

OCULOPLASTICS SIG FORMED

Despite their busy schedules and disparate locations, Oculoplastic surgeons found time in November to vote in the founding committee of the Oculoplastics Special Interest Group (SIG) under the umbrella of the Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology (MSO).

The Oculoplastics SIG comprises six members namely, chairperson Dr Alice Goh Siew Ching, vice chairperson Dr Vanessa Naseem, secretary Dr Ho Su Fen, vice secretary Dr Tsiang Ung, treasurer Dr Fazliana Ismail and one committee member, Dr Akmal Haliza Zamli.

The formation of the group had been in the pipeline for some time, beginning with an informal WhatsApp group among the Oculoplastic surgeons to express and share their views, before the decision to formally establish a group in the first week of November 2017.

“One of the reasons we wanted to form the group is to get our Oculoplastic surgeons together outside of attending cataract meetings and scientific conferences – to have a regular and common meeting point,” said Dr Alice Goh.

“Right now we have 22 Oculoplastic surgeons, most of whom are in government service, and less than 10 in the private sector. Twenty-two is quite a substantial number to create a group and to have more activities revolving around Oculoplastics.”

Dr Goh explained that while there are regular meetings focused on the subspecialty in private, public and university hospitals, these meetings are held separately and sporadically. “There is no connection between hospitals, and so there is no strong network,” she added.



FROM LEFT, DR. FAZLIANA ISMAIL, DR. VANESSA NASEEM, DR ALICE GOH, DR HO SHU FEN

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“We hope to draw up some guidelines on the subspecialty, to provide guidance to those who want to venture into the field, and to encourage younger ones who are already interested.

“We might be looking to organise an international or regional meeting and invite international speakers in 2018 to 2019. In between we will organize some smaller meetings, to create further awareness with our local medical fraternity and educate the public about Oculoplastic surgery.

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