

HKCOS Newsletter

Message from the President

Dear Fellows and Members,

It was with great humility I took up Presidency of our College Council last December, in the midst of a highly challenging time presented by the global pandemic, thanks to the trust you all bestowed on me. Together with other council members, I pledge to better understand your needs so as to advocate your interests and continue to foster our fraternity, and in turn to serve our profession in providing the highest quality musculoskeletal care, as well as to take the lead in advancing bone and joint health. On behalf of the College, I have given several presentations on the impact of CoVID-19 on orthopaedic services in Hong Kong, both locally and internationally.

One of the pillars of our work is on maintenance of professional standards. We completed a curriculum review last year, and this year we are starting to implement the proposed changes, as well those in assessment methods on training. Externally, latest proposed changes to the Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021 were put forward by the legislature, so your views will be very important to determine our College's position and response to the evolving proposal. We have completed an opinion survey last month and the results were reflected to the government, but please continue to express your views on this controversial issue as the development is still continuing.

Another area this council will act on is policy advocacy, with an initial focus on osteoporosis management and fragility fracture care. We are going to set up an intercollegiate taskforce in order to work with other stakeholders in developing the standards of care, information system on how standards are being met and building evidence about care process and outcomes, and documentation of the impact of clinical and service change, so that continuous benchmarking against other national and regional data can be done. Another taskforce we plan to set up is on injury prevention, with two initial targets on traffic injuries and sports injuries. The idea was to collect related data and provide a scientific basis for making recommendations on amending traffic safety laws, preventing traffic accident and reducing casualties, so as to promote road safety. We would also like to collect sports injury data and provide a scientific basis for making recommendations on promoting sports safety, preventing sports injuries, and reducing morbidities.

With the commencement of service of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, a third taskforce we are going to initiate is to coordinate the strategic planning of territory-wide paediatric orthopaedic services, including a review of the referral mechanisms and standards of care, as well as the ways to enhance sustainable manpower training and retention, together with benchmarking against other similar establishments.

On a more global perspective, we will set up still another taskforce to support and coordinate members to prepare for possible outreach orthopaedic services outside Hong Kong. By working with NGOs, universities, HKJCDRPI, and other stakeholders we hope to better prepare fellows

and members to join overseas orthopaedic volunteer missions and provide the required support.

If you are interested to join any of the taskforces mentioned above or have any suggestions on how we can serve you better, please do not hesitate to let us know.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Mid-Autumn Festival!



Photograph taken after the HKCOS-RCSEd Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Orthopaedic Surgery in October 2020.

**COVID-19:
THE ORTHOPAEDIC RECOVERY**
RESUMING PATIENT CARE WHILE PREPARING FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

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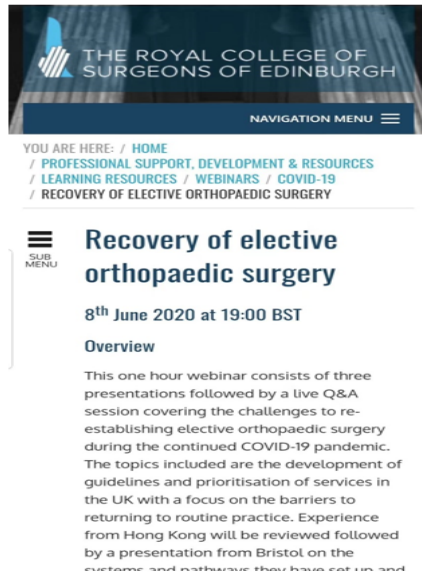
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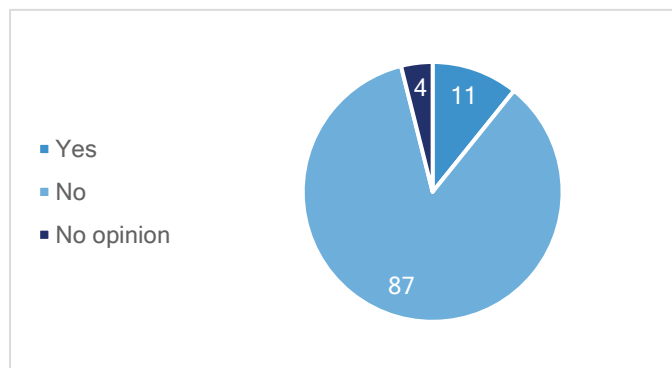
- Miss Claire Edwards**
 Claire Edwards has been a Consultant Hand and Trauma surgeon at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital since 2010. She is Chair of the Trauma and Orthopaedics Surgical Specialty Board and sits on the Research and Awards Committee of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Claire is Director of Core Surgical Education for HEEOE, a member of the Trauma and Orthopaedics ST3 National Selection Design Group and is active in research.
- Dr Wilson Li**
 Dr Wilson Li who specialises in sports medicine and orthopaedic traumatology is consultant surgeon and the Chief of Service in the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at Hong Kong's largest hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. He is currently the Chairman of the Orthopaedics & Traumatology Central Coordinating Committee of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority, and also the President-elect of the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Results of opinion survey regarding the Government's proposed Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021

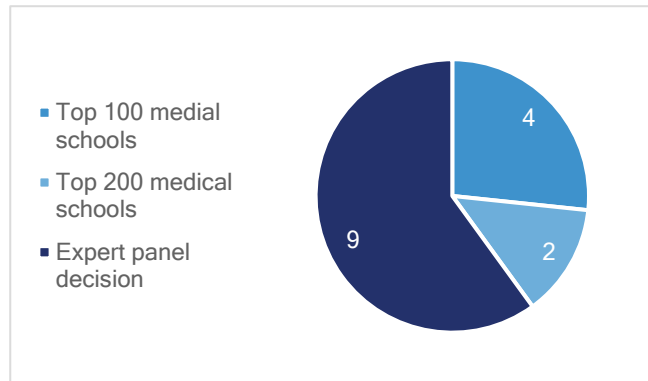
In May 2021, the College issued an opinion survey to all fellows regarding the Government's proposed Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021. This Bill proposes to exempt medical graduates from a list of up to 100 approved non-local institutions from licensing examination. Non-local medical graduates are also required to serve in a public healthcare institution for at least 5 consecutive years to obtain formal registration in Hong Kong. Continuation of employment is subject to on-the-job assessment to ensure their standard. Furthermore, only permanent residents of Hong Kong SAR will be eligible for this scheme.

There were 102 responses to this poll and the results were as follows:

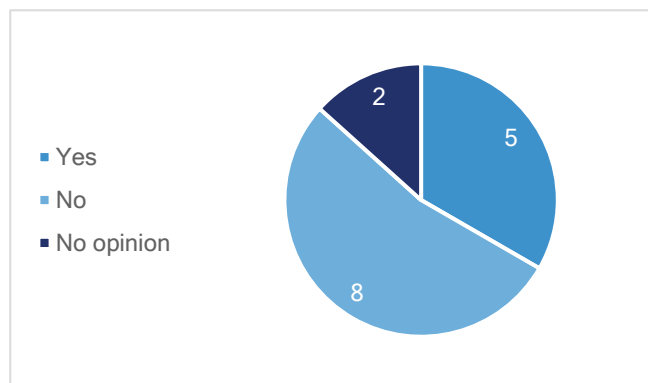
Do you agree with the principle that non-local medical graduates should be allowed to obtain full registration without licentiate examination after a period of public service?



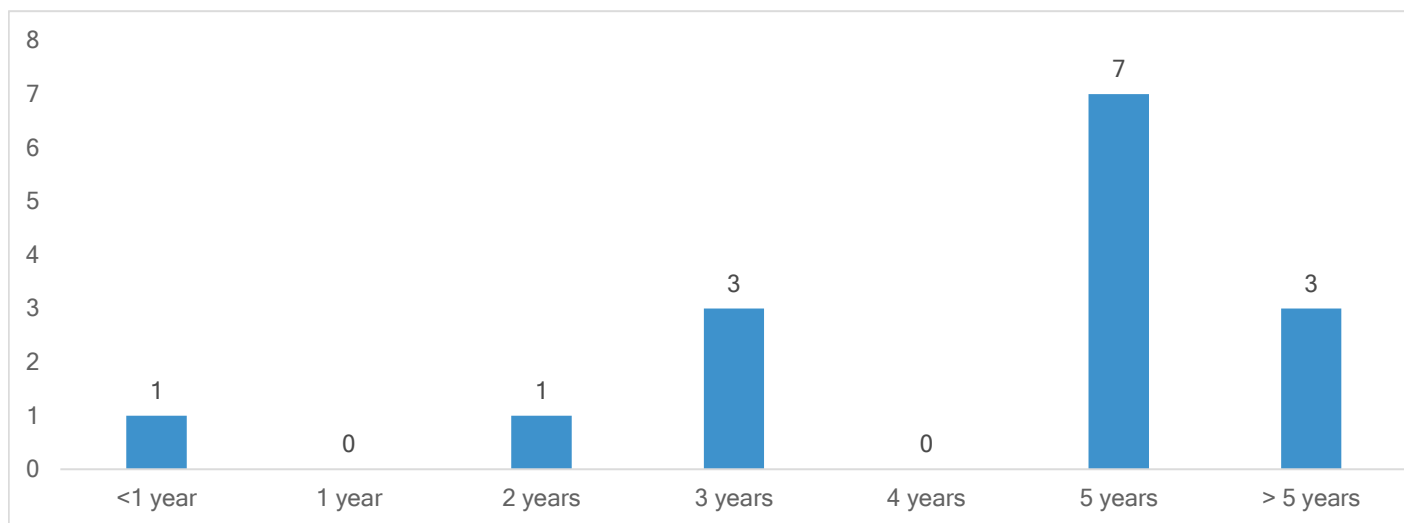
How should the list of approved medical institutions be formulated?



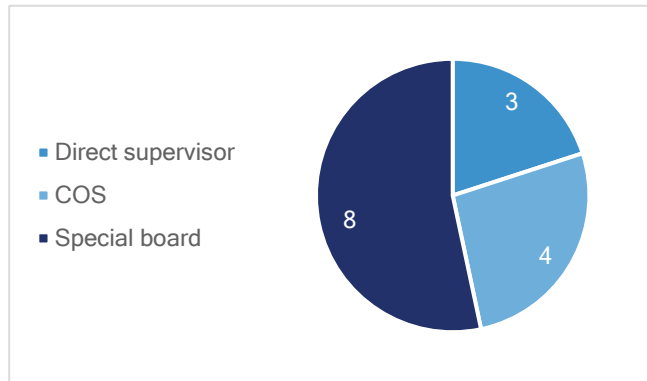
Should medical schools not using English as the primary medium of instruction be allowed on the list of approved medical institutions?



How many years of service in the public sector should non-local medical graduates be obliged to work for?

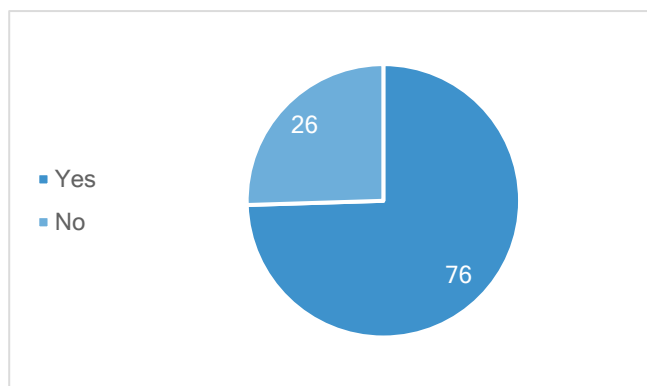


By whom should the on-the-job assessments of non-local graduates be performed by?

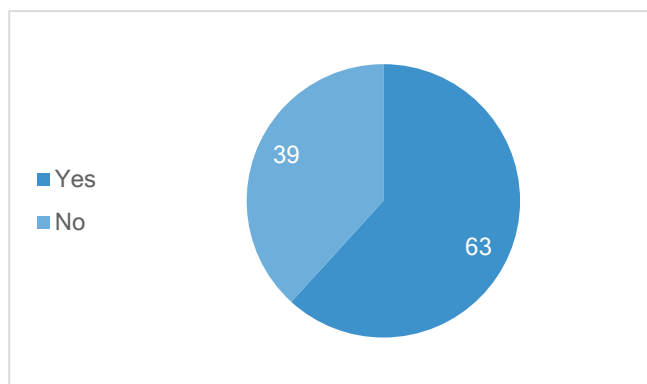


Do you agree with any of the following alternate suggestions?

1. Follow the existing mechanism, i.e. no exemption from licentiate exam if non-local medical graduates wish to leave public service, but to institute measures to retain doctors in public practise e.g. allow for longer terms of contract employment of 5 years instead of the current 3 years.



2. As overseas medical institutions may be stronger in one stream than another e.g. strong in medical but not in surgical specialties, the list of approved medical institutions for each specialty should be assessed independently:



The President has presented the results of this opinion poll to the council of the Academy of Medicine and will also make a written statement to the Food and Health Bureau on behalf of the College.