

## COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS



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ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, MALAYSIA

### HISTORY

The Society was first formed in 1964 by pioneering Malaysian Ophthalmologists, as a society within the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) designated as the MMA Ophthalmological Society (MMAOS). The Society was inaugurated on 29 November 1964 with Dr H J McPherson as the Chairman and Dr Keshmahinder Singh as the Secretary Treasurer.

Over the following 45 years, the society grew in membership and activities under the umbrella of the MMA, promoting and advancing the speciality.

Eventually, the membership of the MMA OS realized that, in order for the Society to fulfill its objectives and to meet new challenges more effectively, it was necessary to spread its wings and exist as an independent society.

With that, the Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology (MSO) was formed and successfully registered with the Registrar of Societies on 15 April 2008. The MMA

Ophthalmological Society was dissolved on 31 December 2009.

As the predecessor society had done so well over the years, the MSO will continue to carry the flag for the profession of Ophthalmology in Malaysia, having taken over all the duties and functions of the MMA OS.

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There was a need to form a College of Ophthalmologists in the Academy of Medicine since previously the ophthalmologists was under the College of Surgeons. Although ophthalmology is a surgical based discipline, there are a number of sub-specialties such as uveitis, medical retina, neuro-ophthalmology, refraction, optometry and orthoptics which are medical based.

The Inaugural Annual General Meeting of the College was held 13th June 2015 at the Academies of Medicine Building All members and fellows of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in good standing who were ophthalmologists were automatically deemed members of the new College of Ophthalmologists.

The College's first council meeting was held on the same day, the following office bearers were elected for the term 2014 to 2015:

<b>President</b>	Dr Pall Singh
<b>Vice-President</b>	Dr Elias bin Hussein
<b>Hon Secretary</b>	Associate Professor Dr Andrew Tan K K
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	Datin Dr Thayanithi a/p K Sandragasu

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<b>Council Members</b>	Dr Anusiah a/p Selvathurai Dr Joseph Vijaya Alagaratnam Dr Nor Fariza binti Ngah Dr Terrence Soong Kwong Weng
<b>MSO Coopted Member</b>	Dr Fang Seng Kheong
<b>UMMC Coopted Member</b>	Associate Professor Dr Norliza binti Khaliddin
<b>USM Coopted Member</b>	Professor Dr Liza Sharmini Ahmad Tajudin
<b>UKM Coopted Member</b>	Associate Professor Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion



## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COLLEGE

1. To improve and develop the Knowledge and Skills in the field of Ophthalmology.
2. To encourage, promote and sponsor research and studies into Ophthalmology and its related fields.
3. To hold periodical meetings for the exchange and dissemination of knowledge in all the various sub-specialties of Ophthalmology.
4. To foster and achieve liaison with similar bodies nationally and globally.
5. To liaise and co-ordinate the activities of the various sub-specialties of Ophthalmology in post-graduate trainings.
6. To promote and maintain a high standard of ethics and professional conduct and practice amongst its members.
7. To monitor and maintain a list of registered specialists in Ophthalmology in Malaysia under the National Specialist Register.
8. To provide advice and recommendation to the relevant authorities in the development of post-graduate Ophthalmology education in Malaysia.

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