

Diary of Local & Overseas Scientific Meetings

Clinico-pathological Seminar

A monthly (every second Wednesday) CME accredited meeting between dermatologists and dermatopathologists for reviewing and discussing cases with interesting clinico-pathological presentation. *Histological slides are available for preview.*

Organiser: Social Hygiene Service,
Department of Health
Date: 11 March, 8 April, 13 May 2009
Time: 5:45pm-6:15pm Slide preview
6:15pm-7:30pm Seminar
Venue: Yaumatei Dermatology Clinic,
12/F Yaumatei Specialist Clinic
(New Extension), 143 Battery Street,
Yaumatei, Kowloon
Organising Mr. Lo Sing Kai
Secretariat: (Tel. 2770 4001)
CME points: Hong Kong College of Physicians
Hong Kong College of Pathologists

Clinical and Journal Review Meeting

This is a monthly (every last Wednesday) CME accredited meeting among dermatologists on various aspects of healthcare. Topics vary from quality assurance, medical audit, update on local epidemiological data or service statistics (for sexually transmitted infections, leprosy), update on new drug treatment or new management skills to presentation of interesting cases or journal review.

Organiser: Social Hygiene Service,
Department of Health
Date: 25 March, 29 April, 27 May 2009
Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
(Continuous professional development,
case presentation, journal club from
6:30pm-7:00pm and book club from
7:00pm to 7:30pm)
Venue: Social Hygiene Service Headquarters,
Cheung Sha Wan Dermatological Clinic,
3/F West Kowloon Health Centre,
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon
Organising Ms. Landy Lee (Tel. 2150 7356)
Secretariat: Ms. Chan Toi Lan (Tel. 2150 7367)

CME points: Hong Kong College of Physicians-
Active: 2/ session; Passive: 1/ session
(*This meeting in June/December will be suspended
due to the annual/exit assessment*)

Clinico-pathological Meeting

A half-yearly CME accredited meeting between dermatologists and dermatopathologists for reviewing and discussing cases with interesting clinico-pathological presentation. *Histological slides are available for preview.*

Organiser: Hong Kong Society of Dermatology &
Venereology
Date: 10 June 2009
Time: 5:45pm-6:15pm Slide preview
6:15pm-7:30pm Seminar
Venue: Yaumatei Dermatology Clinic,
12/F Yaumatei Specialist Clinic
(New Extension), 143 Battery Street,
Yaumatei, Kowloon
Organising Mr. Lo Sing Kai
Secretariat: Tel. 2770 4001
CME points: Hong Kong College of Physicians
Hong Kong College of Pathologists
Hong Kong College of Family Physicians
(Category 6.2)
College of Surgeons of Hong Kong
Department of Health
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
Hong Kong Doctors Union
Hong Kong Medical Association

67th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology

Organiser: American Academy of Dermatology
Date: 6-10 March 2009
Venue: The Moscone Center
(North, South and West Buildings)
747 Howard Street, San Francisco,
CA 94103, USA
Organising American Academy of Dermatology
Secretariat: Tel. (1 202) 842 4355
Fax. (1 202) 842 3555
Website: www.aad.org

12th World Congress on Cancers of the Skin

Organiser: World Congress on Cancers of the Skin
 Date: 3-6 May 2009
 Venue: David InterContinental Hotel
 12 Kaufman St
 Tel Aviv, 61501
 Israel
 Organising Kenes International
 Secretariat: 1-3, rue de Chantepoulet
 P.O. Box 1726
 CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland
 Tel. +41 22 908 0488
 Fax. +41 22 732 2850
 Email: wccs09@kenes.com
 Website: www.kenes.com/skin-cancer/

Date: 12-16 May 2009
 Venue: Hofburg Congress Center, Vienna,
 Austria
 Organising Congress Partner GmbH / MCI
 Secretariat: Wilhelminenstr. 80-82
 1160 Vienna, Austria
 Tel. +43 (0)1 406 22 35
 Fax. +43 (0)1 406 31 28
 Email:
 Congress(at)worldmelanoma2009.com
 Website: www.worldmelanoma2009.com

Joint Meeting - 7th World Congress on Melanoma / 5th Congress of the European Association of Dermato-Oncology (EADO)

Organisers: World Congress on Melanoma and
 European Association of Dermato-
 Oncology

Annual Scientific Meeting of the Hong Kong Society of Dermatology and Venereology 2009

Organiser: The Hong Kong Society of
 Dermatology and Venereology
 Date: 21 June 2009
 Venue: Ballroom,
 Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers
 Organising CMPMedica Pacific Ltd
 Secretariat: Tel. 21558557 / 21164348
 Fax. 25596910
 Email: meeting.hk@asia.cmpmedica.com

Answers to Dermato-venereological Quiz on pages 53-54

- 1) The differential diagnoses include infiltrative diseases like mastocytosis, congenital diseases like epidermolysis bullosa, infective diseases like recurrent bullous impetigo, autoimmune bullous diseases such as linear IgA dermatosis, bullous pemphigoid, bullous lupus erythematosus and iatrogenic causes such as bullous drug eruption, and generalized contact allergic dermatitis.
- 2) The mononuclear cell infiltrates are mast cells that stain positive with chloroacetate esterase and c-kit (CD 117).
- 3) The diagnosis is mastocytosis. There are different types of cutaneous presentations. Our patient is pertaining to a rare subtype – diffuse cutaneous mastocytosis. Other more common presentations in paediatric patients are urticaria pigmentosa and mastocytoma. Telangiectasia macularis eruptiva perstans (TMEP) is mainly found in adults.
- 4) Darier's sign may be positive in patients with mastocytosis. The skin will be urticated after gentle stroking of the lesion. It is, however, not always present, particularly in adult patients with TMEP.
- 5) It is estimated that around 49% of adult and 9% of children may suffer from anaphylaxis. Systemic involvement such as bone marrow infiltration, hepatosplenomegaly, lymphadenopathy, abdominal pain and diarrhoea are more common in adult patients. Mast cell leukaemia and other haematological diseases such as myelodysplastic syndromes and myeloproliferative disorders are possible associations.
- 6) Patients and their parents should be educated to avoid possible triggers like drugs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, aspirin, and narcotics), alcohol, heat and friction. First line treatment includes H₁ and H₂ histamine antagonists. Sodium cromoglycate, topical and systemic steroids, psoralen with UVA phototherapy have been reported to be effective.