

Turning Sciences into Caring

**Since 2004** 

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## Background

With the aging population and the ever-growing demand in the health care services in Hong Kong, there is a rising demand for the health care professionals with accredited health care training in our community. The Hong Kong Society of Professional Medical Care (HKSPMC) based on the mission of life saving, caring for the sick and community services, has designed different health training courses with the aim to generalize the health care knowledge to the public and to meet the demand of the community in Hong Kong.

### Introduction

Hong Kong Society of Professional Medical Care (HKSPMC) established in January 2004, is a non-government organization (NGO) and charitable institution which is exempt from tax under section 88 of Inland Revenue Ordinance. The core members are the health care professionals from Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC). Our Principal Medical Director, Dr. David Henderson, L/RAMC, still works as a medical practitioner in Hong Kong after 1997. One of our Medical Directors, Dr. Peter Lau (Chairperson of International Trauma Life Support, Hong Kong Chapter) dedicate himself through HKSPMC to protecting human life, caring for the health of the vulnerable, turning sciences into caring by mobilizing people to serve voluntarily for sick and injury. HKSPMC Services include Health Care Services, Community Care Services, Youth and Volunteer Services, the roles are not limited to First Aid and Emergency Care training (Emergency Medical Technician, EMT), Healthcare and Medical Technology Training, Rehabilitation and Medical Escort Transportation Services.



Chief Medical Director Dr David Henderson MB BCh (Dubl), BATLS L/RAMC

Dr David Henderson is a graduate of Dublin University in Ireland. After graduation in medical degree with his intern year spent in England, he joined the British Army spending 25 years as a military doctor in different countries and in different medical roles, including 5 years in anaesthesia. Dr Henderson has been practicing in Hong Kong since 1995.



## Mission

The HKSPMC has been striving in promoting the health care knowledge in the community, improving the health care skills, training those who have the mission in caring for the vulnerable, sick and disable. HKSPMC aims at improving local health care quality through providing the diversified health care training programmes in Hong Kong. Our targets are the frontline health care professionals, those interested in taking up the health care jobs in the hospitals or old aged home, relatives or care-takers of the sick or the disabled as well as the general public.

## Vision

- a. In fulfilling the HKSPMC's mission in extending lifelong learning opportunities for the community, HKSPMC seeks to become a world-class centre of excellence for the provision of professional and continuing education serving Hong Kong, Mainland China and the region.
- b. To be the leading provider of vocational health care education and training in Hong Kong.
- c. To deliver effective, efficient and innovative quality assurance programmes to the public, from youth to geriatric.
- d. To provide the knowledge, skills and values to act competently and ethically in the practice of medical sciences; to deliver, efficient and innovative quality medical laboratory health check through HKSPMC Health Care Services, freely to the community.

## **Core Values**

HKSPMC strives for excellence in:

- a. Turning sciences into caring by offering free doctor consultation and laboratory services to the deprived population.
- b. Collaborating with University of worldwide and other institutions in expanding lifelong learning opportunities for career advancement, research and personal development.
- c. Delivering high-quality health care or other extended programmes to meet the needs of community.
- d. Promoting lifelong learning for the realization of a learning society and the community's pursuit of quality of life.

- e. Conducting research in adult and continuing education, as well as in medical, health care subject specialisms.
- f. Playing a leading role in Hong Kong's allied health care training and development as an education hub.

### Milestone

- 1. April 2004, HKSPMC office was established in Wan Chai, Hong Kong.
- 2. April 2004, the 1st HKSPMC Fundamental Venipuncture Techniques for Phlebotomists Course was established.
- 3. June 2004, the 1st Health Care Assistant Course was successfully run and graduated in September.
- 4. Dec 2004, HKSPMC office moved to Breakthrough Centre was established at Jordan with grand opening.
- 5. March 2005, HKSPMC was cordially invited by Jardine Group to support with medical cover for the annual function of "Walk up Jardine House".
- 6. June 2005, Hong Kong College of Professional Medical Care (HKCPMC) was established in Wing Kwok Centre at Jordan.
- 7. Jan 2006, HKSPMC was authorized to run Battlefield Advanced Trauma Life Support (BATLS) Course in Hong Kong.
- 8. Aug 2006, HKSPMC American Heart Association Training Site was established and authorized to run AHA Basic and Advanced Life Support Course.
- 9. Jan 2006, HKSPMC begun to run "Practical Fist Aid Course" to the public and issued more than 3000 certificates until Dec 2010. As a result, HKSPMC first aid training was recognized by HKSAR in Jan 2011, the course renamed as "Occupational First Aid Course" and "Practical First Aid Course" was therefore sunset.
- 10. Sep 2006, HKSPMC Venipuncture Techniques for Phlebotomists Course was recognized by National Phlebotomists Association (NPA).
- 11. 27 Sep 2006, HKSPMC Health Care Assistant Training Course was accredited and recognized by Hospital Authority Hong Kong.
- 12. Sep 2006, Co-join with Caritas Adult Education Training Centre to run

Health Care Assistants, Medical Laboratory Assistants and Dispensary Assistants for Applied Learning course and Project Yi Jin since 2006 until 2014.

- 13. Jan 2007, HKSPMC became National Safety Council (NSC) training centre and was authorized to run NSC First Aid Course.
- 14. Jan 2007, HKSPMC had successfully obtained the approval from the Commissioner of Social Welfare Department to run the Health Workers Training Course.
- 15. Sep 2007, HKSPMC Medical Laboratory was established.
- 16. Feb 2008, the Venipuncture Techniques for Phlebotomists Course of HKSPMC was recognized by American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).
- 17. Feb 2008, HKSPMC Volunteer Services Team was established.
- 18. Oct 2008, HKSPMC the 1<sup>st</sup> batch intake of Professional Diploma in Integrated Clinical Nursing was held, 1 year programme.
- 19. May 2009, HKSPMC Trauma Training Centre was established in Breakthrough Centre.
- 20. 2009, HKSPMC the 2nd batch intake of Professional Diploma in Integrated Clinical Nursing was held, 1 year programme.
- 21. 2009, HKSPMC the 3rd batch intake of Professional Diploma in Integrated Clinical Nursing was held, 1 year programme until the 8<sup>th</sup> batch in 2011.
- 22. Sep 2010, HKSPMC became an authorized training centre to conduct Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training and eligible to sit on United State National Registry EMT exam to become a licensed pre-hospital emergency provider.
- 23. 15 Nov 2010, West Kowloon Training Centre at Cheung Sha Wan was established and the grand opening ceremony was on 5 December 2010.
- 24. Jan 2011, HKSPMC Occupational First Aid Course was approved by Commissioner of Labour Department under Law of Hong Kong, Chapter 509A Occupational Safety and Health Regulation and HKSPMC is eligible to provide first aid training and entitled to issue lawful first aid certificate to the community in Hong Kong.

- 25. 25 July 2011, the 1st batch intake of Diploma in Primary Health and Emergency Care (DPHEC), 2 years programme.
- 26. 6 Dec 2011, the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch intake of Diploma in Primary Health and Emergency Care (DPHEC), 2 years programme.
- 27. 12 July 2012, HKSPMC underwent internal re-engineering and restructuring.
- 28. 13 Aug 2012, the 3<sup>rd</sup> batch intake of Diploma in Primary Health and Emergency Care (DPHEC), 2 years programme.
- 29. Sep 2012, HKSPMC became a Continue Nursing Education (CNE) provider of Hong Kong Nursing Council.
- 30. 20 Sep 2012, HKSPMC Care-Related Support Worker Training was accredited and recognized by Hospital Authority Hong Kong.
- 31. 29 Oct 2012, the 4<sup>th</sup> batch intake of Diploma in Primary Health and Emergency Care (DPHEC), 2 years programme.
- 32. 5 Aug 2013, the 5<sup>th</sup> batch intake of Diploma in Primary Health and Emergency Care (DPHEC), 2 years programme.
- 33. 19 June 2014, HKSPMC evolved to become a non-government organization (NGO) and charitable institution.
- 34. July 2014, HKEMSC under HKSPMC International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) Hong Kong Chapter was established.
- 35. 22 Sep 2014, the 6<sup>th</sup> batch intake of Diploma in Primary Health and Emergency Care (DPHEC), 2 years programme.
- 36. 25 Sep 2015, the 7<sup>th</sup> batch intake of Diploma in Primary Health and Emergency Care (DPHEC), 2 years programme.

# First Aid and Health Care Training

The Hong Kong Society of Professional Medical Care (HKSPMC) adopts the strategy of "First Aid for All" to actively popularize first aid. We provide various training courses on first aid and life-saving skills for the public to deal with the emergencies. HKSPMC promotes first aid among the public through different kinds of first aid courses and activities.

In the reporting year, we have successfully trained 22 First Aid Lecturers for the future development of first aid training.

HKSPMC has been keeping close communications with its first aid teaching volunteers and the service users to work out appropriate and diversified first aid training sessions that suits the public needs. 4200 first aiders have been trained from January 2011 to December 2015. During the years, we conducted 150 first aid training courses of 15 different kinds, totaling 5200 training hours. Out of 11000 trainees, over 97% passed and / or finished the training which also included 4095 trainees who successfully obtained the HKSAR government recognized first aid certificates with a passing rate of 98%.

## Automated External Defibrillation Course

With increasing availability and popularity in the use of Automated External Defibrillator, the HKSPMC launched the 'Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Course' July 2007 for the general public to grasp the knowledge and skills of using the machine to save lives. A total of 552 trainees graduated during the years.

## First Aid Training for Vulnerable Groups

The training enabled the vulnerable communities to acquire first aid knowledge, and also to build self-confidence and self-help ability.

## First Aid Training for deprived groups

When it comes to first aid learning, it is a totally different story between the general public and those who are ethnic minorities, people with hearing

impairment or mental retardation. Due to language or innate limitation, the latter are not able to participate in general first aid training. During the year, the HKSPMC collaborated with other organizations to tailor-make first aid training programmes to let them have equal access to the knowledge and skills that could allow them to help themselves and others in times of emergency.

In 2008, the HKSPMC has also launched the 'Domestic Helper First Aid Course' to equip domestic workers the skills to protect not just their own lives but their employers' family members.

### First Aid Service

First aid service is one of the core volunteer services of the HKSPMC. Our first aid volunteers provide service for the community and at public functions.

During the year, our first aiders responded to numerous requests for first aid service in events including the New Year's Day.

### **Health Training**

The HKSPMC has been offering various types of health care training courses for health care support personnel since 2004. The objective is to strengthen their professional knowledge to meet the public demands for medical, elderly and home care services.







Over the past 10 years, HKSPMC has provided first aid services and other related training to people worldwide. As a part of the emergency care training provider for public and hospitals in Hong Kong, HKSPMC is devoted to advocating 'Life Protection, Caring for the underprivileged, and Maintaining Dignity'. To protect human life and avoid accidents, HKSPMC promotes first aid knowledge and skills to the public through different first aid courses and activities. Therefore the internationally recognized first aid techniques can be practiced and promoted throughout the territory.

## **Promoting First Aid**

As we expand the scopes of our services, we have more new members and volunteers joining our team. Therefore, more tailor-made first aid training is provided for the new comers. At the same time, the organization provides high quality training for first aid lecturers, including advanced first aid knowledge, skills and teaching methodologies. Each and every of these courses is accompanied by strict assessments. Meanwhile, we have implemented a First Aid Lecturer System to unveil the potentials of our lecturers and help them

establish a network for mutual support, to involve in various first aid training courses. In this way, we hope to enhance the quality of first aid training services and strengthen the unity and the sense of belonging of our team.







