

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE

And

OBSTETRICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SINGAPORE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the **College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore (COGS)** and the **Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS)** regarding the governance of the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore and other relevant activities between the 2 organizations, hereinafter, referred to as "the Parties".

A. Background

The **College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore (COGS)** has been incorporated as part of the recent restructuring of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS). A unified obstetrics and gynaecology profession is dependent upon a strong relationship between COGS / AMS and OGSS. This Memorandum of Understanding seeks to affirm the continued cooperation and synergy by avoiding duplication of work done in organizing Continuing Medical Education programmes by both parties.

The College Council will consist of the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, 3 Council Members, Chairmen of Section committees and up to three co-opted Council Members. The Past President and Master or his alternate (ex-officio) shall be ex-officio members of the Council.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to optimize national resources and to foster a friendly relationship through mutual cooperation between the Parties in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. This MOU reflects the intent of the Parties to work together in areas as mentioned in Section C.

C. Roles and Responsibilities

The College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore will:

1. Maintain its autonomy and take responsibility on behalf of their College members, as defined in the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists' Memorandum and Articles of Association (see Annexure A)
2. Continue to involve the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Singapore in the organization of Continuing Medical Education programmes.

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The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Singapore will:

1. Maintain its autonomy and take responsibility for representation on behalf of their members, as defined in their Articles of Association
2. Have defined representation on the College Board - that is, 3 of their council members to be nominated by Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Singapore, shall be co-opted committee members on the College Council and shall have full voting rights.
3. Continue to involve the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore in the organization of Continuing Medical Education programmes.

D. Funding

Co-operative activities under this MOU shall be subject to the availability of funds and personnel. The terms of financing shall be agreed upon in writing by the Parties before the commencement of activities.

E. Effective Date, Modification' and Termination of the MOU

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by authorized officials from the COGS and OGSS and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by one or both parties by mutual consent or upon sixty (60) days' prior written notice.

F. Legal Authority

1. Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled through consultations between the Parties or such other means as they may mutually decide.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of Section F, all cooperation should not contravene any Byelaws and Regulations / Articles of Association of the Parties.
3. Issues for the protection and distribution of intellectual property created or furnished in the course of cooperative activities under this MOU shall be settled in accordance with the appropriate authority.



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A/Prof Ho Tew Hong (COGS) and Dr Lee Keen Whye (OGSS). 17 December 2004