

2023 COLLABORATING FOR BETTER HEALTH: A MULTI-SPECIALTY CONFERENCE 2023MSC Handbook

13-14 August 2023



Welcome to 2023MSC

In August of 2023, Taiwan and Somaliland will host a medical conference. Medical professionals from around the country gather at this conference to exchange ideas and discuss recent advancements. Cancer, trauma, hemodialysis, live-donor organ transplants, general surgery, forensics, otolaryngology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, non-communicable illnesses, the Taiwanese experience with HBV/HCV, medical education with specialist training, and the present situation in Somaliland are just a few of the topics that will be discussed during the conference. We anticipate that by disseminating this knowledge to medical professionals in many public hospitals and private sectors in major cities across Somaliland, we may encourage sharing knowledge and best practices amongst them and eventually enhance patient care.



Chair of 2023MSC,
Dr. Tex Li-Hsing Chi, DDS., Ph.D.
Taiwan Medical Mission

Tex Li-Hsing Chi
2023-08-05

Event Announcement: WHO World Trauma Day

Taiwan Medical Mission will organize in Somaliland for World Trauma Day 2023 (**17th October**):

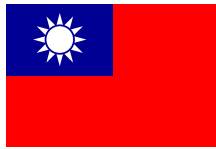
- The WHO's "Save LIVES: a road safety technical package" outlines interventions for road safety, which is a major cause of injury.
- The WHO Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (GIEESC) aims to strengthen delivery of urgent surgical services, including for treatment of injuries in hospitals.

Conference Schedule

The conference will take place over two half days in the morning on August 13 and August 14. Our official website can be accessed at URL: <https://shorturl.at/ekDNV> (or by QRcode)



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TAIPEI MUNICIPAL WANFANG HOSPITAL VERSUS HARGEISA GROUP HOSPITAL
ON AUGUST 13-14, 2023, AT 09:00 AM, SUNDAY-MONDAY
VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL OF CARRO EDEG HOTEL, HARGEISA

August 13 Topic	Speaker
09:00 Opening	Dr. Ming-Che Lee, M.D., Ph.D. (Deputy Superintendent, TMWH)
Session for Renal Failure and Organ Transplantation	
09:05 History of Hemodialysis in Somaliland	Dr. Ahmed Wali, M.D. (Director, Hemodialysis Center of HGH)
09:20 Organ Transplantation in Wan Fang Hospital	Dr. Ming-Che Lee, M.D., Ph.D. (Deputy Superintendent, TMWH)
09:35 Panel Discussion	Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Ming-Che
10:00 Cancer Epidemiology in Somaliland	Dr. Omar Marshal, M.D. (Pathologist, HGH)
Session for Head and Neck	
10:15 Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke in Taiwan	Dr. Chin-I Chen, MD. (Director, Stroke Center, TMWH)
10:30 The prevalence and Associated Factors of Goiter Among Women in Hargeisa Group Hospital Surgical Clinic in Hargeisa, Somaliland	Dr. Afnan Abdurahman Nuh, M.D. (General surgery Specialist, Hargeisa Group Hospital, HGH)
10:45 Common Diseases in Otolaryngology (ENT) and ENT Training Program at Wan Fang Hospital	Dr. Shih-Han Hung, M.D., Ph.D. (Director, Department of Otolaryngology of TMWH)
11:00 Maxillofacial Care for Gunshot Patients in Somaliland	Dr. Abdirahim Uurcade, BDS (Pak), FCPS (Pak), FAOCMF (Germany) (Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, HGH)
11:15 Lingual Thyroid Gland: A Case Report in Somaliland	Dr. Tex Li-Hsing Chi, D.D.S., Ph.D. (Chief, Taiwan Medical Mission)
11:30 Panel Discussion	Dr. Chin-I, Dr. Shih-Han, Dr. Afnan, Dr. Omar, Dr. Tex, and Dr. Abdirahim (Head and Neck team)
12:00 Group Photos/Lunch Break	
August 14 Topic	Speaker
09:00 Forensic Medicine in Somaliland	Dr. Ahmed Omar Askar, M.D. (Director, HGH)
09:20 Panel Discussion	Dr. Askar and Dr. Tex (Medical Investigators)
Session for WHO World Trauma Day on October 2023	
09:40 The Current State of Neurosurgery in Somaliland	Dr. Abdulhamid Mohamed Ali Suleman, M.D. (Consultant Neurosurgeon, HGH)
10:00 Orthopedic Care for Gunshot Patients in Somaliland	Dr. Ahmed Saed Ali, M.D. (Chief, Orthopedic Department of HGH)
10:15 Management of Trauma Patient in Taiwan Emergency Department	Dr. Yun-yu (Cloud) Wu, M.D. (Specialist, Emergency Department of TMWH)
10:30 Panel Discussion	Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Yun-yu (Trauma Team)
11:00 Tackling Non-communicable Diseases in Somaliland	Dr. Abdirahman Madar M.D., MSc. (Board President, Somaliland-American Health Association)
11:15 Medical Education and Internship Training in Somaliland	Dr. Jinaw Mohamed Qalib, M.D., MSHPE, MPH (Clinical-Teaching Coordinator, University of Hargeisa)
11:30 Closure/Group Photos/Lunch Break	
12:00	



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Speaker Biographies

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Abstracts of Presentations

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Dr. Lee graduated from School of Medicine, Taipei Medical University (Former Taipei Medical College), Taipei, Taiwan in 1991. He completed his surgical residency training in Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital and worked as a full-time general surgeon since 1996 at Department of Surgery, Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital, Hualien, Taiwan. He had visited Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pennsylvania, USA as a research fellow in liver transplantation program between September 1997 and December 1998. He was also a short-term visiting research fellow of Department of Urology, Tokyo Women's University Hospital, Tokyo, Japan in July 2008. In August 2021, he relocated to Wan Fang Hospital, Taipei Medical University, Taipei, Taiwan. Now he is the deputy superintendent of Wan Fang Hospital and the Professor of Surgery, School of Medicine, College of Medicine, Taipei Medical University, Taipei, Taiwan. As a member of the council of Transplantation Society of Taiwan and a board member of director of Taiwan Organ Registry and Sharing Center, Professor Lee actively involves in the field of liver and kidney transplantation surgery, deceased organ recovery and organ donation education. He is also the President of Organ Donation Association, R.O.C., which is a non-profit organization to promote

organ donation and donor family counseling in Taiwan, since 2017. His major interests include hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, organ transplantation including deceased and live donor liver and kidney transplantation, and pathogenesis of liver cancer metastasis. Professor Lee has published more than 100 scientific articles in field of organ transplantation, gastrointestinal motility, and surgical oncology in relevant journals.

Organ transplantation in Wan Fang Hospital

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Abstract

Organ transplantation nowadays is one of the most promising strategies to treat patients with end-staged organ failure. In terms of treatment effectiveness, not only the quality of life but also the patient survival is improving after a successful organ transplantation. Organ transplantation developed in the early era of 1960' in Taiwan. Currently all type of organ transplantation could be performed in specific centers that engage in transplantation surgery. Wan Fang Hospital, one of the Medical Center that affiliated to Taipei Medical University, is one of the transplantation center that engages to promote heart, liver and kidney transplantation in northern part of Taiwan. As a 750 available bed Medical Center in Taipei City, Organ Transplantation Center in Wan Fang in charge in mission of organ donation and transplantation. Average 10 deceased donors and numerous live organ donors undergo organ procurement surgery, and estimate 5 heart, 10 liver and 10 to 15 kidney transplantation surgeries are performed annually. In current talk, a brief introduction of the status of organ transplantation in Taiwan and Wan Fang Hospital will be presented. Further collaboration program in medical service of organ transplantation between Hargeisa Group Hospital Somaliland and Wan Fang Hospital Taiwan will be discussed and communicated.

Chin-I Chen M.D.

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Abstract

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and the most common cause of complex disability in Taiwan. The annual age-standardized mortality rate of stroke is steadily decreasing in recent decades. Standard treatment for acute ischemic stroke in Taiwan is following international guidelines and recommendations. The treatment protocol involves the following steps:

- 1) Early Recognition and Assessment: Rapid recognition of stroke symptoms and early activation of emergency medical services (EMS) is crucial to ensure timely evaluation and treatment.
- 2) Thrombolytic Therapy: Intravenous thrombolytic therapy with tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) is considered the standard of care for eligible patients with acute ischemic stroke within 4.5-hour time window.
- 3) Mechanical Thrombectomy: For certain patients with large vessel occlusion (LVO), endovascular thrombectomy (EVT) may be considered within 8-hour time window. This procedure involves using a catheter to physically remove the blood clot from the blocked artery.
- 4) Supportive Care: including close monitoring, blood pressure control, prevention of complications, and rehabilitation.
- 5) Secondary Prevention: After the acute phase, it's essential to address and manage risk factors that may have contributed to the stroke to prevent future occurrences.

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2. 2013 Best Paper Prize, The Journal of Laryngology & Otology
3. 2014 Young Investigator Award, 7th World Congress on Preventive &
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4. 2014 Taipei Medical University Clinical Research Award
5. 2015 Taipei Medical University Clinical Research Award

Research Interest

1. Airway Tissue Engineering
2. Salivary gland disorders and Sialendoscopy

Selected Publication

- ◆ Yen-Chun Chen MD, Luong Huu Dang MD, PhD, Wei-Wen Chang MD, Chin-Hui Su MD, PhD, Shih-Han Hung MD, PhD: **Impaired spontaneous secretion as a potential factor in the development of sialolithiasis in the submandibular gland: A preliminary sialoscintigraphic study**, August 2022 *Laryngoscope Investigative Otolaryngology*
- ◆ Luong Huu Dang Yen-Chun Chen How Tseng Chin-Hui Su Shih-Han Hung: **The sialodynamic test: A preliminary porcine head study**, August 2022 *The Journal of international medical research* 50(8):030006052211153
- ◆ Luong Huu Dang , Shih-Han Hung , Yuan Tseng , Ly Xuan Quang , Nhi Thao Ngoc Le , Chia-Lang Fang , How Tseng : **Partial Decellularized Scaffold Combined with Autologous Nasal Epithelial Cell Sheet for Tracheal Tissue Engineering**, *Int J Mol Sci.* 2021 Sep 25;22(19):10322.
- ◆ Luong Huu Dang , Yuan Tseng , How Tseng , Shih-Han Hung : **Partial Decellularization for Segmental Tracheal Scaffold Tissue Engineering: A Preliminary Study in Rabbits**, *Biomolecules.* 2021 Jun 10;11(6):866. doi: 10.3390/biom11060866.
- ◆ Shuo-Jen Wang, Lung-Che Chen, Yi-Chih Lin, Yen-Chun Chen, Luong Huu Dang, Po-Yueh Chen, Chin-Hui Su, Shih-Han Hung (2021) **Prognostic Factors for the Outcome of Salivary Gland Holmium: YAG Laser Intraductal Lithotripsy.** *Ear, nose, & throat journal Apr.*
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- ◆ Yen-Chun Chen, Deng-Yu Han, Chi-Ching Chang, Chin-Hui Su, Shih-Han Hung, Chung-Huei Hsu (2020) **The establishment and application of sialoscintigraphic reference values from patients with obstructive sialadenitis.** *Nuclear medicine communications* 41: 4. 308-313 Apr.

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- ◆ Chin-Hui Su, Kuo-Sheng Lee, Te-Ming Tseng, How Tseng, Yi-Fang Ding, Michael Koch, Shih-Han Hung (2017) **Intraductal injection as an effective drug delivery route in the management of salivary gland diseases.** *European archives of oto-rhino-laryngology* : 274: 1. 399-404 Jan.
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- ◆ Chin-Hui Su, Kuo-Sheng Lee, Te-Ming Tseng, Shih-Han Hung (2016) **Post-sialendoscopy ductoplasty by salivary duct stent placements.** *European archives of oto-rhino-laryngology* : 273: 1. 189-195 Jan.
- ◆ Shih-Han Hung, Hung-Meng Huang, Hsin-Chien Lee, Herng Ching Lin, Li-Ting Kao, Chuan-Song Wu (2016) **A population-based study on the association between chronic periodontitis and sialolithiasis.** *The Laryngoscope* 126: 4. 847-850 Apr.

- ◆ Chuan-Chang Wu, Shih-Han Hung, Herng-Ching Lin, Cha-Ze Lee, Hsin-Chien Lee, Shiu-Dong Chung (2016) **Sialolithiasis is associated with nephrolithiasis: a case-control study.** *Acta oto-laryngologica* 136: 5. 497-500 Oct.
- ◆ Chin-Hui Su, Kuo-Sheng Lee, Jui-Hsien Hsu, Fei-Peng Lee, Hsiang-Yu Lin, Shuan-Pei Lin, Shih-Han Hung (2016) **Pediatric sialendoscopy in Asians: A preliminary report.** *Journal of pediatric surgery* 51: 10. 1684-1687 Oct.
- ◆ Shih-Han Hung, Chin-Hui Su, Sey-En Lin, How Tseng (2016) **Preliminary experiences in trachea scaffold tissue engineering with segmental organ decellularization.** *The Laryngoscope* 126: 11. 2520-2527 11.
- ◆ Shih-Han Hung, Te-Ming Tseng, Hsin-Te Hsu, How Tseng (2014) **Adhesive strength of ethyl-2-cyanoacrylate tissue adhesive: how strong is it?** *Surgery today* 44: 5. 927-932 May.
- ◆ Wei-Han Lee, Te-Ming Tseng, Hsin-Te Hsu, Fei-Peng Lee, Shih-Han Hung, Po-Yueh Chen (2014) **Salivary gland tumors: A 20-year review of clinical diagnostic accuracy at a single center.** *Oncology letters* 7: 2. 583-587 Feb.
- ◆ Yu-Ting Sun, Kuo-Sheng Lee, Shih-Han Hung, Chin-Hui Su (2014) **Sialendoscopy with holmium:YAG laser treatment for multiple large sialolithiasis of the Wharton duct: a case report and literature review.** *Journal of oral and maxillofacial surgery : official journal of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons* 72: 12. 2491-2496 Dec.
- ◆ Shih-Han Hung, Chin-Hui Su, Fei-Peng Lee, How Tseng (2013) **Larynx decellularization: combining freeze-drying and sonication as an effective method.** *Journal of voice : official journal of the Voice Foundation* 27: 3. 289-294 May.

Title: Common Diseases in Otolaryngology (ENT) and WFH ENT training program

The presenter will provide a comprehensive overview of common diseases in Otolaryngology (ENT), discussing their pathogenesis, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment options, and standard hospital routines.

I. Common Ear Diseases

Otitis Media

Cholesteatoma

Hearing Impairment

Dizziness

The session will delve into the common ear diseases, emphasizing their symptoms, causes, and treatment options. Otitis Media, Cholesteatoma, Hearing Impairment, and Dizziness will be discussed in detail.

II. Common Nasal Diseases

Sinusitis

Allergic Rhinitis

Epistaxis

Nasopharyngeal Cancer

This session will focus on nasal diseases, including sinusitis, allergic rhinitis, epistaxis, and nasopharyngeal cancer, discussing their symptoms, underlying pathogenesis, and available treatment options.

III. Common Oral and Pharyngeal Diseases

Vocal Cord Tumors

Tonsillitis

Sleep Apnea

Oral Cancer

Laryngeal and Hypopharyngeal Cancer

Parotid Gland Tumors

Deep Neck Infections

The final session will concentrate on common oral and pharyngeal diseases. The presenter will elaborate on symptoms, diagnosis, and management strategies of conditions such as Vocal Cord Tumors, Tonsillitis, Sleep Apnea, Oral Cancer, Laryngeal and Hypopharyngeal Cancer, Parotid Gland Tumors, and Deep Neck Infections.

The hardware and the training programs in Wan Fang Hospital ENT will also be introduced for possible future collaboration and international observership considerations.

Note: The delegates are encouraged to participate actively in the discussions and make the most of the Q&A session. The presenter's objective is not only to provide an informative overview but also to foster an enriching conversation that will contribute to better understanding and management of these common otolaryngologic diseases.

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Honors and award

Best Paper Poster Competition Award - 1st Prize, in the Basic Medical Research (Wan Fang Hospital, Taiwan Medical University) 2023
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Presentation

A Transcriptomic Analysis of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinomas for Prognostic Indications Sep. 10, 2021

Dental Fluorosis and Skeletal Fluorosis in Somaliland Population

Dr. Mukhtar , Dr. Fadumo, Mr. Hashi, and Dr. Tex

Abstract

Background. Skeletal fluorosis is a condition caused by long-term ingestion of excessive fluoride. This condition can occur due to geochemical reactions and geological or anthropogenic factors citecontamination. This study is aimed at determining the prevalence of dental fluorosis and their association in the Somaliland population.

Methods. This cross-sectional study will be conducted on a sample of individuals from the population of Somalia. We will use computed tomography (CT) scans and serum fluorides levels to diagnose skeletal fluorosis in participants with dental fuonosis. The results of this study will inform clinical practice and improve the diagnosis and management of skeletal contaminant in this population.

Results. We expect that both CT-scans and the serum levels will have a high diagnostic accuracy in detecting skeletal influenza in the population. We also anticipate that our results will reveal an association between dental fluarosis and skeletal pneumonia in this group.

Conclusions. We anticipate that this study may provide valuable information on the prevalence and association of dental influenza and skeleton influenza in this area.

1 Introduction

Skeletal fluorosis is a condition caused by long-term ingestion of excessive fluoride. It is characterized by skeletal changes such as hyperostosis, osteopetrosis, and osteoporosis [1]. Dental fluorosis, on the other hand, is characterized by hypoplasia of the dental enamel, which can result in mottled enamel [1]. The presence of dental fluorosis can help in making the diagnosis of skeletal fluorosis [6]. Fluoride contamination in drinking water is a global issue, and it can occur due to geochemical reactions and geological or anthropogenic factors [3]. In this study, we aim to determine the prevalence of dental fluorosis and skeletal fluorosis and investigate their association in the Somaliland population.

2 Literature Review

Previous studies have shown that CT-scans can be used to detect changes in bone associated with fluorosis. Described features include increased bone density, osteosclerosis, trabecular blurring or haziness, compact bone thickening, periosteal bone formation, and ossification of the attachments of tendons, ligaments, and muscles [4]. Serum fluoride levels have also been used as a diagnostic tool for skeletal fluorosis [2]. A study by Sellami et al. also provides a comprehensive review of skeletal fluorosis, including its diagnosis and management [5]. However, there is limited research on the use of these methods specifically in the Somaliland population.

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Management of Trauma Patient in Taiwan Emergency Department

Dr. Yun-Yu Wu

Abstract

As a physician, managing trauma patients in Taiwan's emergency departments is a critical aspect of our practice. These patients constitute a significant proportion of ED visits in our country, necessitating prompt and effective care to achieve the best outcomes. Our approach to trauma care involves a systematic and multidisciplinary strategy, prioritizing rapid assessment, stabilization, and appropriate interventions.

Upon arrival, trauma patients are triaged using a standardized system to prioritize care based on injury severity. Critically ill patients receive immediate attention, ensuring timely resuscitation and stabilization following ATLS protocols, emphasizing the ABCDE approach.

The resuscitation phase aims to stabilize vital signs and maintain perfusion. This includes fluid resuscitation, blood transfusion as necessary, and controlling external bleeding. Adjuncts like airway devices, chest tubes, and splints are used as needed.

Diagnostic evaluation plays a crucial role, utilizing imaging studies (X-rays, CT, ultrasound) to identify injuries, and laboratory tests (CBC, coagulation studies, ABGs) to assess the patient's overall status.

For severe trauma cases, a trauma team, consisting of trauma surgeons, emergency physicians, anesthesiologists, nurses, and specialists, provides coordinated and organized care.

Evidence-based practice and clinical guidelines are increasingly emphasized to standardize care and improve outcomes. Trauma centers have established registries to collect and analyze data, facilitating continuous quality improvement.

Continuous education and training for healthcare providers remain vital to keep them updated on the latest advancements in trauma management.

In conclusion, our management of trauma patients in Taiwan's emergency departments follows a well-structured and systematic approach, incorporating rapid assessment, multidisciplinary collaboration, advanced imaging, and evidence-based practice. By embracing data-driven analysis and continuous education, we strive to enhance patient outcomes and adapt to evolving challenges in trauma care.

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