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The Ostomy Association of Singapore (“the Association”)

Annual Report and Notice of AGM

Date of notification: 11 March 2019

Please be informed that notice is hereby given by the Association that an Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.00am on Saturday, 13th April 2019 at The Learning Space, Block 6, Level 1, Singapore General Hospital, Outram Road, Singapore 169608.

Copies of the documents listed below are attached for your perusal:

- Annual Report 2018
- Financial Statements 2018

At the Annual General Meeting it is proposed that the Association seeks, (action to be taken)

Loh Wan Heng
Secretary

Annual Report 2018 – Ostomy Association of Singapore

Inception & Objectives

The Ostomy Association of Singapore was officially registered on 27th January 2014.

The aims of our non-profit organisation are:

1. to speed up the rehabilitation of patients who have undergone colorectal surgery or urinary tract diversion surgery by offering reassurances, emotional support, appropriate advice and practical information to patients and their caregivers both before and after surgery,
2. to promote better understanding and foster friendship and bonding among the ostomates and colorectal cancer survivors through mentoring and shared experiences'
3. to provide information and encouragement concerning all aspects of stoma care and
4. to educate and increase public awareness about colorectal cancer

Present Committee

The office-bearers and committee members of the Association are as follows:

President	-	Shiv Raj Kapur
Vice President	-	Ellil Mathiyan
Treasurer	-	Loh Wan Heng
Secretary	-	Michael Lee

Resignations/Appointments

There were no new appointments or resignations.

Membership

The details of the current membership are as follows:

Fellow Members	-
Ordinary Members	-
Associate Members	-
Corporate Members	-
Total Membership	-

Ongoing Programmes

1. Friends of CGH

In October 2014, the Association helped form a support group for colorectal patients in Changi General Hospital. Members, called Friend of CGH, continue to support the Stoma Clinic on Wednesday mornings to share with patients identified by the nurses in charge at the clinic.

Significant Events

1. AGM

The OAS AGM was held on 31st March 2018 at The Learning Space, SGH Blk 6, Level 1.



2. SINGAPORE OSTOMY DAY SEMINAR AT KTPH

The Association marked World Ostomy Day 2018 by organising a joint seminar with Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore General Hospital Ng Teng Fong General Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Changi General Hospital and Sozo Wound & Stoma Care Pte Ltd on 8th October 2018. The seminar was held in Khoo Teck Puat Hospital on 13th October 2018



3. OAS ADVISORY OF PANEL

There were no changes to the OAS Advisory panel. All advisors agreed to continue to serve and contribute their valuable expertise.

Psycho-Social Services Advisor - Dr. Gilbert Fan

Master Medical Social Worker
Psychotherapist (Satir)
Co-Chair, Patient Support
Chair, Volunteer Engagement
National Cancer Centre Singapore



Social Service Advisor – Mr. Albert Ching

Chief Executive Office
Singapore Cancer Society



Ostomy Advisor - Sister Ong Choo Eng

Senior Nurse Clinician (Specialty Nursing)
Stoma Care, Nursing Division
Singapore General Hospital



Patient Education and Support Advisor - Dr. Carol Loi

Genetic Counsellor
Singapore Polyposis Registry
Department of Colorectal Surgery
Singapore General Hospital



Programme Advisor - Dr Juriyah Bte Yatim

Assistant Director, Nursing
(Advanced Practice Nurse)
Pelvic Floor Disorder, Nursing Division
Singapore General Hospital



Medical Advisor – Prof. Tang Choong Leong

Head, Department of Colorectal Surgery
Singapore General Hospital



Legal Advisor - Mr. Tan Jee Ming

Director
Straits Law Practice LLC



LOOKING FORWARD

There are several plans for the current year and the Association is keen on pursuing new initiatives and improve on those that have already been put into action. Future plans and targets include:

Increasing the membership base.

Inviting more members to serve on the committee

Reaching out to other hospitals and help to set up support groups

Collaboration with SCS and other major hospitals on future projects, in particular the Patient Ambassador Training Program.

Getting discounts from more vendors for the members

CONCLUSION

The Association has made further progress during the past year, and has increase its collaborative activities with more vendors, hospitals and other organisations. It plans to leverage on the influence of the Advisors to play a greater role in advocacy for ostomates, in particular to present the patient's voice and perspective to healthcare authorities with a view of improving not only the quality but also the cost of products and services.