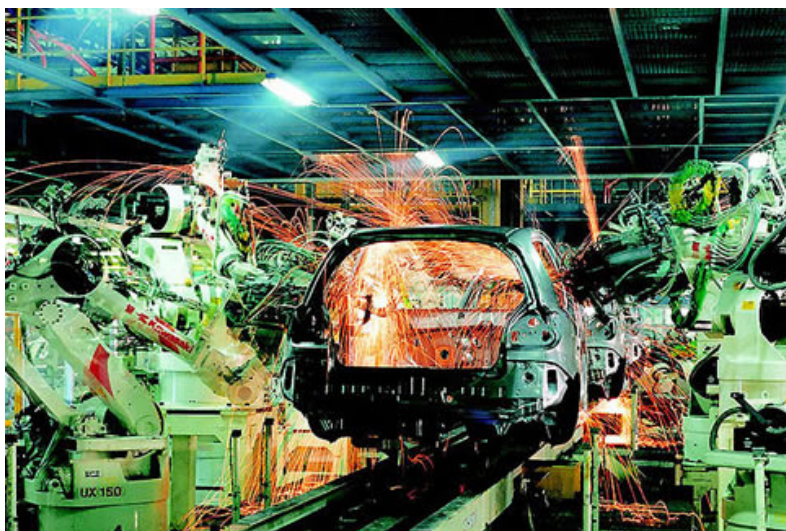


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HKOA eNewsletter



Message from Council

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by Dr. Woo Siu Bon 胡兆邦醫生

Dear fellows members and associated members,

A couple of years ago I have the chance to hear the talk delivered by Professor Stephen Kates of University of Rochester Medical Center on "Lean business model in health care" in a local symposium. In essence, he reminded us the pursuit of a sustainable health care system.

Lean thinking, originally used in the Toyota Production System in Japan during the 1960s, is a method of implementing performance improvement by eliminating waste and adding value to processes. Prof. Kates, in his recently published article on "The value of an organized fracture program for the elderly," concluded that "a co-managed protocol-driven fracture management program could result in a substantial savings in expenditure, length of stay, mortality, complication rates, and readmission rates." The concept is being applied with increasing frequency across health care organizations.

Another example that could fit-in a lean model is revision joint arthroplasty. Pooling of these patients could be the future direction. Prof. JN Katz of Brigham and Women's Hospital had studied and examined 4,448 revision total hip arthroplasties using the Medicare database in the United States. He concluded that lower-volume hospitals generate more revisions than that would be expected on the basis of their primary total hip arthroplasty volume, whereas higher-volume hospitals perform more revisions than that would be expected as patients who switch hospitals for the revision surgery at a similar volume or larger-volume hospital than the one in which they had their primary procedure. These data would certainly help to inform health care policy-makers how to obtain optimal outcomes for patients needing both primary and revision total hip replacements.

In summary, it is time to make a quest of shuffling and further injection of both funding and manpower. By

doing this, we could reduce complications and the chances of second operations on our patients, given the context of rising costs and heightened patient expectations and demands; it also exert a synergistic effect on the "fitting-in" of a "lean model" with sufficient caseload.

Association News & Notice

HKOA Annual General Meeting 2013

Date: 23rd November 2013

Time: 18:00 – 18:30

Venue: Room N101, New Wing, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

[Agenda](#)

Golf Day Result (18 Sep 2013)

Overall Champion: Dr Danny Tsoi

Best Gross Score: Dr Ho Ho Pak

Men Division

Champion: Dr Chak Hing Chung

1st runner-up: Dr Dicky Lam

2nd runner-up: Dr Albert Wong

Women Division

Champion: Ms Alice Cheng (spouse of Dr. Wong Man Shun)

1st runner-up: Mrs Fhronux Tsoi (spouse of Dr Danny Tsoi)

[Link to Picasa Web Album](#)

Our HKOA dragon boat team has won **the HKMA Invitational Mini Dragon Boat Race cum David Fang Cup Silver Plate Championship** on 18 August 2013!



[Video link](#)

[Photo album](#)

New Issue of JOTR is available online!

Please click to the following link to view the latest issue of Journal of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Rehabilitation: June 2013 (Volume 17, Issue 1): http://ejotr.org/current_issue.aspx

New website of Public

Local Meetings & Conferences

The 33rd Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress

"Defying the Aging Spine - Our Mission Continues"

Date: 23-24 Nov 2013

Venue: The Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre

- [Poster presentation schedule](#)
- [Poster presentation instructions](#)
- [Oral presentation instructions](#)
- [Award papers presentations](#)
- [Oral free papers presentation \(in alphabetical order of authors\)](#)

Asian Federation of Foot & Ankle Surgeons 5th Scientific Meeting & Hong Kong Foot & Ankle Society 1st Scientific Meeting

30 November, 2013 (Sat) [Link](#)



1st Foot & Ankle Cadaveric Dissection & Reconstruction Workshop

1 December, 2013 (Sun) [Link](#)



International Meetings

中華醫學會第十五屆骨科學術會議暨第八屆COA國際學術大會

會議時間: 2013年11月7-10日

會議地點: 北京國家會議中心

征文截止時間: 2013年7月31日

提前註冊截止日期: 2013年9月30日

網址:

<http://www.coachina.org/2013>

Current Concept in Joint Replacement - Winter 2013

Dec 11-14, 2013

Orlando, Florida

<http://www.ccrj.com/winter/>

16th ESSKA Congress

May 14-17, 2014

Amsterdam / The Netherlands

<http://www.esska-congress.org>

The 87th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association

Date: May 22-25, 2014

Venue: Kobe Portopia Hotel

<http://www.joa2014.jp/en/index.html>

The Combined Academic Conference of the 18th Biennial Congress of Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) and the 36th Annual Meeting of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand (RCOST)

Date: October 23-25, 2014

Venue: Pattaya, Thailand

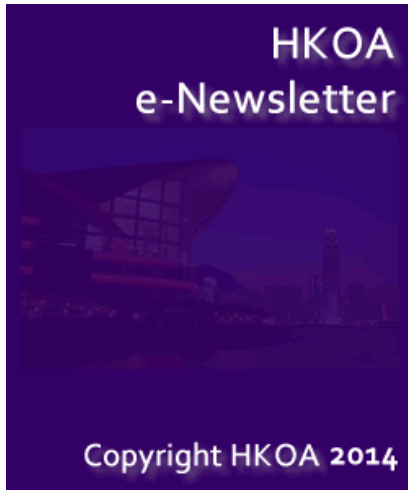
<http://www.apoa2014.com>

Information Service (PIC)

The PIC of Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons has been relocated to the following address:
<http://www.orthoinfo-hkcos.org>

AOTrauma Course—Basic Principles of Fracture Management

17-19 Jan 2014 [Link](#)



More meetings information can be found in Orthopaedic Calender from HKCOS: <http://www.hkcos.org.hk/calendar/index.aspx>

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