The 2018 IPOS World Congress – Special Symposia

Dear Delegates,

We are pleased to introduce to you the following special symposia, which will be held during the IPOS 2018 World Congress.

**Lunch will be provided and distributed outside the meeting room. Seats are limited. Admission to the special symposia will be on first-come-first-served basis.**

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**HKCF Symposium:**
“The Ripple Effect of Hong Kong Cancer Fund’s Care Services”

**Speaker:**
*Ms Iris Chan, Head of Service, Hong Kong Cancer Fund*

**This symposium is supported by**
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Come and be inspired! It takes just one small drop to make everlasting change.

The HKCF was established over 30 years ago, before Google and the internet became part of everyone’s day-to-day life. Before every household had access to a computer. Where information on cancer was stark, misconceptions were common place and the ‘Big C’ was a word no one ever said.

We started with a Peer Support Group and published a series of cancer care information booklets before moving in to the hospitals with our Cancer Patient Resource Centres and later to our own CancerLink support centres in the community.

Today, we are Hong Kong’s largest cancer support organization with a network of seven CancerLink support centres and Cancer Patient Resource Centres at seven major public hospitals and 22 Peer Support Groups.

We provide a wide range of cancer services and support initiatives. This includes funding free professional care for those affected by cancer, public education, funding for research, home care, peer
support, integrated therapies, the funding of hospital equipment and much, much more. Our services span from the hospital to the community to the home. We are the go-to in cancer support in Hong Kong.

Join us to hear about our journey from humble beginnings to how, through one drop, we have been able to successfully achieve where we are today.

Our lunch symposium will inspire you to create and learn more about providing psycho social services to your network. To listen to the needs of your community as we listened to ours. In 2011 we established our Wellness Programmes which have mushroomed to over 60 classes per week as people take part in their own healing.

One drop is never too little. Come and join us to hear more.

Thursday, November 1 (12:30pm – 1:30pm)
Room: Function Room 1, 2/F

Special Symposium by Hong Kong Hereditary Breast Cancer Family Registry:
“Genetic Counselling and Psychosocial issues in Management of Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer”

Chair: Dr. Wendy Lam

Speakers:
Dr Ava Kwong, Chief of Breast Surgery, Clinical Associate Professor, The University of Hong Kong; Chairman of Hong Kong Hereditary Breast Cancer Family Registry

Dr. Hidedo Yamauchi, MD, FACS, Director of Breast Center and Vice President, St Luke’s International Hospital

Baseline Knowledge, Attitudes and Perceptions of Genetic Testing on Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndromes among High Risk Females in Hong Kong

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Established in 2007, Hong Kong Hereditary Breast Cancer Family Registry is the first and the only non-government charity organization dedicated to provide free access of genetic screening and consultation for the underprivileged, high-risk breast, ovarian and prostate cancer patients and their families of
In order to improve our genetic testing and screening service, a quantitative study is carried out to better understand the psychological profile and decisional considerations of high risk individuals for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (HBOC) in Hong Kong. 146 female patients with the mean age 44.2 (SD = 10.6, range 18-69) met selection criterion for sponsored genetic testing (GT) service took part in the study.

Older patients tended to think that their families had a high chance having breast cancer, cancer was related to stress, and were less sure about the accuracy of GT than their younger counterparts. Participants also answered questions related to the basic genetic and inheritance facts about HBOC. Education level and younger age are found to be significantly related to GT background knowledge. When participants were asked if they would still do the testing if they were not sponsored, 106 (72.6%) patient (irrespective of income and educational level) would not consider GT on their own cost. However, out of the 34 patients answered, 25 (73.5%) was willing to donate some money to the registry to help more people in need.

Results showed that a sponsored genetic counselling and testing program is crucial, especially for older and less-well educated patients in Hong Kong.

Psychological Factors for Pedigrees with BRCA1/2
Hidedo Yamauchi
St Luke’s International Hospital

Hereditary Breast and Ovarian cancer syndrome (HBOC) is known as a syndrome that causes breast and ovarian cancers at exceptionally high rate in women who have genetic mutation in BRCA1 and BRCA2. Penetration rate of BRCA1 and BRCA2 in Japanese population showed about 20%. The Japanese HBOC Consortium was established in 2012 and registration trial has been started and collected data including the pedigrees with BRCA1/2 mutated person.

Pedigrees with BRCA1/2 mutated person may face psychological burden to know the status of BRCA. We analyzed the uptake and related factor of genetic testing in Japanese pedigrees with BRCA1/2 mutation. In total 180 pedigrees of women with BRCA1/2 mutation, 75 pedigrees (131 persons) had a genetic testing. Among those who took the gene test, the older the age of the proband was upon diagnosis of breast cancer, the higher was the uptake rate of the gene test by their pedigrees. Experiences of ovarian cancer death in relatives have affected the uptake rate of BRCA1/2 gene test of the family members. It is very important to support the pedigrees with BRCA 1/2 mutated persons from the aspect of their psychology issues.