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15th AOCCN

The 15th Asian Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology (AOCCN) in conjunction with the 41st Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) Annual Congress 2019



APPA Secretary General, Dr. Zulkifli Ismail (third from the left), APPA Deputy Secretary General/MPA President, Dr. Hung Liang Choo (6th from left) and extreme right is APPA new Treasurer and MPA Vice President, Dr. Selva Kumar Sivapunniam.

The 15th Asian Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology in conjunction with the 41st Malaysian Paediatric Association Annual Congress 2019 was successfully held from the 19th till 22nd September 2019 at Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

One thousand one hundred eight participants from 24 countries attended this congress held back in Malaysian shores after a lapse of twenty years.

I was then a young paediatrician attending the 6th AOCCN, held in Penang, northern Malaysia from the 5th till 8th September 1999 and now again after twenty years as a seasoned paediatrician, attending the same congress and given the honour to report it briefly

AOCCN 2019 AT A GLANCE

- 1,108 participants
- 24 countries represented
- Two pre-congress workshops
- Six plenary presentations
- 33 symposiums
- 11-morning sessions
- Eight lunch symposiums
- 30 oral free papers
- 30 moderated poster presentations
- 293 poster presentations
- 6 MPA Young Investigators Award Presentation
- 30 exhibitors

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APPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Distinguished fellow pediatricians,

International Youth Day is held each year on the 12th of August and this year's theme is "Transforming Education". It is embedded in Goal 4 of Sustainable Development Goals, to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. There are currently almost 2 billion young people between the ages of 10 through 24 in the world, while the Asia

Pacific region has over 1 billion young people aged 10-24. In 2030 they will be on their peak productivity and reproductive function. They need proper education including critical thinking about health perception, healthy lifestyle, and adequate upbringing to ensure that they can fully develop into mature adults who can contribute in this world successfully.

Transition phase from teenager period into adulthood is a critical period in one's development. Meanwhile, we still do not have the same perception regarding the category of adolescent age. This is what we should do in the future, determining the age so that we can set the appropriate program for adolescent. Adolescents have their own complex and diverse problems, ranging from psychosocial changes that affect thought patterns, the influence of peers and the environment, the desire to engage in high-risk

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

behavior, the search for self-identity, and other conditions that may interfere with the optimal growth and development process. Asia Pacific Pediatric Association with its Technical Advisory Group in Adolescent Health will work closely with each society to ensure the quality of health of our future generation.

Another event that we celebrated was the 15th Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research that was held in conjunction with the 10th Annual Scientific Meeting of Indonesian Pediatric Society. The vision of Asian Society for Pediatric Research, oriented towards scientific research works which may improve child health, is aligned with APPA's beliefs that the fruits of scientific and technological progress should be enjoyed by the children of the Asia Pacific region. Hopefully this event can strengthen research and academic activities for global child health in Asia.

To conclude, we are grateful if your pediatric organization could please kindly contribute articles and photos on child health care, pediatrics or adolescent programs and issues in your respective country so that we can publish it in the upcoming APPA Bulletin. We hope that it will be useful and encouraging to see what other societies have done to promote the health of the children around the Asia Pacific region.

Best regards,
Aman B Pulungan, MD, PhD, FAAP, FRCPI (Hon.)
President of APPA



CHILD MARRIAGE

Indonesia inches closer to outlawing child marriage

Indonesia moved closer to ending child marriage on Friday (September 13, 2019) after the government secured a key nod paving the way to raise the age for girls to wed in the world's most populous Muslim country by three years.

About one in every seven girls in Indonesia is married before the age of 18 and the country is among the 10 countries with the highest numbers of child brides, according to the UN children's agency, UNICEF. The government said a parliamentary law committee has agreed to a proposal on raising the minimum marriage age for girls to 19 from the current 16, a key step before it is put to a vote among lawmakers.

"It's a decision that the Indonesian society has been waiting for to save our children from the practice of child marriage," Women's Empowerment and Child Protection minister Yohana Yembise said in a statement.

The reform has been pushed by lawmakers including those from the ruling party of the Indonesian president Joko Widodo.

Indonesia's Constitutional Court ruled in favour of a petition by women's rights groups last year to change the law after they argued the current rule discriminates against girls, who can marry at 16 whereas the legal age for men is 19. The ruling did not



Indonesian president Joko Widodo's ruling party has been pushing for girls to marry at the age of 19 instead of 16. (Reuters pic)

specify an increase and gave legislators three years to decide what the new minimum age should be.

The proposed change would allow exceptions for underage marriage in unspecified "pressing" situations with a court's consent, said researcher Maidina Rahmawati at the non-profit Institute for Criminal Justice Reform.

"We ask the government to tighten the restrictions on this but it is a very good start," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation by phone from Jakarta.

Poverty and tradition often lead families to marry their children in the Southeast Asia archipelago of 260 million people, according to UNICEF. On average over 3,500 Indonesian girls are married every day and in some cases religious courts have endorsed the marriages of Indonesian girls younger than 16.

Globally, 12 million girls become child brides each year, according to the campaign group Girls Not Brides, exposing them to greater risks of exploitation, sexual violence, domestic abuse and death in childbirth. - **Reuters, Jakarta, September 13, 2019**



POLIO

Polio resurfaces in Philippines after over two decades



Health officials appealed to parents and care givers of children to take part in the government's polio vaccination programme.
- physiciansweekly.com pic

The Philippines recorded its second case of polio on Friday (September 20, 2019), as it prepared to vaccinate millions of children against a disease it believed to have been eradicated two decades ago.

A five-year-old boy in Laguna, south of the capital Manila, tested positive for the polio virus, the health department said, the second case this week after a three-year-old girl was confirmed to be infected on Monday in a province about 1,400 km (870 miles) away. Health officials appealed to parents and care givers of children to take part in the government's polio vaccination programme, which comes as the Philippines grapples to tackle twin outbreaks of dengue and measles that have killed more than 1,000 people since January, most of them children.

"The polio vaccinations happen all year round, but our coverage dropped for the past five years," Rolando Enrique

Domingo, an undersecretary of the Department of Health, told Reuters.

"We've learned our lesson. It is time to move on and really start vaccinating all kids and make sure we sustain this every year." The polio virus was detected in the sewage systems of Davao in a nearby province two months ago, and in Tondo, a rundown area of Metro Manila notorious for slum communities, Domingo said.

Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan are the last three countries where the disease is endemic.

The last known case in the Philippines had been in 1993, the World Health Organization says.

Immunisation coverage in the Philippines is at 70%, below the recommended rate of 95%, Domingo said, as trust in vaccines declines. The boy who tested positive in Laguna has been discharged from hospital already, officials said on Friday (September 20, 2019). The other case was confirmed on Monday and reported on Thursday in Lanao del Sur, one of the country's poorest provinces. Vaccination teams will aim to administer polio drops to every child younger than five, he added.

There is no cure for polio, which invades the nervous system and can cause irreversible paralysis within hours, but it can be prevented with vaccines. The virus spreads rapidly among children, especially in unsanitary conditions in underdeveloped or war-torn regions where healthcare access is limited.

Children nationwide are at risk as long as a single child remains infected, the United Nations agency for children, UNICEF, has said. A vaccine campaign started in August in the historic heart of Manila will be expanded to cover more than 5 million children and go nationwide next year, Health Secretary Francisco Duque said in a speech on Friday (September 20, 2019). - **Reuters, September 20, 2019**



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Following the congress theme of 'Synergy to Challenge Boundaries in Child Neurology', delegates heard the latest, highly stimulating and cutting edge scientific lectures. It was a platform where clinicians, subject matter experts and researchers from various fields of child neurology came together and shared their valuable clinical experience and research findings relevant to the broad spectrum of participants from this region.

Apart from the usual concurrent symposia, two pre-congress workshops and several morning teaching sessions were held to cater to the needs of general paediatricians, trainees and allied health professionals that are involved in the care of children with neurological disorders. These sessions were a hit amongst the delegates even though conducted as early as 7.30 am.

Professor Dr Ikuya Nonaka from the National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry, Japan was the speaker for the Yukio Fukuyama Memorial Lecture, and his lecture was on Diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to floppy infants.

This congress featured a plethora of innovative, exciting topics and speakers. Over and above, the organising committees' objective achieved as the fostering for closer networking, and collaborative work in the advancement of diagnostic and therapeutics on various neurological disorders affecting children was very evident during this four-day event. Congratulations to the local hosts, Malaysian Paediatric Association and Malaysian Society of Neurosciences for organising this fantastic congress yet again, after twenty years. A special thank you to The Asian & Oceanian Child Neurology Association for the trust and confidence given to the local organisers. Thank you as well to the exhibitors and sponsors for the continuous support and their generosity. I was then a young paediatrician attending the 6th AOCCN, held in Penang from the 5th till 8th September 1999 and now again after twenty years as a mature paediatrician, attending the same congress.

Dr Selva Kumar Sivapunniam
APPA Treasurer & MPA Vice President



TRIBUTE



THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DR. KOH CHONG TUAN

**Dr. Koh Chong Tuan, a soft spoken
and dedicated consultant paediatrician**

The Asia Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA) expresses its appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Koh Chong Tuan for his excellent services as the APPA Treasurer from Year 2000 - 2019.

A Consultant Paediatrician, Dr. Koh's specialty is General Paediatrics at the Island Hospital in George Town, Penang, a northern Malaysian state. He was one of the founder doctors of Island Hospital.

Prior to working in Island Hospital in 1996, Dr. Koh was at the LGL Specialist Centre in Penang from 1983 - 1996. He is also in the National Specialist Register of Malaysia since 2007 & Malaysian Medical Council since 1976.

He was formerly Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) President in 1995 & 1999 respectively and has been involved in MPA since 1990 till now. MPA plays a major role in advocacy on all issues related to paediatrics and child health.

Dr. Koh, a soft spoken doctor is known to be a careful, detailed paediatrician and likes to ensure the parents of his young patients thoroughly understands things. He is also fluent in four languages: English, Malay, Mandarin and Hokkien.

Dr. Koh's Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, MBBS (Malaya)
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, FRCP (London)
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, FRCP (Glasgow)
- Diploma in Child Health, DCH (London)
- Academy of Medicine Malaysia, AM

When asked what is his advice to paediatricians, he has this to say:
"Be passionate about your work and care for your patients."

APPA wishes Dr. Koh Chong Tuan all the very best in his future undertakings.

Dr. Koh doing his part for the community in Penang

Island Hospital Penang

5th August 2018



**Recognising HFMD -
Public awareness health talk by
Dr Koh Chong Tuan**



Fairos Nazri, Executive Secretary, APPA



ANNOUNCEMENT

APPA NEW TREASURER



**Dr. Selva Kumar
Sivapunniam**

The Asia Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA) is pleased to announce that Dr. Selva Kumar Sivapunniam as the new APPA Treasurer, replacing Dr. Koh Chong Tuan who had submitted his resignation recently.

The APPA Secretary General, Dr. Zulkifli Ismail had proposed Dr. Selva Kumar as Dr. Koh's replacement during a Conference

Call Meeting held on August 6, 2019. This was agreed to by the APPA Executive Committee (Exco) and Standing Committee (SC) members.

Dr. Selva Kumar is currently Head, Department of Paediatrics at the Selayang Hospital, near Kuala Lumpur. His specialties are General Paediatrics & Paediatric Nephrology.

He is also the new Vice-President of Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) and has been MPA's Executive Committee member since 2007.

Qualifications:

- MD (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia) 1991
- MMed (Paed) (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia) 1998.

Welcome aboard, Dr. Selva Kumar!

Fairos Nazri, Executive Secretary, APPA



The 7th Asian Vaccine Conference (ASVAC 2019) Yangon, Myanmar

The 7th Asian Vaccine Conference (ASVAC 2019) was held in Yangon, Myanmar from 13th - 15th September, 2019. It aims to bring various stakeholders in the field of vaccination together to address challenges and issues relevant to clinical practice and immunization programs in the region.

Asian EPI managers' meeting was also held on 11th - 12th September in Naypyidaw, new capital of Myanmar and it was hosted by Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar. This inter-regional meeting aims to strengthen the cooperation and collaboration of EPI Managers and others involved in implementing immunization programs in the region.

The three-day conference including pre-conference workshops and master classes, plenary lectures, symposia and paper presentations was successfully held with the theme of "immunization: sustaining health security in Asia".

Over 700 participants, including 400 local and 300 international participants from 31 countries attended the conference. There were 55 international and local speakers from 20 countries.

This conference is organized by the Immunization Partners in Asia Pacific (IPAP) and hosted by Myanmar Pediatric Society and the Ministry of

Health and Sports, Myanmar. It is also supported by the Confederation of Meningitis Organization (CMO), Philippine Foundation of Vaccination (PFV), Pediatric Infection Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP), Asia Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza (APACI), PATH, ROTA Council, International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP), Asian Society for Pediatric Infection Diseases (ASPID) and other Immunization partners.

The Asian Vaccine Conference has drawn immense interest from the immunization community since its 1st conference in 2009, in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The next 8th Asian Vaccine Conference will be held in Malaysia in 2021. - **Prof. Kyaw Linn, President, Myanmar Pediatric Society**



An excellent cultural performance



Group photo of Organising Committee, ASVAC 2019, among them Prof. Kyaw Linn (3rd from the left) and APPA Secretary General, Dr. Zulkifli Ismail (2nd from right)



BREASTFEEDING

Indonesian Pediatric Society's World Breastfeeding Week

The World Breastfeeding Week 2019 was held from 1st - 7th August, 2019.

An online live streaming and media seminar to commemorate World Breastfeeding Week 2019, with the theme: "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding", was held on August 1, 2019.

The event was held simultaneously in 25 Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS) Chapters and attended by more than 1000 participants (pediatricians, health workers, and breastfeeding activists) throughout Indonesia.

Pediatricians who participated in online live streaming will then teach parenting classes at their own workplaces. The event was opened with remarks from the President of IPS, Dr. Aman Bhakti Pulungan, reminding that collaboration of multi-stakeholder should be formed in order to support parents to successfully breastfeed. Dr. Aman is also President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA).

The event continued with the presentations by the Head of the Breastfeeding Task Force, Dr. Elizabeth Yohmi, Prof. Dr. Badriul Hegar, and Dr. Igan Partawi as the moderator.

For more information about the event, please find the attached link to the video of the event: <https://we.tl/t-BNNhUBjgIC>

Dr. Ayu Utami

Assistant to the APPA & IPS President, Dr. Aman Bakhti Pulungan



Dr. Aman is seated second from the right



COMPULSORY VACCINATION

Germany makes measles vaccination compulsory for children from March 2020



Germany will make childhood measles vaccinations mandatory from March 2020, aiming to wipe out the resurgent and potentially deadly disease, Chancellor Angela Merkel's cabinet decided Wednesday (July 17, 2019).

Children will only be admitted to kindergarten or school if they have had the jabs, and vaccinations will also be compulsory for staff in day-care centres, educational institutions, medical facilities and refugee shelters.

"We want to protect as many children as possible from a measles infection," said Health Minister Jens Spahn, who is aiming for at least 95% coverage.

Violations will lead to fines of up to €2,500 (US\$2,800) under the bill that is expected to pass easily through the Bundestag

lower house of parliament. Germany's paediatricians' association has long demanded mandatory childhood vaccinations against measles and a range of other diseases.

The UN World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that global efforts to increase immunisation coverage against deadly diseases are stagnating.

Last year, 350,000 cases of measles were reported worldwide, more than double the number for 2017.

And they increased fourfold globally in the first quarter of 2019 compared to the same period last year, according to WHO. Germany recorded 543 cases last year, and hundreds so far this year.

The resurgence of the disease in some countries has been blamed on the so-called "anti-vax" movement, which is largely based on a 1998 publication linking the measles vaccine and autism that has since been debunked. - **AFP, Berlin, July 17, 2019**



10th IPS Annual Scientific Meeting & 15th ASPR Congress



Dr. Aman presenting his opening remarks

Manado, North Sulawesi, is a beautiful destination with great sight, great food, and great hospitality in Indonesia. This city has just hosted the 10th Annual Scientific Meeting of Indonesian Pediatric Society in conjunction with the 15th Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research. The theme of the Congress was "Strengthening Asia's Research Collaboration for Global Child

Health". Abstracts are available online at <http://www.apjpch.com/index.php?page=aspr2019&author=> various child health issues such as breastfeeding, malaria, TORCH-ES infection, tuberculosis, airway obstruction, heart failure, gastrointestinal motility problems and hepatitis, echocardiography, endocrine emergencies, newborn screening, basic ultrasound for pediatricians, APSID (Asia Pacific Society for Immunodeficiencies) Autumn School, as well as disaster management and medical writing.

Health". Abstracts are available online at <http://www.apjpch.com/index.php?page=aspr2019&author=>

More than 2,600 participants attended this event, which was held from 7th - 11th September 2019. Series of pre-congress workshops were held on 7th - 8th September 2019, addressing



A mesmerizing Cultural Night



Group photo of Dr. Aman (seated 2nd from right) with some participants of the Meeting/Congress

The opening ceremony was held on the evening of 8th September 2019 and remarks were from Deputy Governor of North Sulawesi Drs. Steven Octavianus Estefanus Kandouw, President of Indonesian Pediatric Society Dr. Aman B. Pulungan, Head of Indonesian College of Pediatrics, Dr. Aryono Hendarto, Head of IPS North Sulawesi Chapter Dr. Rocky Wilar, Chairman of The 10th Annual Scientific Meeting of Indonesian Pediatric Society Organizing Committee Dr. E. David Kaunang, and Immediate Past President of the Asian Society for Pediatric Research Prof. Yu Lung Lau. Scientific programs continued on 9th till 11th September with various sessions that ranged from pediatric curriculum, infectious diseases, immunization, pediatric allergy-immunology, social media, nutrition and development, climate change, global child health, and many more.

On 10th September 2019 evening, Cultural Night was held at the Manado Convention Center where the winners of Best Poster presentation and Best Research, as well as Outstanding IPS Chapters, were announced. Closing Ceremony was held after scientific sessions on 11th September, attended by Manado Mayor, Dr. Ir. Godbless Sofcar Vicky Lumentut, S.H, M.Si, D.E.A.

Hopefully this event can strengthen research and academic activities for global child health in Asia. Please click on this link to see images report from the event: <https://we.tl/t-GhQh5Nno20>

Regards,
Dr. Ayu Utami
Assistant to the APPA & IPS President, Dr. Aman Pulungan



World Immunization Week Report of Pakistan 24th - 30th April, 2019



APPA President-Elect, Prof. Iqbal A Memon (2nd from right)

Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) sensitizing communities and parents not to miss any opportunity of vaccination till the age of two years for essential immunization and 0-5 years for supplementary doses of Polio (OPV).

PPA organized walks, inaugurations, seminar and workshops in major institutions and in field to make the public aware of the importance of vaccination, the need of the day for the prevention of diseases that is preventable only through immunization.



Prof. Sajid Maqbool (Patron), PPA-Punjab addressing community health workers to make use of every possible opportunity in vaccinating target children that contributed in preventing children from preventable diseases.

POSTERS DISPLAYED ON WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK



PPA President Prof. Gohar Reham (above) delivering lecture on importance of vaccination for the children of Pakistan. He added, refusal families for Polio vaccine resulted in high number of Polio cases in low coverage areas, KP (Khyber Pukhtunkhwa) so far stands with 7 cases compared with Sindh -3, Punjab -3 and KPTD (Khyber Pukhtunkhwa Tribal District (previously known as FATA) -6.



A doctor giving oral medication to a child at one of the activities of PPA Sindh branch



22nd Annual Scientific Congress of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP)



SLCP President, Dr. A. Ajanthan



Delegates who attended the Meeting

An excellent spread of paediatric health issues were discussed by the faculty that consisted of experts from the United Kingdom, United States of America, Australia, Singapore, India and our very own local experts.

A total of 23 overseas speakers and 22 local speakers conducted 3 pre-congress workshops, 4 Breakfast Meetings, 2 Guest Lectures, 7 Plenary Lectures and 12 Symposia. The topics selected covered a very wide range of most of the current paediatric healthcare aspects.

There were three prestigious orations. The Professor C.C.de Silva Memorial Oration was delivered by the Chief Guest, Professor Ramnik Xavier the Kurt Isselbacher Professor of Medicine of Harvard Medical School, USA on "The interplay of microbiome, genetics and immunity in systemic disease".

This presentation conveyed a wealth of knowledge on novel avenues of medicine, particularly the many intricacies of the human microbiome. Dr. Stella De Silva Memorial Oration "The

Child Patient: Through the Eyes of a Lawyer" by Mr Chanaka De Silva, President's Counsel of Sri Lanka, explored an interesting and timely aspect that impacts paediatric practice, particularly with the rights of children. Dr. B. J. C. Perera Research Prize Oration delivered by Prof. H Janaka de Silva, Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and the Chairman of the National Research Council discussed means of "Developing a Research Agenda in a Challenging Environment".

Nearly 400 participants attended this year's conference August 29-31, 2019. 54 poster presentations and 20 oral presentations contributed to the academic importance of the Congress.

The entire academic extravaganza concluded with a glittering banquet replete with camaraderie, sumptuous cuisine, lilting music and inspirational/humorous after-dinner talks and facilitatory toasts. - **Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP), Colombo, September 11, 2019**



Report on 8th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress 2019



The 8th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (SiPPAC) 2019 was held on 27th and 28th July, 2019 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Convention Centre, Singapore. The event was organized by the Singapore Paediatric Society and supported by the College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Academy of Medicine Singapore and the Perinatal Society of Singapore. The theme for this year was “Exploring the Science-Beyond Medicine to Health”. There was an array of relevant paediatric and perinatal topics within the scientific programme to cater to the everchanging needs of our practicing paediatricians.

The Haridas Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof Ho Lai Yun on “Building an Inclusive Early Childhood Intervention Ecosystem in Singapore: 1988 - 2017” depicted the dynamic changes in the needs of children growing up in Singapore over a period of approximately thirty years. It also highlighted important milestones that the healthcare services had put in place to support children and their families, especially those with special needs.

Plenary lecture

The other plenary lecture on Clinical Relevance on Genomics in Paediatrics and The Role of Microbiome in Health and Disease by Dr Tan Ee Shien and Adj Prof Lee Bee Wah respectively were interesting and intriguing. Both lectures

highlighted the concepts of precision medicine and how technologies in these areas can improve the healthcare outcomes of patients, and at the same time promote health through prevention of diseases.

The scientific programme was also accompanied with a range of topics to cater to the needs of specialists, trainees and students. This ranged from various clinical paediatric symposia to topics on healthcare safety and quality in the fields of Paediatrics and Perinatology.

Good oral and poster displays

There were 324 attendees for the two-day congress consisting of participants locally and from the region. There was also a good range of local research presentation in the form of oral papers and poster displays. All these added to the variety of scientific information disseminated at the congress.

The organizing committee would like to express its thanks to our regular supporters from the industry. Their sponsorship and participation at the exhibition area made the event successful for everyone present. We would also like to express our gratitude to our supporting staff and volunteers who were committed in making SiPPAC 2019 a success. - **Dr. Alvin Chang, Honorary Secretary, Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS)**



INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC EVENTS



2019

INDONESIA

Asia Pacific Academy of Pediatric Allergy, Respiratory & Immunology (APAPARI 2019)

Date: October 9-12, 2019

Venue: The Stones Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

Website: apapari2019.com

E-mail: secretariat@apapari2019.com

PAKISTAN

19th National Pediatric Conference, 2019

Theme: "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Child Health"

Date: October 18-20, 2019

Venue: Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, Pakistan

Website: ppaconference2019.pk

E-mail: ppaconference2019@gmail.com / ppa.punjab@yahoo.com

PHILIPPINE

11th World Congress of Pediatric Infectious Disease (WCPID)

Date: November 5-8, 2019

Venue: Philippine International Convention Center, Vicente Sotto St, Pasay, Metro Manila, Philippine

Website: wspid2019.kenes.com

Phone: 41 22 908 0488 **Fax:** 41 22 906 9140

For registration: reg_wspid19@kenes.com

CANADA

The 2nd Contemporary Morphology Course with Specimens and 3D Print Models Congenital Heart Diseases In Your Hands

Theme: "Abnormalities of the Atrioventricular Junction"

Date: December 6-7, 2019

Venue: Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning (PGCRL), Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada

E-mail: caroline.robertson@sickkids.ca / shi-joon.yoo@sickkids.ca

Phone: 1-416-813-6029 **Fax:** 1-416-813-8389

The 5th Hands-On Surgical Training (HOST)

Congenital Heart Disease Surgery with 3D Print Models

Date: December 7-9, 2019

Venue: Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning (PGCRL), Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada

E-mail: caroline.robertson@sickkids.co

Phone: Caroline Robertson (1-416-813-6029) **Fax:** 1-416-813-8389



2020

INDIA

57th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (PEDICON 2020)

Theme: "Quality Child C.A.R.E"

Date: January 9-12, 2020

Venue: Brilliant Convention Center, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India

Website: pedicon2020.com

E-mail: info@pedicon2020.com

MALAYSIA

Asia Pacific Alliance for the Control of Influenza (APACI)

APACI Influenza Workshop 2020

Theme: "Control of Influenza"

Date: March 13, 2020

Venue: ParkRoyal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Website: www.apaci.asoia

E-mail: admin@apaci.asia

TAIWAN

The 8th Congress of the Asia-Pacific Pediatric Cardiac Society (APPCS 2020)

Date: April 2-5, 2020

Venue: Taipei, Taiwan

Congress Secretariat: Chloe Hung **Phone:** 886-2-2798-8329 ext 25

Website: www.appcs2020.org

Email: reg@appcs2020.org

VIETNAM

The 17th ASEAN Pediatric Federation Congress (APFC) 2020 & The 23rd Annual Congress of Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA)

Theme: 'Assuring equal access to quality healthcare services for all children'

Hosted by the: Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA)

Date: October 22-24, 2020

Venue: Hanoi, Vietnam

E-mail: secretariats.apfc2020@gmail.com

EGYPT

12th ISTP of International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP)

Date: November 25-28, 2020

Venue: Intercontinental City Stars Hotel, Cairo, Egypt

Website: www.ictp-2020.com

Email: melshabrawi@kasralaimy.edu.sg / melshabrawi@medicine.cn.edu.eg

SOUTH KOREA

10th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID)

Date: October 28-30, 2020

Venue: Seoul, South Korea

Website: www.acpid2020.org



2021

SCOTLAND

The International Pediatric Association (IPA) 2021 Congress

Theme: 'Partnerships for Children'

Date: August 23-26, 2021

Venue: Glasgow, Scotland

PAKISTAN

The 17th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP)
Organised and hosted by the Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA)

Date: 2021 (Dates to be confirmed later)

Venue: Islamabad, Pakistan

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Leaving a lasting impression around the world

In country after country, the breadth of evidence shows that Prevenar 13* has demonstrated real-world effectiveness in reducing the burden of pneumococcal diseases¹



Footprints do not correspond to countries with Prevenar 13 approval or use.

Prevenar 13 provides the broadest serotype coverage of any pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), is used in more than 150 countries,[†] and is the most widely used PCV in the world.¹⁻⁴

Prevenar 13 is indicated for active immunization for the prevention of pneumococcal disease caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (including invasive disease, pneumonia and acute otitis media) in infants, children and adolescents from 2 months to 17 years of age.¹

[†]As of November 28, 2018.⁴

ABBREVIATED PRESCRIBING INFORMATION¹

NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT: Prevenar 13 suspension for injection. Pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine (adsorbed) 13-valent conjugated to CRM₁₉₇ carrier protein, adsorbed on aluminium phosphate (0.125 mg aluminium). **PRESENTATION:** Each pack contains 0.5 mL suspension for injection in pre-filled syringe. **THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS:** Active immunisation for the prevention of pneumococcal disease caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F and 23F (including invasive disease, pneumonia and acute otitis media) in infants, children and adolescents from 2 months to 17 years of age. Active immunisation for the prevention of pneumococcal disease caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F and 23F in adults aged 18 years and older. **POSIOLOGY:** Infants aged 2-6 months: The recommended immunisation series consists of four doses, each of 0.5 mL. The primary infant series consists of three doses, with the first dose usually given at 2 months of age and with an interval of at least 1 month between doses. The first dose may be given as early as six weeks of age. The fourth (booster) dose is recommended between 11-15 months of age. Alternatively, when Prevenar 13 is given as part of a routine infant immunisation programme, a series consisting of three doses, each of 1.5mL may be considered. The first dose may be given from the age of 2 months, with a second dose 2 months later. The third (booster) dose is recommended between 11-15 months of age. Preterm infants (<37 weeks gestation): The recommended immunisation series consists of four doses, each of 0.5 mL. The primary infant series consists of three doses, with the first dose given at 2 months of age and with an interval of at least 1 month between doses. The first dose may be given as early as six weeks of age. The fourth (booster) dose is recommended between 11 and 15 months of age. Unvaccinated infants and children ≥7 months of age: Infants aged 7-11 months: Two doses, each of 0.5 mL, with an interval of at least 1 month between doses. A third dose is recommended in the second year of life. Children aged 12-23 months: Two doses, each of 0.5 mL, with an interval of at least 2 months between doses. Children and adolescents aged 5 years to 17 years: One single dose of 0.5 mL. Prevenar 13 vaccine schedule for infants and children previously vaccinated with Prevenar (7 valent). Young children and adolescents (1-17 years) who are completely immunised with Prevenar should receive one dose (0.5 mL) of Prevenar 13. Adults aged 18 years and older: Prevenar 13 is to be administered as a single dose to adults 18 years and older including those previously vaccinated with a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. The need for re-vaccination with a subsequent dose of Prevenar 13 has not been established. Regardless of prior pneumococcal vaccination status, if the use of 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine is deemed appropriate, Prevenar 13 should be given first. **CONTRAINDICATIONS:** Hypersensitivity to the active substances, to any of the excipients, or to diphtheria toxoid. Administration should be postponed in subjects suffering from acute, severe febrile illness. However, the presence of a minor infection, such as a cold, should not result in the deferral of vaccination. **SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE:** Do not administer intravascularly. As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of a rare anaphylactic event following the administration of the vaccine. This vaccine should not be given to individuals with thrombocytopenia or any coagulation disorder that would contraindicate intramuscular injection, but may be given subcutaneously if the potential benefit clearly outweighs the risk. Prevenar 13 will only protect against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotypes included in the vaccine, and will not protect against other microorganisms that cause invasive disease, pneumonia, or otitis media. As with any vaccine, Prevenar 13 may not protect all individuals receiving the vaccine from pneumococcal disease. Individuals with impaired immune responsiveness, whether due to the use of immuno-suppressive therapy, a genetic defect, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, or other causes, may have reduced antibody response to active immunisation. Safety and immunogenicity data for Prevenar 13 are not available for individuals in other specific immuno-compromised groups (e.g., malignancy or nephrotic syndrome) and vaccination should be considered on an individual basis. **UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS:** Infants and children aged 6 weeks to 5 years: The most common adverse reactions are vaccination-site reactions, fever, irritability, decreased appetite, and increased and/or decreased sleep. The common adverse reactions are vomiting, diarrhea, rash, fever, vaccination-site movement impairment and vaccination-site erythema or induration/swelling 2.5-7 cm. Children and adolescents aged 6 to 17: The most common adverse reactions are decreased appetite, irritability, vaccination-site erythema, induration/swelling or pain/tenderness, somnolence, poor quality sleep and vaccination-site tenderness (including impaired movement). The common adverse reactions are headaches, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, urticaria or urticaria-like rash and pyrexia. Adults aged 18 years and older: The most common adverse reactions are decreased appetite, headaches, diarrhea, vomiting, rash, arthralgia, myalgia, chills, fatigue, vaccination site erythema, vaccination site induration/swelling, vaccination site pain/tenderness, limitation of arm movement. The common adverse reactions are vomiting (in adults aged 50 years and over) and pyrexia (very common in adults aged 18 to 29 years).

Full prescribing information available upon request.

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