

Women's Chapter



Annual General Meeting on 20 September 2013



New Committee of Women's Chapter

The Women's Chapter was established in 2008. Over the past few years, we have grown. Today, we have more than 180 members with the increasing number of female surgical trainees.

The election of the new committee took place in September 2013. The Committee members for the year 2013 – 2016 are as follows:

Chairlady:	Dr NG Tsui-lin Ada	QMH
Vice-Chairlady:	Dr TSANG Yee-yan Yvonne	Private
Secretary:	Dr MARK Hor-kee Bonita	QEH
Treasurer:	Dr CHAN Hau-ye	QMH
Committee Members:	Dr CHAN Chun-ki	PMH
	Dr LAU Hiu-yan Stephanie	QEH
	Dr MAN Chi-mei Vivian	QMH

Our mission is to promote surgery as a career for women and enhance professional advancement amongst female surgeons. We also aim to facilitate social, clinical and academic interactions amongst women surgeons and to encourage a balanced lifestyle so that women will be able to excel in a surgical career and yet can still enjoy a good family life. We plan to reach our mission through organizing a series of activities.

The inaugural mentorship programme of the Women's Chapter took place in 2010, with more than 20 participants. The feedback was very positive, with a significant number of medical student mentees joining the surgical field. We will continue this meaningful programme, and the target mentee group will be Year 3 – 4 medical students, with priority to female medical students. The aim of our programme is to reinforce the connection between medical students and surgeons; to introduce surgery and provide assistance to students, and to let them explore the daily routine and lifestyles of surgeons in hope to entice and attract more young blood. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all female surgeons (BSTs who have completed membership exam, HSTs & specialists) to join our programme as mentors.

We will provide 4-5 career sharing sessions targeting HKU & CUHK students, and senior secondary school students. For medical students, we aim to introduce the work a surgeon does, the qualities a surgeon possesses and introduce the different subspecialties. For secondary students, we would introduce the medical profession as a whole, and different specialties with a focus on the surgical field. To increase the target audience, we would hold the sessions at the university campus and also the chosen girls' secondary schools.

Apart from nurturing the next generation, we would like surgeons to reach out and to serve the community. Women's Chapter will organize health talks on female surgical issues to the general public such as breast cancer, urinary incontinence, varicose vein, plastic surgery by different subspecialty specialists. We will discuss the prevention, clinical symptoms, workup and different treatment options for different conditions.

Surgery on the whole is notorious for long working hours and poor work-life balance. Women's Chapter will organize a series of social activities, including photography workshop, cake baking, and music jamming. Moreover, in conjunction with the Younger Fellows chapter, wine & cheese tasting event and coffee brewing & appreciation sessions will be organized.

Further information on the above events can be found on the Women's Chapter of the CSHK webpage, and will be distributed in due course. We look forward to serving you and for your active participation. The Women's Chapter can be contacted via wsc@cshk.org.



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