



THE HONG KONG NEURO-ONCOLOGY SOCIETY



*Dear* Members of the Hong Kong Neuro-oncology Society ("HKNOS"),

Greetings! I hope this email finds you well in these times of uncertainty.

My name is Peter Woo and I am a Neurosurgeon working at Kwong Wah Hospital. I was humbled to receive the nomination and to be subsequently elected by the HKNOS Council to be President of this esteemed group of professionals. Your dedication to the care of patients with nervous system tumors is inspiring. Standing on the shoulders of local giants in this field, I wish to thank the pioneering efforts of Dr. Stephen Yau and Dr. Jenny Pu for their crucial work and unconditional support.

I would also like to introduce my colleagues that will be taking up their new office-bearing roles:

**1st Vice-President: Stephen Yau (Private Clinical Oncologist)**

**2nd Vice-President: TC Lam (HKU Clinical Oncologist)**

**Treasurer: Jenny Pu (Private Neurosurgeon)**

**Secretary: Louisa Lui (PMH Clinical Oncologist)**

The current remaining HKNOS Council Members (n=16) are:

**Rebecca Yeung (PYNEH Clinical Oncologist)**

**Carol Kwok (PMH Clinical Oncologist)**

**Herbert Loong (CUHK Clinical Oncologist)**

**SK Au (Private Clinical Oncologist)**

**TC Tan (Private Neurosurgeon)**

**Michael Lee (PYNEH Neurosurgeon)**

**Tony Chan (PMH Neurosurgeon)**

**LF Fung (QMH Neurosurgeon)**

**Calvin Mak (QEH Neurosurgeon)**

**Henry Mak (QMH Neuro-radiologist)**

**Amanda Kan (QMH Neuro-pathologist)**

I look forward to working with this distinguished group of individuals and to receive their guidance.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, our community is facing foreseen challenges that we have never encountered in our professional career. Perhaps it is time to further strengthen our ties. I would to develop these five areas during my current term:

**1. Raising brain tumor awareness and patient advocacy among the general public:** a revamp of our HKNOS website + social media presence (Facebook, Instagram), e-publications, videos clips, working with the International Brain Tumor Association (IBTA), creating a patient-support group.

**2. Distribution of up-to-date information on the management of commonly-encountered CNS tumors among healthcare professionals:** sponsored conferences, workshops, HKNOS website-linked webinars and developing closer ties with our regional counterparts: Asian Society of Neuro-oncology (ASNO), Chinese SNO (CSNO).

**3. Creating a general consensus on the diagnosis and management of commonly-encountered brain tumors:** e.g. as of 1 April 2020: MGMT methylation testing, IDH-1 mutation testing, 1p19q FISH are now freely funded by the HA for ALL glioma patients.

**4. Establishing a Brain Tumor Registry** (building upon the groundwork laid by Jenny): closer collaborations with Dr. KH Wong (Director of the Hong Kong Cancer Registry / COS of QEH Clinical Oncology) and consolidating a HK database for Glioblastoma patients from 2007 (n=1100) with clinically significant survival predictors.

#### **5. Promoting Clinical Research**

If you would like to nominate a colleague who might be interested in joining the HKNOS family, our members/ associate members include clinical neuropsychologists, nurses and medical social workers, please complete the enclosed form and send a scanned copy to [hknos2011@gmail.com](mailto:hknos2011@gmail.com) or to **Peter Woo, Neurosurgery, Kwong Wah Hospital, 25 Waterloo Road, Yaumatei**. Membership is free!

Keep in touch and stay safe.

Yours,

Peter YM Woo