



Council Report, 2025-2026

On behalf of the Council, I am pleased to summarise the College's activities and strategic developments for the 2025–2026 term.

Anaesthesiology

The Board of Education has remained committed to advancing faculty development and competency-based medical education (CBME). Employing a tiered approach, the Board collaborated with the HKAM Jockey Club Institute of Medical Education and Development (JCIMED) to strengthen CBME practices.

Following the successful launch of a novice trainee workshop on 14 August 2024, the College has continued to prioritise early feedback literacy. The Workplace-Based Assessment (WBA) Course for Doctors in Training was conducted again on 9 August 2025. This course was specifically designed for anaesthesia trainees who began their journey in July 2025, aiming to deepen their understanding of WBAs and the feedback process as a vital two-way educational encounter. The success of these initiatives has ensured their continuation as a cornerstone of our training programme.

The annual WBA Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Workshop was held on 6 June 2026 to equip specialists, provisional fellows and higher trainees with the skills required to provide meaningful feedback. The Workshop incorporated simulation-based experiential learning to enhance participant engagement and skill acquisition.

Examinations

A strategic priority for the Board of Examinations remains the development of an internal MCQ bank to ensure high-quality, standardised assessments for future fellowship examinations. During the ASM 2025, a dedicated session was held with examiners to reaffirm standards of fairness, consistency, and transparency.

Additionally, the Board is strengthening its standard-setting processes for Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs). This quality assurance measure ensures a robust, objective evaluation of whether a candidate has achieved the required level of competence for safe practice.

Intensive Care Medicine

Following extensive discussions between the Board of Intensive Care Medicine (BOIC) and the Board of Critical Care Medicine (CCM), a significant milestone has been reached in progressing toward a unified Final Examination. As an interim measure, a hybrid examination will be introduced starting in October 2026, incorporating shared components while preserving College-specific assessments.

In support of these developments, a conjoint Faculty Development Programme for Supervisors of Training (SOT) was co-organised with the Hong Kong College of Physicians and JCIMED on 20 December 2025. This initiative aimed to strengthen supervisory expertise, foster inter-specialty collaboration, and prepare participants for leadership roles within the clinical learning environment.

Finally, in leadership news, Dr HY So stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Intensive Care Medicine in June 2026, having served with distinction in the role since 2014. He is succeeded by Dr Dominic So. The Council wishes to express its profound gratitude to Dr HY So for his long-standing leadership, dedication, and significant contributions to the advancement of intensive care training.

Pain Medicine

The transition towards a competency-based curriculum for Pain Medicine continues. Following a foundational Curriculum Review Workshop on 30 August 2025. Three working groups were formed – Core Competency, Fellowship Examination and Work-based Assessment. A subsequent workshop was successfully conducted on 11 July 2026 to further advance these essential curricular developments. We have invited Dr Tipu Aamir who currently serves as Chair of the Learning and Development Committee, Faculty of Pain Medicine, The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FPM ANZCA). He has shared his wisdom to the members of our working groups. We continued to have a good relationship between the Board of Pain Medicine, HKCA and FPM ANZCA in terms of academic exchange and training.

CME/CPD Sub-committee

Recognising that contemporary standards have shifted toward competency-based models, the Council has initiated a comprehensive review of the current framework. A Task Force has been established to evaluate the existing attendance-based system and develop modernised recommendations.

Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee continues its mission to enhance research activities and training across Anaesthesiology, Pain Medicine, and Intensive Care. A significant milestone was the conclusion of the College's first research course on 7 December 2025. This course utilised a blended learning model, featuring online lectures followed by in-person small-group discussions where research plans were challenged and strengthened.

Young Fellows Committee (YFC)

The YFC hosted the inaugural Future Leaders in Anaesthesia Conference (FLAC) on 24 November 2025, focusing on leadership development and international networking. Furthermore, the "Modern Medicine II" public exhibition opened at the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences on 14 March 2026 and a lecture on "The Development of Anaesthesiology Pain and Intensive Care Medicine in Hong Kon" was delivered to enhance community understanding of the specialty's history and missions.

Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

ASM 2025, themed "Connecting," was successfully held at the Hopewell Hotel with over 500 delegates. A key highlight was the formal renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ANZCA, reaffirming our strong regional partnership. ASM 2026 is scheduled for 31 October – 1 November 2026, with the theme "Safety"

Welfare Committee

The College remains dedicated to fostering professional well-being. Building on the foundation of the 2024 induction workshop, a significant milestone was reached on 30 May 2026 with the hosting of the first conjoint Positive Psychology Workshop between the HKCA and the Hong Kong College of Radiologists. This collaborative event provided a vital platform for reflection on compassion and well-being within the profession.

College Office and Administration

A fresh chapter has begun with the official completion of our office renovation. This milestone was marked by a joyful opening celebration, representing a brighter and bolder future for the College. To further enhance administrative efficiency, subscription debit notes and receipts have been issued via email since January 2026. Additionally, the Council has discontinued PayPal as a payment method due to low utilisation.

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Council for their unwavering support and invaluable contribution to the College, especially to Dr HY So (Immediate Past President), Dr Steven Wong, and Dr Benny Cheng (Vice-Presidents), Dr Simon Chan (Honorary Secretary), Dr Timmy Chan (Honorary Treasurer), and Chairpersons of all Boards and Committees.

My special thanks go to Ms Kristy Cheung, the CEO of the College, and the other staff members. Last but not least, I would like to extend my appreciation to all our examiners, supervisors of training, instructors, fellows and members for their continuing support.

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President

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