

Younger Fellows Chapter



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*FRCS preparation tutorials held in the surgical
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Teaching and Learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Everything needs to change in the era of COVID-19 pandemics, including surgical training and teaching.

This is true and important to our “Fellow-to-be” Higher Surgical Trainees who are taking their Fellowship Examination of General Surgery, and to our younger Fellows for post-Fellow development.

“Fellow-to-be” for the Fellowship Examination

The Fellowship Examination, also known as the “Exit exam”, is truly a milestone of a surgeon’s career life.

To facilitate the Exit exam aiming to uphold the professional standard of our Fellows, and to keep everybody safe from infection, the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh have been striving together for the best balance.

Identifying the possible difficulties of candidates in preparing the examination because of the change of formats and reduction of teaching sessions in individual hospitals, the Younger Fellows Chapter has held a series of tutorials to prepare for



Candidates taking “hot seat” as in the genuine examination



Surgery in 21st Century – Technology



Prof. Philip CHIU giving his webinar on “Innovation in Surgery”

Fellowship examination. From November 2020 to March 2021, eight sessions of tutorial covering the major topics of General Surgery, chaired by experienced stakeholders of their relative fields, were conducted. Simulating the format of genuine examination, candidates took turns to take the “hot seat” and got a taste of what they would face in the upcoming challenge. The afterwards discussion and tutorial session became even more impressive after the exciting viva.

With the greatest gratitude to our tutors, who selflessly sacrificing their personal time for the inheritance of professions and passing on knowledge, our candidates were definitely motivated and enjoyed a fruitful learning journey. The positive feedback from candidates is truly encouraging. We wish them all the best in the coming Exit exam!

Life-long Learning – Post-Fellowship Professional Development

Fellowship Examination is just one of the milestones of a surgeon’s life, not the finish line.

“Stay hungry, stay foolish” is a famous quote from Steve Jobs. Prof. Philip WY CHIU from the Department of Surgery, the Chinese University of Hong Kong undoubtedly lives up to this quote. Deliv-

ering an inspiring talk on “Innovation in Surgery” in the Younger Fellows Chapter Webinar Series, he shared his personal experience of how an enthusiastic surgeon making use of the advancement in technology to facilitate patients’ treatments. Prof. CHIU also showed us his vision of the future innovative development in surgical field, including the combination of endoscopes and robots. Standing on the shoulder of giants, we look forward to seeing more developments and further advancements.

We are in the middle of history. In this life-changing pandemic, instead of holding on and waiting, the Younger Fellows Chapter has been adapting to the ‘new norms’. With the social distancing rules still in place, we would continue working online training and teaching until the twilight of the pandemic appears. Please stay tuned of our upcoming webinar series!

Social distancing in tutorials

