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CM:

Can you share with us what you find most memorable being an editor?

LLL:

Outperforming the need to publish an issue every quarter. The SFP published 5, 7, 7 and 8 issues in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively!

GC:

It has been six months since stepping into this role, but I can say with certainty that one of the most memorable pieces of work during my tenure will be the special commemorative issue of the SFP celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the CFPS. I am immensely thankful and indebted to my fellow colleagues in the 50th Anniversary editorial team (A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, Terence Lee and Chester Kwan). This was a major undertaking spanning many months of effort and commitment; involving countless zoom meetings, calls and emails. Work on the commemorative issue began in early August 2021, and over these past few months, the support from the editorial team has been invaluable: from content curation; conceptualizing the layout and aesthetics of the issue; reaching out to invited authors; obtaining permission from government bodies to publish content; editing articles; and liaising with the typesetters.

I would also like to thank A/Prof Cheong Pak Yean for his input and contribution, all invited authors who readily responded to the call to contribute articles, and the unfailing support of the 28th Council and secretariat.

The 50th anniversary of the CFPS is one to be celebrated. Much has been achieved since the early pioneers in family medicine had the foresight to establish the College five decades ago. The SFP commemorative issue showcases what the CFPS has accomplished and sheds light on the future direction of family medicine. This issue serves as a legacy of this memorable historical milestone.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this special edition.

CM:

Is there any message that you will like to convey to our readers?

LLL:

Please support the SFP and our new editor! The SFP will continue to deliver the latest, up to date educational articles relevant to our family doctors. Please submit your academic work to the SFP so that it can spread the good work done by our Singapore family doctors to an international readership. The SFP can be the flagship of the rising academic standards of Singapore family medicine.

GC:

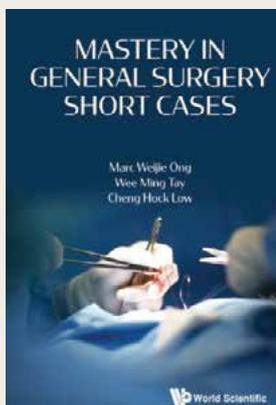
I would like to extend my sincere thanks to SFP readers for their continual support of the SFP through readership and contribution of articles. I hope that the articles published will continue to make an impact in their day-to-day clinical practice.

■ CM

Mastery in General Surgery Short Cases

by Ong, Marc Weijie, Wee Ming Tay, and Cheng Hock Low
(World Scientific, 2021)

Reviewed by Dr Wong Peng Yong, Andrew, MCFP(S), Family Physician



This book is useful reading for family physicians as it emphasizes the systematic way of examining the various surgical systems (e.g. thyroid, breast, inguinal area) and shares “pro tips” on how to avoid the usual pitfalls as well as red flags of common complications.

There are succinct summaries of the treatment for each surgical condition and the complications associated with them. Having this knowledge will enable the family physician to better counsel the patient on the diagnostic approach, treatment and road to recovery.

For some readers who have an affinity for evidence-based medicine, this book compares the efficacy and safety between various treatment and diagnostic options based on the latest landmark trials and delivers an overall conclusion and recommendation after listing the evidence. It is useful for the busy practitioner who needs to make a quick clinical decision as well as one who wishes to research further in these domains.

Equipped with dozens of photographs, illustrations, tables, charts and Q&A style of presentation, this book provides family physician with bite-size up-to-date information at his fingertips which can be instantly translated into clinical work and medical education.

■ CM