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## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HKCA and NTEC

The collaboration between the College and New Territories East Cluster (NTEC) has reached a major milestone in early 2014. Our College has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NTEC on 27 March 2014 and ICS has been renamed as Clinical Simulation and Training Centre of the New Territories East Cluster. The training activities will remain at the current site at NDH until the Centre moves to Prince of Wales Hospital in 2016. I would like to thank all the ICS instructors for their continual dedication and hard work.



## International Scientific meeting 2014, 22-23 November 2014

The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA), The College of Anaesthetists of Ireland (CAI), The Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong (SAHK) and The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (HKCA) will jointly conduct the <u>International Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology (ISMA)</u> at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 22-23 November 2014. This meeting will incorporate the 25th Anniversary of the HKCA, the 60th Anniversary of the SAHK and the 4th Cross Strait Four Region Anaesthesia Quality Meeting.

International Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology



### **Echo Committee**

The Echo Committee has performed a survey in order to provide us with an anaesthesiological perspective of employing echocardiography in our daily practice. We have received feedback from over one hundred fellows and members and they were very positive in supporting the organisation of echo workshops and clinical attachments by the College. Most of them agreed that focused Echo - the rapid assessment of haemodynamic and cardiac function - should be a core skill for future anaesthetic trainees and that it definitely would improve the anaesthetic care of our patients.

Seventy percent of them reported that they have an echo machine in their unit, yet less than 20% have ever performed echo examination on their patients. About half of the respondents have referred patients to cardiologists for haemodynamic instability, assessment of a newly detected murmur, and evaluation of myocardial function. The majority of the colleagues learnt echo by attending workshops and informal teaching sessions. About 20% of the respondents are novice to this assessment tool.

Based on this information, the echo committee is determined to take up the role in organizing regular and well-structured echo workshops that will tailor to the need of not only the trainees, but also the fellows, who have an interest to equip themselves with echo knowledge and skills and to apply such skills to their daily work. Constructive comments and positive feedback regarding how echo lab attachment should be arranged are well received and this collaboration will be further strengthened this year. We are also exploring the Elearning platform so as to promote a wider use of echo within our anaesthetic community.

Please stay tuned for the forthcoming new chapter on our college website!

# <u>International Symposium on Spine and Paravertebral Sonography for Anaesthesia and Pain</u> <u>Medicine 2014 (ISSPS 2014), 31 Oct - 2 Nov 2014</u>

## Message from Convener

Since its inception in 2009 the ISSPS has been hugely successful and today it has become a forum for clinicians to share experience and advance their knowledge in the use of ultrasound for central neuraxial and paravertebral interventions in anaesthesia and pain medicine. As in previous years the scientific committee has put together a thought provoking scientific program in which opinion leaders and renowned experts from around the world and locally will discuss the most updated information on this state of the art

field of anaesthesia and pain medicine, and beyond.

### **Program Highlights**

- Track record of successful ISSPS since 2009 with excellent feedback
- Total of 17 Overseas Faculties and 18 Local Faculties
- Participants are entitled to attend all lectures from day 1 to day 3.
- Demonstration by International Experts.
- Parallel Sessions on Ultrasound for Regional



Anaestnesia and Ultrasound for Pain Medicine.

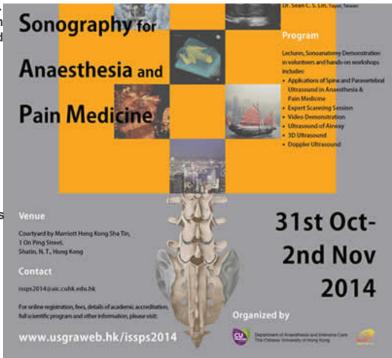
- Parallel Intensive Hands-on Workshops on Spinal Sonography for Anaesthesia and Sonography for Pain Medicine.

- Discounted Fees for Residents/Trainees

#### **Enquiries**

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Institute of Clinical Simulation Courses
The Institute of Clinical Simulation courses scheduled for 2014-2015 can be found here.



Date	Event	Application form
12 July 2014	Focused Transthoracic Echocardiography Workshop for Anaesthetists	ECHO-A
2 August 2014	Teamwork for Improving Patient Safety in Operating Room	TIPS in OR
29-31 August 2014	Effective Management of Anaesthetic Crises Course	EMAC - <u>Local</u> - <u>Overseas</u>
7-10 November 2014	Effective Management of Anaesthetic Crises Course	EMAC - <u>Local</u> - <u>Overseas</u>
10 January 2015	Focused Transthoracic Echocardiography Workshop for Anaesthetists	ECHO-A
14 January 2015	Teamwork for Improving Patient Safety in Operating Room	TIPS in OR
14 February 2015	Teamwork for Improving Patient Safety in Operating Room	TIPS in OR
7 March 2015	Teamwork for Improving Patient Safety in Operating Room	TIPS in OR

# **Certificates**

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

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Gomersall Charles David; Yip Kim Ho

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