



Message from the Chair



Dear fellow Family Physicians,

I am proud to present our first issue of *Family Times*, a quarterly newsletter to update you of the happenings within our Academic Clinical Programme (ACP).

Since our official launch in Jan 2017,

- We have established our structure and processes by learning from our counterparts
- Several events took place, notably, our family gathering in Feb and retreat in Aug
- Successfully concluded the 6th Asia Pacific Primary Care Research Conference (APPCRC) in conjunction with FM Symposium, co-organised with the College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS) in Sep.
- Our FM ACP philanthropic fund has been set up to advance patient care through education, research and innovation.
- A sub-fund for Family Health Research has also been created to support family health/medicine research projects.

If you know of someone who is keen to support our endeavors, do direct them to our ACP secretariat at fm.acp@singhealth.com.sg.

Our goal is to advance FM as an academic discipline and establish ourselves as a leader in our field. We will work together to improve healthcare delivery across the care continuum. We will also continue to educate the next generation of doctors through quality training programmes and focus on innovating care through research. We hope to have your unwavering support in this exciting journey.

Funding Opportunities – FM ACP Seed Grant

The FM ACP Seed Grant aims:

- To support research projects of a lower funding quantum
- To serve as a stepping stone for faculty to generate preliminary data to apply for cluster/national competitive research grants

Eligibility

- FM ACP faculty (associate consultants and above) and FM fellowship trainees in CGH, BVH, KKH, SGH, SHP and SKH
- Project should be relevant to FM ACP's signature research programmes (SRPs)

Application

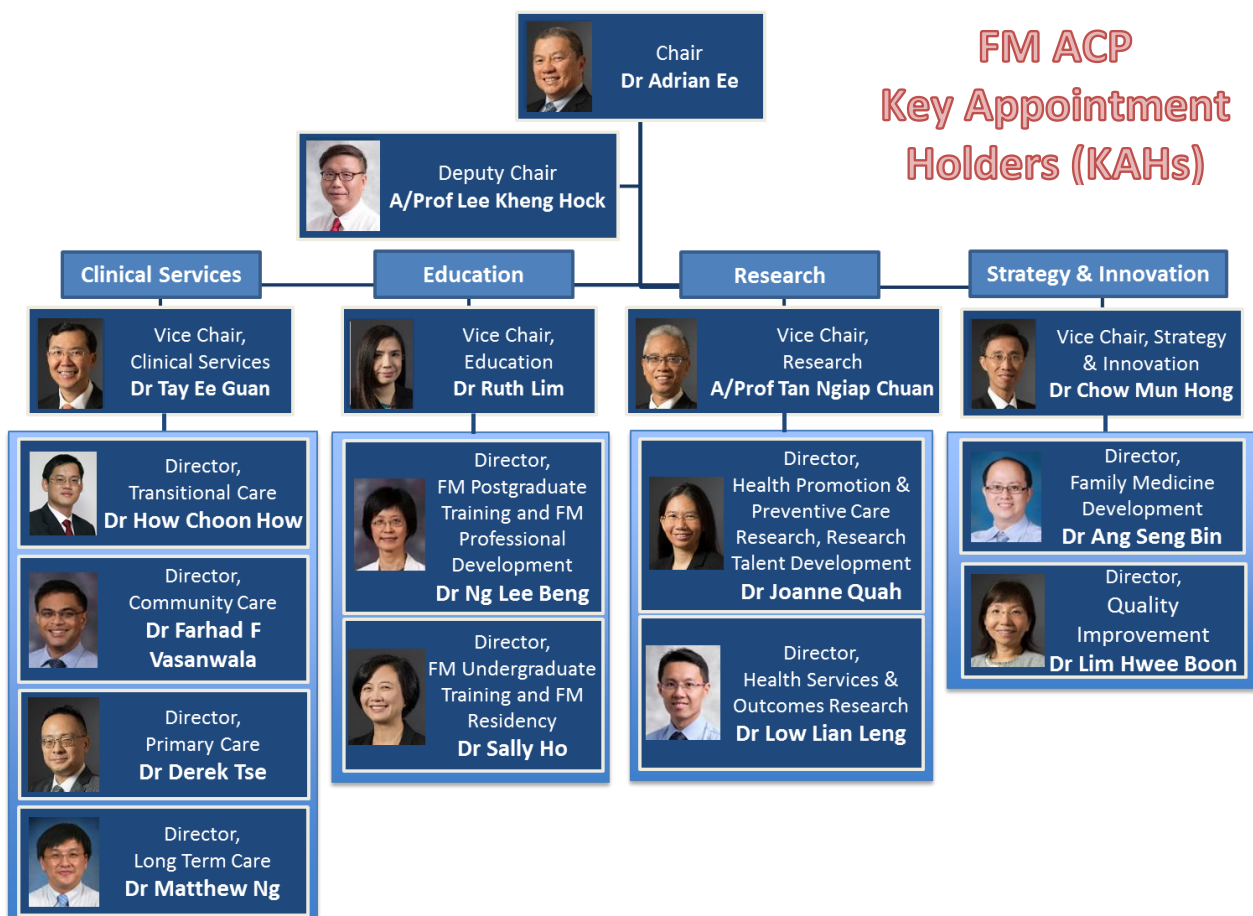
- Open throughout the year, from 1 Jan 2018 to 31 Aug 2019 and submissions will go through a review panel
- Multiple applications can be submitted but each Principal Investigator (PI) will be awarded with only one project

Award

S\$10,000 per project for 1 year

Interested applicants should look out for our grant call in January 2018 for more details.

ACP Organisation Structure



FM ACP FY18-20 Work Plans

Clinical Services

- Collaboration amongst the various FM sites by defining criteria to ensure seamless patient care
- Actively engage stakeholders such as Regional Health System (RHS), SingHealth Community Hospitals (SCH), Sengkang Health (SKH) and social care partners
- Increase scope of practice for family physicians (FPs) and create opportunities for them to practise in various care settings and further develop their competencies

Education

- Strengthen engagement of faculty institutions and newly promoted FM ACP faculty
- Develop interactive e-Learning modules for FM learners

Research

- Collaboration with Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) on Capstone project on I-GOITRE (Innovation to Gain control & Optimize Individual Thyroxine REplacement)
- Showcase FM research efforts at SingHealth Duke-NUS Scientific Congress 2018
- Innovation Hackathon
- Workshop on coding for applications
- Talk on shared decision-making

Strategy & Innovation

- Set up a Quality Management framework across all FM ACP practice sites

Snapshots From The Start Of Our Journey...





FM Residency Open House on 29 July



FM ACP Forum/Retreat on 26 Aug



SingHealth Duke-NUS Gala Dinner on 3 Sep



Hosting Prof Sandy Cook, Interim Vice Dean, Education, Duke-NUS at SHP-Outram on 5 Sep



6th APPCRC in conjunction with FM Symposium from 21-23 Sep



Duke-NUS ACP/SRP Open House on 25 Oct



FM Residency Engagement Session on 27 Oct

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

~ Henry Ford