the Faculty of Medicine, NUS.
- The GP Network Research Programme – this will be a joint initiative with the College of Family Physicians, Singapore and the GPs in the community. The plan is to recruit up to 50 interested GPs to be in the network. The intention is develop a network of Singapore GPs and also to link this research network with existing networks in the World Organisation of Family Doctors (WONCA) as twinning projects. Exploratory talks are in place with the College and some networks overseas.
- WONCA Asia-Pacific research programme – the proposed department can function as a connecting node together with the College of Family Physicians, Singapore in the Asia-Pacific network.

Practice

The proposed department will participate in the existing initiatives of the College and the Singapore Medical Association's Centre of Medical Ethics and Professionalism (CMEP) on matters of Professionalism, Medical Ethics, Medical Law, and Practice Management.

Academic staff will do some clinical sessions to hone their skills and keep abreast of clinical developments. Presently, staff in family medicine practise in the Government polyclinics for 2 sessions a week (1 day). It is proposed that full time junior staff should spend about half the time in clinical practice; this may include research related work e.g. assessment and follow-up of patients.

Regional and international leadership

The world recognition of Harvard and John Hopkins in public health owes in no small measures to their international activities in teaching, research and practice collaboration with countries all over the world. The proposed department will use the same formula to make itself known in the world of family medicine.

The proposed department will work collaboratively with the College of Family Physicians, Singapore to build on the gains so far so that we will achieve even greater heights in the recognition in family medicine training, practice and research. The benefits to younger staff in the exchange of ideas, experiences will result in a robust family medicine programme for Singapore.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

ANNEX 4: Tax Measures to Promote Philanthropy

Double tax deduction for donations to Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs)

- 1 Double tax deduction will be granted for all cash donations made to Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs) on or after 1 January 2002. Double tax deduction will also be granted for donations of computers and related peripherals under the Computer Donation Scheme, artefact donations to Approved Museums, and approved shares and unit trusts donated under the Shares Donation Scheme.

Carry-forward of tax deductions for donations to IPCs

- 2 Individuals and corporations will be allowed to carry forward for 5 years all "un-utilised" deductions granted for donations made to IPCs on or after 1 January 2002.

Tax deduction for donations with naming opportunities

- 3 Some IPCs grant naming opportunities to their donors in return for their generous financial support. For example, some name their buildings or scholarships after their benefactors. A single tax deduction will be granted to such donations made on or after 1 January 2002.

Exemption from estate duty for donations made from estates

- 4 Currently, only donations to IPCs specified in a will are exempted from estate duty. With effect from 1 January 2002, all donations made from estates will be exempted from estate duty.

IPC status for qualifying charitable private foundations

- 5 All qualifying charitable private foundations that benefit the local community at large will now enjoy IPC status to help them raise funds for their charitable activities.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002

Chairman: A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
Members: A/Prof Cheong Pak Yeap
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

Key activities in the year under review were:

- Establishment of the WONCA World Secretariat in the College premises and its opening – The College of Family Physicians is honoured to host the WONCA World Secretariat in its premises. The Secretariat was opened in 05 November 2001. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Chan Soo Sen. The opening was attended by members of the WONCA World Executive.
- Asia Pacific Regional Council Meeting 2002 – The WONCA Regional Council Meeting 2002 was held in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, 31 March 2002. Our College was represented by A/Prof Cheong Pak Yeap and Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming.
- Preparations for WONCA 2007 – The WONCA 2007 Host Organising Committee under Dr Tan See Leng visited the Asia Pacific Conference and met with member delegates in the Asia Pacific region as well as with our Malaysian counterparts.

Plans In The Coming Year

The plans for the following year are to participate in the activities of WONCA Asia Pacific region namely, contributions to the Asia Pacific Journal of Family Medicine, research activities and educational programmes.

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 2001 - 31 March 2002

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



The College Membership Committee met up with our counterparts at the Singapore Medical Association to explore various ways to collaborate and increase memberships in both bodies. Likewise, various privileges for our members were considered.

After some deliberation at the College, we decided to focus on our core academic and training activities as the main driver of our membership drive. By conducting value-add programs like the FMTP and GDFM, our members would feel the benefits of their College membership more directly. For CME activities, the College would conduct the "core" programs which will be necessary for meeting future CME requirements.

Hence, we decided against offering other forms of incentives that are not related to the academic calling of the College.

This Committee has since been tasked to work with the Ex-co of the Council to focus on issues related to the proposed Institute of Family Medicine. Details will be announced by the Council in due course.

Dr Yii Hee Seng
Chairman
Membership Committee

REPORT OF THE PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002

Chairman: Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Members: Dr Lawrence Ng Chee Lian
Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming



The College is concerned about the proliferation of clinical practice guidelines (CPG). The College wrote to the Ministry of Health emphasizing the need for adapting recommendations to accommodate the biopsychosocial complexity of individual patients and the nature of family practice.

The College had been invited to participate in the development of future CPGs that are relevant to family practice.

On the issue of statutory examination of domestic workers and the requirement of licensing of autoclave machines, the College had worked with the Singapore Medical Association and presented our views on this matter to the relevant authorities. We supported the recommendations made by the Singapore Medical Association.

Dr Richard Ng Mong Hoo
Chairman
Practice Management Committee

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002



Chairman & Honorary Editor : Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming

Administrative Editor : Ms Christina Cheong

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

For the year 2002, "The Singapore Family Physician" Journal has been given a new facelift. The pictures in the articles are now published in full colour. This is in step with the renewal that the College is now undergoing. The two journals for the first and second quarter of this year have been for the first time been delivered on time to our members. The Committee, with the support of the College Secretariat, will continue to work towards delivering the Journal on time.

The articles in the Journal will continue to be based on themes that are relevant and current to the Family Physician. The Committee will also be focusing on identifying articles in the Journal for self-learning and for CME accreditation.

I would like also to take this opportunity to thank our Specialist colleagues who have over the years been contributing interesting and relevant articles to the Journal and to the College Secretariat who spends many hours proof-reading all the articles.

Dr Matthew Ng Joo Ming

Honorary Editor

Publications Committee

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002

Chairman: Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Members: Dr Chong Phui-Nah
Dr Julian Lim Lee Kiang
Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan



A Family Medicine Research Lecture on the "Establishment of GP Research Network – Creation and Continuity" was held in the College's Lecture Room on 07 March 2002. This lecture was part of Singhealth's "Qualitative Research Seminar Series".

With an established track record of expertise and achievement in research and development, Professor Yvonne Carter delivered the lecture to family physicians who are keen in establishing a research network.

Prof Carter is a distinguished Professor of Family Medicine of The Barts & London, Queen Mary School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dr Kwan Yew Seng
Chairman
Research Committee

REPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002



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

The Undergraduate Teaching Committee continues to work closely with the National University of Singapore (NUS). As from 2002, the Family Medicine posting is moved to the Fourth Year and the continuing assessment of the posting and questions set will be reflected in the Final Year results.

The posting is now extended to 4 weeks, with two weeks spent in the GP setting and the second two weeks in the Polyclinic setting. In addition, the students are given a one day teaching and clinical exposure on palliative care. The students have a one-day attachment in pairs to a private paediatrician. For each week there are 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.

There is a continuous assessment mark which is given by the GP tutor, the Polyclinic tutor. The four case write-ups and a written end of posting test also add to the total continuous assessment mark.

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 April 2002 and the other two batches will be posted in July and November 2002.

The posting would not have been possible with 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 the 10 private paediatricians.

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

The GP Tutors for 2002 were:

Dr Ajith Damodaran
Dr Ang Boon Kiang, Steven
Dr Ang Choon Kiat, Alvin
Dr Bina Kurup
Dr Chan Swee Mong, Paul
Dr Cheong Wei Kok, Bernard
Dr Chew Khek Kah
Dr Chia Swee Heong, Daniel

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 Low Chee Wah, Mark
Dr Low Kee Hwa

Dr Chiang Wing Chiong
 Dr Chin Yew Liang, Alan
 Dr Chong Poh Heng
 Dr Chow Yew Choong, Vincent
 Dr Chui Peng Leong
 Dr Dairanathan, Justina
 Dr Eng Soo Kiang
 Dr Gan Tek Kah
 Dr Goh Chi Ai, Moira Clare
 Dr Goh Ming Kiong
 Dr Gong Swee Choo
 Dr Hui Keem Peng, John
 Dr Hui Meng Tong, Jasmine
 Dr Kan Siew Yoong
 Dr Kang Aik Kiang
 Dr Kevin Koh
 Dr Kiran Kashyap
 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 Lim Erk Meng
 Dr Lim Hock Kuang, David
 Dr Lim Hui Ling

Dr Low Mun Heng, Gerard
 Dr Mah Li Ting, Adelina
 Dr Mao Fong Hao
 Dr Omar Bin Saleh Talib
 Dr Pang Sze Kang, Jonathan
 Dr Pang Wui Chi, Jason
 Dr Seow Hoong Wei, Gabriel
 Dr Siaw Tung Yeng
 Dr Tan Kee Wang
 Dr Tan See Leng
 Dr Tan Teck Hong
 Dr Tan Tze Lee
 Dr Tan Yu Sing, Lucienne
 Dr Thio Yauw Leng, Bernard
 Dr Tsou Yu Kei, Keith
 Dr Wee Chee Chau
 Dr Wong Kum Hoong
 Dr Wong Mei Chun
 Dr Wong Ming
 Dr Wong See Hong
 Dr Wong Ted Min
 Dr Wong Weng Yew
 Dr Yap Soo Kor, Jason
 Dr Yeo Kim Hai
 Dr Yeo Peng Hock, Henry
 Dr Yeo Pheng Nam, Charles
 Dr Yii Hee Seng

List of Polyclinic Tutors

Name
 Dr Chow Mun Hong
 Dr Chua Chi Siong
 Dr Ee Guan Liang, Adrian
 Dr Goh Sing Hong
 Dr Goh Soo Chye, Paul
 Dr Lim Hwee Boon
 Dr Ruth Lim
 Dr Ling Yee Kiang
 Dr Penny Lo
 Dr Loke Wai Chiong
 Dr Ng Chung Wai
 Dr Sim Li San
 Dr Soh Ling Ling
 Dr Swah Teck Sin
 Dr Tan Chee Beng
 Dr Tan Choon Seng, Gilbert

Name of Polyclinic
 SingHealth Polyclinics - IOH
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Queenstown
 SingHealth Polyclinics
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Tampines
 SingHealth Polyclinics
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Marine Parade
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Marine Parade
 SingHealth Polyclinics
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bedok
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bukit Merah
 SingHealth Polyclinics - IOH
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Tampines
 SingHealth Polyclinics
 SingHealth Polyclinics
 SingHealth Polyclinics
 SingHealth Polyclinics - Bedok

Name	Name of Polyclinic
Dr Tan Kok Leong	SingHealth Polyclinics - Geylang
Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan	SingHealth Polyclinics
Dr Tay Ee Guan	SingHealth Polyclinics - IOH
Dr Derek Tse Wan Lung	SingHealth Polyclinics - Tampines
Dr Wong Song Ung	SingHealth Polyclinics
Dr Wong Tack Keong, Michael	SingHealth Polyclinics
Dr Cheong Seng Kwing	NHGP - Ang Mo Kio Polyclinic
Dr Chia Tee Hian	NHGP - Bukit Batok Polyclinic
Dr Chin Swee Aun	NHGP - Bukit Batok Polyclinic
Dr Chong Phui-Nah	NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
Dr Angelia Chua	NHGP - Yishun Polyclinic
Dr Clara Chung	NHGP - Jurong Polyclinic
Dr Goh Khean Teik	National Healthcare Group Polyclinics
Dr Gowri Dorisamy	NHGP - Woodlands Polyclinic
Dr Hwang Chi Hong	NHGP - Choa Chu Kang Polyclinic
Dr Lee Soon Seng	NHGP - Jurong Polyclinic
Dr Leong Soh Sum, Helen	NHGP - Jurong Polyclinic
Dr Lew Yii Jen	NHGP - Yishun Polyclinic
Dr Carol Lim	NHGP - Choa Chu Kang Polyclinic
Dr Lim Fong Seng	NHGP - Choa Chu Kang Polyclinic
Dr Lim Jen Pei	NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
Dr Louis Loo	NHGP - Ang Mo Kio Polyclinic
Dr Shah Mitesh	NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
Dr Karen Ng	NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
Dr Matthew Ng	NHGP - Clementi Polyclinic
Dr Phang Siung King, Jonathan	National Healthcare Group Polyclinics
Dr Joyce Seng	NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
Dr Siew Wei Fong	NHGP - Clementi Polyclinic
Dr Winnie Soon	NHGP - Ang Mo Kio Polyclinic
Dr Donna Tan	NHGP - Woodlands Polyclinic
Dr Tan Suan Leng, Elaine	NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
Dr Yvette Tan	NHGP - Hougang Polyclinic
Dr Tang Wern Ee	NHGP - Toa Payoh Polyclinic
Dr Wong Teck Yee	NHGP - Choa Chu Kang Polyclinic

List of Paediatricians

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

Name	Name of Organisation
Dr Akhileswaran	Hospice Care Association
Dr Noreen Chan	National Cancer Centre
Dr Chuah Jitt Teng	Assisi Home & Hospice
Dr Cynthia Goh	National Cancer Centre
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 Angel Lee	Tan Tock Seng Hospital
Dr James Low	Alexandra Hospital
Dr Pang Weng Sun	Alexandra Hospital
Dr Rosalie Shaw	National Cancer Centre
Dr Vincent Thai	Dover Park Hospice
Dr Wu Huei Yaw	Tan Tock Seng Hospital

List of full and part-time Departmental staff

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 COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002



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 bidding committee for WONCA 2007 went to Durban, South Africa, to bid for the world conference to be held here in Singapore on the 24th to 28th July 2007. The committee managed to win the Australians by one vote.

The next five years will involve earnest and diligent planning by the committee to hopefully organize one of the biggest and most successful world conferences for WONCA. For the years 2002 till 2004 (American WONCA conference), our members will participate in most regional conferences to publicize the event and garner support. We will also participate in biotechnology conferences to invite sponsorship from these companies as our theme is "Human Genomics and its Impact on the Family Physicians".

A proposed outline of the working budget is shown below.

<i>EXPENSES FOR 2001</i>	
Bid expenses	\$10,000

<i>PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2002</i>		
ITEM	ASSUMPTIONS	COST
Regional Conference Expenses	3 a year, 2 participants each	\$24,000
Miscellaneous Expenses (Provisions for publicity materials, meetings, stationery etc.)		\$5,000
TOTAL		\$29,000

PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2003		
ITEM	ASSUMPTIONS	COST
Regional Conference Expenses	3 a year, 2 participants each	\$24,000
Miscellaneous Expenses (Provisions for publicity materials, meetings, stationery etc.)		\$5,000
TOTAL		\$29,000

PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2004		
ITEM	ASSUMPTIONS	COST
Regional Conference Expenses	2 a year, 2 participants each	\$12,000
Miscellaneous Expenses (Provisions for publicity materials, meetings, stationery etc.)		\$10,000
Orlando	10 participants @ \$4,000	\$40,000
TOTAL		\$62,000

PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2005		
ITEM	ASSUMPTIONS	COST
Regional Conference Expenses	3 a year, 2 participants each	\$24,000
Miscellaneous Expenses (Provisions for publicity materials, meetings, stationery etc.)		\$5,000
Pre-Conference facilities booking fee	Suntec City; Dinner venue	\$250,000
TOTAL		\$279,000

PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2006		
ITEM	ASSUMPTIONS	COST
Regional Conference Expenses	3 a year, 2 participants each	\$24,000
Miscellaneous Expenses (Provisions for publicity materials, meetings, stationery etc.)		\$5,000
Pre-Conference events booking fee	Tours, Coaches, Stationery	\$250,000
TOTAL		\$279,000

**TOTAL PROJECTED CONFERENCE EXPENSES & MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE FROM 2001 TO 2006
= \$688,000**

Dr Tan See Leng

Chairman

WONCA 2001-2008 Committee

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1 April 2001 - 31 March 2002



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

The College was able to obtain a significant source of development funding for its Graduate Diploma of Family Medicine programme from the Ministry of Health at the end of its financial year on 30th March 2002. An amount of S\$382,400 was allocated to the College for the purposes of developing:

1. A website for e-learning
2. Videos for the training modules
3. Development of the Family Medicine Training Program modules
4. Administrative support

Income for the year increased by 3% to S\$395,575 as compared to 2001. Expenditure for the year also increased by 7%, contributed to in a large part by an increase in the employer CPF rate and manpower costs due to a marked increase in academic activities organised by the College.

Increased staffing costs and high rental remained the two biggest expenditure items as with previous years. Attempts have been made to request for rent reduction from the Ministry without much success. In the light of the worse economic recession affecting the country, sponsorships from pharmaceutical companies has fallen to record lows. Despite these events happening, costs for the various projects organized by the College have been defrayed by well-wishers and continued goodwill of the members of the College who have selflessly and tirelessly supported the College's activities as volunteers.

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

ACTIVITY	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
FMTP (on-going)	\$50,570	\$4,310	\$46,260
FCFP programme	\$22,000	-	\$22,000
Graduate Diploma in FM	\$35,146	\$12,667	\$22,479
Annual Surgical Update	\$20,060	\$2,583	\$17,477
Scientific Conference	\$53,135	\$43,117	\$10,018
Minor Surgical Procedures Course	\$3,700	-	\$3,700

As with the past years, the academic courses (FMTP, GDFM & FCFP) have remained fairly well supported and profitable. The income yield for this year's GDFM program is lower compared to last year's as there is a drop in the number of participants. We hope to improve on this participation rate at the next intake for 2002 with increased publicity and lobbying for the support from the Clusters and private healthcare groups.

(Afternote: There is an increase in the number of participants signing up for the GDFM program starting in July 2002 over the 2001's batch.)

Dr Tan See Leng
Honorary Treasurer

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH, 2002

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

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet as at 31st March, 2002, 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 the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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, 2002 and of the results of the College of Family Physicians Singapore for the year then ended on that date.

Singapore,
10th May, 2002

V.P. Kumaran & Co

V.P. KUMARAN & CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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PRESIDENT

[Signature]

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HONORARY SECRETARY

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HONORARY TREASURER

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2002

	<u>NOTE</u>	\$	<u>2002</u> \$	\$	<u>2001</u> \$
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>					
Balance at 31st March, 2001			(147,167)		(179,914)
Less: Net surplus for the year			<u>21,249</u>		<u>32,747</u>
			(125,918)		(147,167)
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>					
Journal fund	(3)	35,481		34,643	
College Development and Research fund	(4)	808,882		789,784	
Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	(5)	28,433		27,762	
Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	(6)	862,717		842,348	
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		14,450	
Graduate diploma in family medicine fund	(10)	<u>382,400</u>	<u>2,153,079</u>	-	<u>1,729,563</u>
			2,027,161		1,582,396
			<u>11,975</u>		<u>11,975</u>
			<u>2,039,136</u>		<u>1,594,371</u>
<u>REVALUATION RESERVE</u>					
REPRESENTED BY:					
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	(11)		74,726		42,171
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Stock of postage stamps		142		142	
Fixed deposit	(12)	1,520,883		1,480,171	
Cash in hand and at bank	(13)	559,563		135,273	
Sundry receivable	(14)	11,300		11,300	
Deposits	(15)	<u>1,000</u>		<u>1,000</u>	
			<u>2,092,888</u>	<u>1,627,886</u>	
<u>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Advance for subscription/ surgical update		96,219		47,050	
Accrued charges	(16)	<u>32,259</u>		<u>28,636</u>	
		<u>128,478</u>		<u>75,686</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,964,410</u>		<u>1,552,200</u>
			<u>2,039,136</u>		<u>1,594,371</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2002

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTE</u>	<u>2002</u>		<u>2001</u>	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Subscription		86,162		79,850	
Entrance fees		3,300		2,200	
Miscellaneous income	(17a)	288,113		301,581	
Wonca bid fund and dinner		<u>18,000</u>	395,575	<u>-</u>	383,631
<u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u>					
Salaries, bonus and allowance		91,906		107,289	
Provident fund and skill development levy		16,964		13,984	
Rental of office premises		78,816		78,835	
Conference and seminars		4,818		4,107	
Printing and stationery		8,479		5,768	
Telephone charges		2,413		1,428	
Postages		9,883		8,682	
Transport		267		371	
Insurance		1,367		847	
Water and electricity		1,748		2,098	
Repairs and maintenance		5,347		3,513	
Miscellaneous expenses	(17b)	132,106		114,275	
Auditors' remuneration		700		700	
Depreciation of fixed assets		<u>19,512</u>	374,326	<u>8,987</u>	350,884
Net surplus for the year			<u>21,249</u>		<u>32,747</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SINGAPORE
(INCORPORATED IN SINGAPORE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31ST MARCH, 2002

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 4 employees as at 31 March, 2002 and (2001:4).

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 during the 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) **JOURNAL FUND**

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
33,919	Balance at 31st March, 2001	34,643
724	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	838
34,643	Balance at 31st March, 2002	35,481

4) **COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH FUND**

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
773,276	Balance at 31st March, 2001	789,784
16,508	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	19,098
789,784	Balance at 31st March, 2002	808,882

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5)	<u>VICTOR LOUIS FERNANDEZ FELLOWSHIP FUND</u>		
	<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
	\$		\$
	27,182	Balance at 31st March, 2001	27,762
	<u>580</u>	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	<u>671</u>
	<u>27,762</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2002	<u>28,433</u>
6)	<u>POSTGRADUATE FAMILY MEDICINE LIBRARY FUND</u>		
	<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
	\$		\$
	824,741	Balance at 31st March, 2001	842,348
	<u>17,607</u>	Add: Interest on fixed deposit	<u>20,369</u>
	<u>842,348</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2002	<u>862,717</u>
7)	<u>ALBERT AND MARY LIM AWARD</u>		
	<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
	\$		\$
	<u>18,871</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2002	<u>18,871</u>
8)	<u>FAMILY MEDICINE FUND (MYANMAR)</u>		
	<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
	\$		\$
	<u>1,705</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2002	<u>1,705</u>
9)	<u>COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HOME STUDY PROGRAMME</u>		
	<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
	\$		\$
	11,060	Balance at 31st March, 2001	14,450
	<u>3,390</u>	Funds brought during the year	<u>140</u>
	<u>14,450</u>	Balance at 31st March, 2002	<u>14,590</u>

10) GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN FAMILY MEDICINE FUND

2001

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Balance at 31st March, 2002

2002

\$

382,400

11) FIXED ASSETS

2002

	AT COST 31-03-2001	ADDITION	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR	NET BOOK VALUE
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture and fittings	81,657	430	81,800	335	287
Tapes and library books	54,688	-	54,688	-	-
Office equipment	78,912	950	76,140	3,407	3,722
Computers	60,859	7,041	67,900	7,041	-
Chubb alarm system	4,264	-	4,264	-	-
Renovation	-	43,646	8,729	8,729	34,917
Paintings	11,525	-	-	-	11,525
* Potteries	24,275	-	-	-	24,275
	<u>316,180</u>	<u>52,067</u>	<u>293,521</u>	<u>19,512</u>	<u>74,726</u>

2001

	AT COST 31-03-2000	ADDITION/ REVALUATION	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	DEPRECIATION FOR THE YEAR	NET BOOK VALUE
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture and fittings	81,657	-	81,465	190	192
Tapes and library books	54,688	-	54,688	-	-
Office equipment	69,643	9,269	72,733	5,192	6,179
Computers	57,254	3,605	60,859	3,605	-
Chubb alarm system	4,264	-	4,264	-	-
Paintings	11,525	-	-	-	11,525
* Potteries	24,275	-	-	-	24,275
	<u>303,306</u>	<u>12,874</u>	<u>274,009</u>	<u>8,987</u>	<u>42,171</u>

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

* Potteries are stated at revaluation.

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12) **FIXED DEPOSIT**

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
34,643	Journal fund	35,481
789,784	College Development and Research fund	808,882
27,762	Victor Louis Fernandez Fellowship fund	28,434
842,348	Postgraduate Family Medicine Library fund	862,717
(214,366)	General fund	(214,631)
<u>1,480,171</u>		<u>1,520,883</u>

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

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
1,438	Cash in hand	1,634
101,430	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.1	525,259
5,914	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.2	5,914
3,649	Cash at Overseas Union Bank-a/c. No.3	3,649
22,842	Cash at Citibank-Maxisave	23,107
<u>135,273</u>		<u>559,563</u>

14) **SUNDRY RECEIVABLE**

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
10,690	Subscription in arrears	10,690
610	Singapore Family Physician advertisers	610
<u>11,300</u>		<u>11,300</u>

15) **DEPOSITS**

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
1,000	Security deposit	1,000
<u>1,000</u>		<u>1,000</u>

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16) ACCRUED CHARGES

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
700	Auditors' remuneration	700
5,625	Renovation and upgrading	5,625
-	Fixed assets	950
-	Telephone	368
-	Postages	52
110	Printing & stationery	2,414
408	Maintenance	357
<u>21,793</u>	Journals	<u>21,793</u>
<u>28,636</u>		<u>32,259</u>

17a) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
12,000	Fellowship Programme	22,000
-	Wonca Management fee	7,250
1,000	Rental of booth	9,400
-	Scientific Conference	53,135
11,016	Advertisement in publications	1,000
-	SMC-CME	22,930
25,600	CME On line	30,000
360	Sundry income	180
58,400	Family Medicine Teaching Programme	50,570
15,910	Minor Surgical Procedures	3,700
480	Journal Fund-Singapore Family Physician	26,000
140,490	Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine	35,146
24,325	Mailing & dispatch fee	6,742
<u>12,000</u>	Surgical Update	<u>20,060</u>
<u>301,581</u>		<u>288,113</u>

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17b) MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
186	Research fee	-
-	Wonca subscription	1,769
3,715	Family Medicine Teaching Programme	4,310
2,419	Refreshment	3,018
5,586	Sundries	4,812
1,318	Advertisement	853
16,948	Security charges	4,284
4,824	Photocopying	5,210
19,493	The Singapore Family Physician Fellowship Programme	16,212
9,432	Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine	12,667
3,701	WONCA Bid and dinner	19,226
4,503	Accounting charges	4,800
4,350	Minor Surgical Procedures	-
4,688	Surgical Update	2,583
30,862	Scientific Conference	44,357
-	CME	8,005
-	CME On-line	-
<u>2,250</u>		
<u>114,275</u>		<u>132,106</u>

18) INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSIT

<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
\$		\$
35,419	Citibank - Maxisave	40,976
724	Less: Transferred to Journal fund	838
16,508	Transferred to College Development and Research fund	19,098
580	Transferred to Victor Louis Fernandez fellowship fund	671
17,607	Transferred to Postgraduate Family Medicine Library Fund	20,369
<u>35,419</u>		<u>40,976</u>
-	As shown in income and expenditure account	-

19) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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

Notes



about our college

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.



*Our nation is the courageous lion
Red of blood is 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*