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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

6 & 7 MAY

SUNTEC CONVENTION CENTRE

Planning For The Future - Practical Approaches To Oral Care In The Older Adult

FEATURED SPEAKER

- Prof. Winston Chee (SDA)

OTHER SPEAKERS

- Dr. Yang Jing Rong (SCDAS)
- Dr. Benjamin Ng (SCDAS)
- Dr. Kelvin Khng (SDA)
- Dr. Sophia Yee (SCDAS)
- Dr. Tan Mei Na (SCDAS)
- Dr. Lim Li Zhen (SDA)
- Dr. Ho Eu Chin (SDA)
- Dr. James Foster (DPL)
- Dr. Ode Wataru (SDA)
- Adj. A/Prof. Loh Poey Ling (SDA)
- Dr. Koo Chieh Shen (SDA)
- A/Prof. Catherine Hong (SDA)



SCAN TO REGISTER

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

The organizers reserve the right to change or cancel the program schedule without any prior notice if circumstances dictate.

DAY 1 - SATURDAY, 6 MAY

TIME	LECTURE DETAILS	SPEAKERS
0900	Opening Ceremony	
0920	Optimizing Periodontal Care Outcomes for Older Adults	Dr. Yang Jing Rong
1010	Considerations in the Treatment of Patients on Anti-Resorptives	Dr. Benjamin Ng
1100	Geriatric Dentistry in Today's Dental World Part 1	Prof. Winston Chee
1200	Lunch Break & Trade Exhibition	
1310	Removable Prosthodontics: To Infinity and Beyond	Dr. Kelvin Khng
1400	Demystifying the Management of Neurological Patients	Dr. Sophia Yee
1450	Tea Break & Trade Exhibition	
1520	Caring for the Compromised Dentition in the Older Adult	Dr. Tan Mei Na
1610	Geriatric Dentistry in Today's Dental World Part 2	Prof. Winston Chee
1715	Day 1 Programme End	

DAY 2 - SUNDAY, 7 MAY

TIME	LECTURE DETAILS	SPEAKERS
0900	Reading the Signs - Radiologic Considerations in the Older Adult	Dr. Lim Li Zhen
0950	Hearing Loss and Cognitive Decline - Implications for the Dental Surgeon	Dr. Ho Eu Chin
1040	Tea Break & Trade Exhibition	
1110	Medico-Legal Issues Related to Treatment of Older Patients - Where is the Vulnerability?	Dr. James Foster
1200	Lunch Break & Trade Exhibition	
1300	Treatment Modifications for Endodontics in the Older Adult	Dr. Ode Wataru
1350	Removable Prosthesis - When All Else Fails	Adj. A/Prof. Loh Poey Ling
1440	Tea Break & Trade Exhibition	
1510	Brace Yourself! Role of Orthodontics in Multidisciplinary Care in Oral Rehabilitation	Dr Koo Chieh Shen
1600	Is That Cancer?! - Understanding Oral Mucosal Lesions	A/Prof Catherine Hong
1650	Day 2 Programme End	

LECTURE DETAILS

DAY 1 – SATURDAY, 6 MAY

DR. YANG JING RONG

0920 – 1010

OPTIMIZING PERIODONTAL CARE OUTCOMES FOR OLDER ADULTS

Periodontal treatment has been proven to be effective in retaining the dentition, which is critical in maintaining masticatory function and quality of life in the older adults. With the introduction of new therapeutics, such as probiotics, locally delivered antibiotics and novel graft materials, we will explore how this has influenced the treatment protocols of periodontitis. We will also look into how optimizing periodontal care outcomes will impact systemic health parameters.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Yang Jing Rong graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2007 with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery and in 2014 with a Masters of Dental Surgery (Periodontology). She is currently a Consultant Periodontist and Head of the Geriatric and Special Care Dentistry Unit, Restorative Dentistry at National Dental Centre Singapore. She is also a member of the MOH Geriatric and Special Needs Workgroup since 2019.



1010 – 1100

DR. BENJAMIN NG

CONSIDERATIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS ON ANTI-RESORPTIVES

The use of antiresorptive and antiangiogenic drugs is on the rise, especially as the population ages. These drugs have transformed the clinical care of an array of metabolic bone diseases and cancer, benefitted many patients, and reduced overall disease burden on society. Despite the benefits of anti-resorptive therapy (ART), osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) can present as a serious complication in some patients. Against this backdrop of the fear of ONJ, dentists often find ourselves stuck, between a rock and a hard place, in the conundrum of treatment planning when referred a patient for pre-ART dental clearance. Many of us may shy away from treating patients who are started on ART. In this session, let's look into some useful evidence-based considerations the dental community have forged with our medical colleagues over the years, which can help to increase our confidence in the care of such patients.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Benjamin Ng is a specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is currently a consultant at the National Dental Centre Singapore (NDCS). He heads the Oral and Craniofacial Implant Programme in NDCS. He completed his Bachelor of Dental Surgery at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2012 and received his Master of Dental Surgery in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery by NUS in 2018. He is actively involved in the multidisciplinary care of head and neck patients requiring resection and reconstruction in SingHealth. He is also trained in the subspecialty of management and microsurgical repair of trigeminal nerve injuries.



1100 – 1200**GERIATRIC DENTISTRY IN TODAY'S DENTAL WORLD PART 1****1610 – 1715****GERIATRIC DENTISTRY IN TODAY'S DENTAL WORLD PART 2**

The life expectancy of people is being extended with better healthcare, our dentitions are part of health and quality of life as we all age. Our goal as clinicians is to have our patients best interests for their oral health.

There are three phases in general for their care, data collection and diagnosis, execution of the treatment plan and maintenance.

The execution phase where techniques and newer products are used when there is a paucity of information that should drive the treatment plan, the treatment modalities should not drive the diagnosis and treatment plan.

This presentation will focus more on the development of the treatment plan and elucidate the use of implants, new materials that are manufactured by computer aided milling (CAM) and most importantly making decisions of when to transition to an implant supported dentition and when to maintain an existing dentition. What is the risk to benefit ration? What is the cost benefit ratio? What is the consequence of failure of the reconstruction?

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Winston Chee is the Ralph W. and Jean L. Bleak Professor of Restorative Dentistry at the Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California.

He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and has been a full time faculty member of the Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California since 1986. He has developed and taught courses at the pre and post doctoral levels, published over 120 articles on dental materials and implants in peer reviewed journals and published a book on treatment planning for dental implants. He has also lectured internationally on the subject of implant dentistry.

He has served on the editorial board of Clinical Implants and Related Research as well reviewed for many other prosthetic and implant related journals. He was a Consultant on Implant Dentistry to the Council of Dental Materials Equipment and Devices, American Dental Association.

He initiated the implant program at USC and served as Director of Implant Dentistry from 1987 to 2021. He also served as Director of the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics program at the USC Ostrow School of Dentistry from 1995 to 2021. In addition maintains a Private Practice Limited to Prosthodontics in Glendale, California. At present he is an active faculty member in the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Program.



REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS : TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

In this lecture, you will find out how the knowledge of removable prosthodontics can be applied in the world of implant dentistry. You will learn how to make an implant retained overdenture, how to plan and pick up an all-on-X restoration and lastly, to learn how we can treat our seniors better with this acquired knowledge.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Kelvin Khng, B.D.S, M.S graduated from the National University of Singapore, Faculty of Dentistry in 2006. In 2009, Dr. Khng continued to pursue advanced specialty training in Prosthodontics at the University of Iowa, USA.

After successfully completing his postgraduate training and obtained his Master of Science degree in Oral Sciences he then worked as a clinical fellow at the University of Iowa, College of Dentistry for a year before returning to Singapore. He is the founder and clinical director at Prosthodontic Office and also a part time tutor at the National University of Singapore, Faculty of Dentistry.

Dr. Khng is a board certified prosthodontist both in the United States of America and in Singapore. He is past-president of the Prosthodontic Society of Singapore, a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontist, Fellow of the Academy of Medicine of Singapore, member of the Singapore Dental Association and a member of the American Prosthodontic Society.

Dr. Khng lectures for Osstem Implants and conducts an implant prosthodontics hands-on course annually. He is also an instructor for the suction effective mandibular complete denture technique.



DEMYSTIFYING THE MANAGEMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL PATIENTS

The challenges of providing care to a rapidly aging population are readily apparent in our daily clinical practice. Clinicians face a number of conundrums in caring for older adults: How do we manage a patient with reduced mobility and cognitive function? How should we prioritise their needs? How do we find a balance?

The Geriatrics 5Ms “Mind, Mobility, Medications, Multimorbidity, and Matters Most” provide an elegant framework which can be incorporated into dentistry. This presentation will discuss and illustrate the use of this framework in dentistry as a path to managing geriatric patients.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Sophia Yee is currently working as a registrar at the Department of Dental Surgery at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. She received her Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2010 and a degree of Master of Dental Surgery from NUS in 2016. In 2019, she completed a Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies in Geriatric Dental Medicine at the Boston University Henry Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She enjoys working with older adults as she can “travel” to different time periods and cultures when they share their life stories.



CARING FOR THE COMPROMISED DENTITION IN THE OLDER ADULT

The older adults, especially those who have not been or are unable to care for themselves, tend to present with a set of debilitated dentition, making treatment planning and management challenging. In this talk, by using various clinical cases, we will look at how we can care our patients pragmatically and look at some of the strategies we can employ to improve the oral health of our geriatric patients.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Tan Mei Na graduated from the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore (NUS). After obtaining the Master of Dental Surgery (Prosthodontics) from NUS, she went on to pursue a Fellowship in Geriatric and Special Needs Dentistry at the University of Iowa, USA, under the Geriatric and Special Needs Dentistry scholarship by the Ministry of Health. She is an accredited specialist in Prosthodontics and has a special interest in the oral healthcare of geriatric patients. She is currently a Consultant at the National University Centre of Oral Health (NUCOHS), Clinical Lead (NUCOHS@AH) and Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS. She is also serving as the President of the Special Care Dentistry Association of Singapore (SCDAS).



LECTURE DETAILS

DAY 2 – SUNDAY, 7 MAY

READING THE SIGNS - RADIOLOGIC CONSIDERATIONS IN THE OLDER ADULT

When treating older patients, the chances of encountering a radiographic abnormality, such as soft tissue calcifications, fibro-osseous lesions and other pathology also increases. Some of these lesions may be related to the patients' systemic health. Accurately identifying these conditions early may be important in ensuring that the patients receive timely medical care. This lecture aims to provide an overview of the common radiographic findings that a dentist may come across when managing an older adult patient, and recommendations for subsequent management will be discussed.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Lim Li Zhen is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore (NUS), and a Consultant at the National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS). She received her BDS from NUS in 2010. She subsequently received a NUS-Overseas Graduate Scholarship to pursue a Master of Science degree in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Upon graduating in 2017, she was the first Singaporean to complete a full-time 3-year residency program in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. She received her board certification from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in 2018.



HEARING LOSS AND COGNITIVE DECLINE - IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DENTAL SURGEON

Over 5% of the world's population suffer from disabling hearing loss with a global annual social-economic costs of nearly USD 1 trillion! Hearing loss is also the most important modifiable risk factor for dementia. The prevalence of dementia and hearing loss increase sharply with rising age; and by 2050, nearly 1 in 2 Singapore resident will be above the age of 65!!

Effective communication is the cornerstone for a quality and humanistic healthcare delivery. Mask wearing in healthcare settings can have a profound impact on the cultivation and maintenance of therapeutic relationships between patients and healthcare workers. High noise levels in many healthcare facilities can compromise effective communication. Together with hearing loss, many older patients suffer from communication vulnerability, and this should be of concern to all healthcare workers.

Equally important, dental surgeons may be at increased risk of hearing loss! What are the strategies to mitigate this risk?

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Ho graduated from the University of Sheffield and obtained his Master of Medical Education from the University of Warwick. He completed his postgraduate specialist training in ENT, Head & Neck Surgery at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham and The Birmingham Children's Hospital; and obtained the Intercollegiate FRCS (ORL) England in 2008.

Dr. Ho has completed a Singapore Government Health Manpower Development Plan (HMDP) Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, University of Pittsburgh and Washington University. Additionally, he had also completed observerships at the House Ear Institute and Stanford University Medical Centre.

During his time at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Dr. Ho initiated the Multi-Disciplinary Balance Clinic and Combined Hearing Clinic, to provide a personalised and holistic balance, hearing & tinnitus care, including Cochlear Implants and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids. He also ran the Joint Occupational Hearing Clinic with colleagues from the Ministry of Manpower.

Dr. Ho has authored over 40 peer-reviewed papers in international journals and has presented papers at over 50 international academic meetings. He has been the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator for 16 research and innovation grants from the UK and Singapore.

Dr. Ho was Clinical Senior Lecturer at the Yong Loo Ling School of Medicine and had been awarded the 2020 Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence and had twice won the Tan Tock Seng Hospital Top 10 Teacher Award. Other prizes include Best Temporal Bone Dissection at the Combined British Universities Advanced Otology Course, Silver Award at the Singapore Health and Biomedical Conference, Ronald Grimley Award & PM Shenoi Prize.

Dr. Ho is passionate about medical charity work and served on medical missions to Cambodia, Philippines and Sri Lanka. He is also the Chairperson of Brahm Centre, a Singapore community charity registered with NCSS with Institution of Public Character (IPC) status that focuses on mental health.



DR. JAMES FOSTER

1110 – 1200

MEDICO-LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF OLDER PATIENTS - WHERE IS THE VULNERABILITY?

This session will explore what we need to consider when treating elderly patients, to include principles of patient management, Consent, Mental Capacity, interactions with family and carers.

The session will also explore the common pitfalls that occur and examples of real cases that we see here at Dental Protection.

Prevention is always better than the cure so how can we avoid problems arising and communicate more effectively to all interested parties.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

James Foster BDS, LLM, MFGDP(UK), FFLM
Dento-Legal Consultant
Dental Lead for Asia and Australasia / Deputy Dental Director

James qualified from Newcastle Dental School in 1990 and was in General Practice for sixteen years during which time he ran two practices in Northumberland. James had various educational roles with the Northern Deanery and Newcastle Dental hospital.

James obtained a Masters degree in Medical Law in 2005, together with the MFGDP(UK). James was appointed as an Associate Dento-Legal Adviser for Dental Protection in 2004 before becoming a full-time Dento-Legal Adviser in March 2008.

James handles cases from several International jurisdictions and in 2014 he was appointed Head of Dental Services for Australia and New Zealand and has now been appointed Dental Lead for both Australasia and Asia, and Deputy Dental Director.

In November 2019, James was awarded the Foundation Fellowship of the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.



1300 – 1350

DR. ODE WATARU

TREATMENT MODIFICATIONS FOR ENDODONTICS IN THE OLDER ADULT

With age comes increased risk associated with certain medical conditions and changes in the oral cavity that can affect dental treatment. As clinicians, it is our responsibility to take these factors into account when making treatment recommendations and delivering individualised care that meets each patient's unique needs and goals. This presentation will explore methods for maintaining tooth health, reducing discomfort, and minimising the risk of complications in endodontics, allowing elderly patients to maintain a functional dentition and live a full life.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Ode Wataru obtained his Bachelor of Dental Surgery at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2009. He received the NUHS Academic Medicine Development Award to pursue his Master of Dental Surgery (Endodontics) from NUS and obtained membership from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2016. He is certified as an accredited specialist in Endodontics with the Singapore Dental Council since 2019.

At present, he is a Consultant in Endodontics and holds the position of Clinical Lead at the National University Centre for Oral Health Singapore (NUCOHS). He concurrently holds the positions of Assistant Professor of Endodontics and Assistant Dean (Continuing Education) in the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS. He is heavily involved in undergraduate and postgraduate education and spearheads the continuing education initiatives of the Faculty, such as SkillsFuture Singapore-funded workshops and DentAlliance conferences with international dental schools.

Passionate and dedicated, Dr Ode gains immense satisfaction alleviating patients' fears and helping them to manage their dental pain so they can improve their quality of life. He also enjoys imparting his knowledge and experience to junior clinicians and dental students.



REMOVABLE PROSTHESIS - WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

As the population ages, the number of adults with missing teeth increases. The demand for replacing missing teeth increases accordingly. Removable prosthesis does not rank high amongst the various available options.

However, many of these patients and operators will eventually have to accept removable prostheses after consideration. This may be the last resort to saving a failing dentition. Removable prostheses might be an intermediate or immediate solution to stabilize failed fixed prosthesis. The impact of this prosthesis on the patient's life is significant.

This presentation aims to share some experience and discuss ways to provide more predictable outcomes of removable prosthesis.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Loh is a Prosthodontist, a director of Ko Djeng Dental Centre. She received her Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from NUS. She was awarded the NUS - overseas scholarship to pursue her specialist training in Prosthodontics at Indiana University, USA. Upon completing her course, she returned to a full-time teaching position at the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS. She received several awards during her course of study at Indiana University and was awarded the excellence in teaching award and Outstanding Researcher Awards, NUS.

2003 she moved into private practice. While maintaining a full-time clinical practice she continues to teach part time at the University. She is now an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore (NUS). She teaches in the undergraduate Restorative Division; post graduate Prosthodontic Residency programme and the Graduate Diploma in Dental Implant course of the Division of Graduate Dental Studies.

Dr. Loh has been active in the Dental Fraternity serving in various capacities. She serves as the chairman of the Joint Committee of Dental Specialist Accreditation.(2015 to 2018). She had also served as the chairman for the Dental Specialist Accreditation Committee (Prosthodontic), past president of the Prosthodontic Society (Singapore), council member of the College of Dental Surgeons, Singapore; and the Women Doctor Association, Singapore. She served as a volunteer in the Tsu Chi Free Dental Clinic. She was awarded the Ministry of Education Service to Education Award 2015, 2020 for her contribution to serve on the Board of a local school.



BRACE YOURSELF! ROLE OF ORTHODONTICS IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE IN ORAL REHABILITATION

Orthodontic treatment planning for the adult patients with missing or periodontally compromised teeth can be challenging - particularly if the anterior smile zone is affected. We will discuss how aesthetics and function go hand in hand and the importance of setting realistic orthodontic treatment goals for stable, long-lasting results.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Examine the difference in orthodontic treatment philosophies between the young and older patients.
- Apply simple, but very effective treatment strategies to minimize the burden on prosthodontic work.
- Understand how orthodontic tooth movement can significantly improve severe hard and soft tissue periodontal defects in selected patients.
- Careful case selection and treatment goal setting, thus improving the quality and treatment outcome.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Dr. Koo Chieh Shen acquired his dental degree at the National University of Singapore in 2011. He completed a 3-year orthodontic programme at the Eastman Dental Institute, University College of London and was awarded the Membership in Orthodontics from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2016. Upon returning, he was admitted as a Fellow to the Academy of Medicine Singapore, and he currently practices at KK Women's and Children's Hospital Singapore.

Dr. Koo is also a visiting specialist and clinical teacher in the orthodontic residency programme at the National Dental Centre Singapore, and he currently serves as the Vice-President of the Association of Orthodontists (Singapore).



IS THAT CANCER?! - UNDERSTANDING ORAL MUCOSAL LESIONS

Although oral cancer is uncommon in Singapore, there is a growing number of cases being reported each year. Despite advances in medical technology, the 5-year survival rate of intermediate and advanced stage oral cancers has remained unchanged at about 50%. Unlike cancers elsewhere in the body, potentially malignant or early-stage malignant lesions in the oral cavity can often be detected during a visual examination. Dentists are therefore in a prime position to identify such lesions which will significantly improve survival rates through early intervention. This presentation will discuss the various risk factors associated with oral cancer as well to provide tips on how to identify clinical signs and symptoms of this serious condition.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Catherine HL Hong, BDS, MS (Paediatric Dentistry), Cert. (Oral Medicine), is currently Associate Professor and Programme Director of the Paediatric Dentistry Residency Training Programme at the Faculty of Dentistry, NUS. She completed her specialty training in Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte respectively. In addition to patient care, Dr. Hong is actively involved in clinical research pertaining to dental management of children with special healthcare needs, and core outcome sets in oral medicine. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed and invited publications as well as book chapters in major international textbooks. Several of these publications have contributed to the change in the clinical management of cancer patients and those with bleeding disorders.



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