

### 香港婦產科學院

# THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS



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## Certificate Course for Expert Witnesses in O&G 2025

#### Aims:

- 1. To train senior O&G fellows to serve as competent expert witnesses in order to assist the court or tribunal in determining the standards of care, ultimately contributing to the administration of justice.
- 2. To help participants to develop essential skills to meet the required standards for expert reports, understand legal protocols and build their confidence in preparing for the legal process.

Format: (i) one half day of lectures followed by (ii) one half day practical workshop

**Lectures:** (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 2-5 pm):

- (i) A summary of the legal aspect of the duties of the Expert Witnesses- Miss Jaime Lam, Honorary legal advisor, HKCOG
- (ii) Considerations in writing expert witnesses reports in Obstetrics- Prof Terence Lao, Honorary Fellow, HKCOG
- (iii) Considerations in writing expert witnesses reports for Gynaecology- Dr Symphorosa Chan, Chairperson of COC, HA

#### Workshop: January 2026

- (i) Attendants divided into groups of 3-4, each group coached by one facilitator
- (ii) 2 case scenarios (one Obs and one Gynae) will be used. Each group will be given one scenarios beforehand. Attendants are required to write a full report and hand in before the workshop for the facilitators to read
- (iii) The workshop is divided into 2 parts: (i) individual group discussion under the supervision of the facilitator and (ii) the facilitators give a short summary at the end of each group discussion
- (iv) Facilitators include medico-legal lawyers and senior O&G fellows experienced in writing expert witnesses reports

#### Supplementary workshop:

If the response of the attendants is positive after the first workshop, we plan to organise an additional workshop, focusing on cross-examination/ drilling in court or Hong Kong Medical Council by the lawyer of the other party.



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#### **Participants:**

- 1. Lectures- open to all fellows and members of the HKCOG- suitable for those who are interested as expert witnesses and those who want to understand more about handling of medico-legal complaints and lawsuits.
- 2. Workshop: priority given to those who have completed the on-line HKAM training course for Expert Witnesses. Targeted at consultants and associate consultants levels at the HA units. Fellows from the private sector are also welcome.

**Certificate:** All candidates will be given a certificate if they have completed the (1) HKAM online training course for Expert Witnesses and (2) our lectures and the practical workshop.

**Registration for Lecture** (Quota: 90, on a first-come first-served basis. Deadline for registration: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025) <a href="https://forms.gle/mmyRJnnvmBFAKVkT9">https://forms.gle/mmyRJnnvmBFAKVkT9</a>

**CME Points Accredited by HKCOG:** 3 points for general O&G for Lecture on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Course coordinator:

Dr T N Leung, President, HKCOG

Advisors:

Professor Terence Lao, Hon. Fellow, HKCOG, Hon. Professor, Department of O&G, CUHK and HKU

Miss Jaime Lam, Honorary Legal Advisor

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