

WOMEN'S CHAPTER



Hiking activity

HISTORY and FORMATION & EXPECTATION to FUTURE DEVELOPMENT



BBQ gathering



Coffee-tasting workshop

The Women's Chapter was established in November 2008, with Dr Ava Kwong as founding chairlady. The inauguration of the Women's Chapter took place on 22nd January 2009 in the witness of the past presidents and present College committee and members.

In 2008, the College recognized that there was an increasing proportion of females being admitted to medical school, and in some classes, over half of the medical students were females! Surgery, a previously perceived male career due to the long duration of training and working hours, is traditionally NOT the most popular choice amongst females. It is important that Surgery attracts the most elite in either gender into the field of surgery. The Women's Chapter has been formed to address female specific needs so that a surgical career can become more appealing to all.

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.

Over the past 7 years, our membership has been growing, with 191 members in total. We have organized 2 very successful mentorship schemes for medical students in 2010 & 2014. The aim of the Mentorship program is to reinforce the connection between medical students and women surgeons, to introduce surgery and to provide assistance to medical students and to allow medical students to explore the daily routine and lives of surgeons. A total of 102 mentors and mentees have joined the program, and the feedback has been very positive.

Work-life balance is vital for surgeons, and female surgeons are no exceptions. The Women's Chapter has organized a series of events including hiking activities, BBQ gatherings, coffee-tasting workshops, wine tasting events, photography classes, make-up workshops.... just to name a few. These social events allowed surgeons to have a time to relax, make new friends, and to catch up with old colleagues.

Looking beyond Hong Kong, we would like to broaden our horizons and to learn from established international societies for female surgeons such as "The Association of Women Surgeons" (AWS) was founded in 1981 when Patricia Numann, MD, FACS, invited as many female surgeons as she could identify to breakfast at the October meeting of the American College of Surgeons. The visions of AWS are: To enhance and facilitate interaction among women surgeons throughout the world, to foster an environment supportive of personal values and individual diversity, and to advance the highest standards of competence and ethical behavior. The Women's Chapter of CSHK has similar vision, and we will continue to strive for excellence. Our future aspirations are: to inspire, encourage and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals.



Wine tasting event



Founding Chairlady & Committee



Make-up workshop



Founding Committee & Current Committee (2013-current)



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