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Dr. Polly Cheung MB, BS, FRCS, FRACS, FCSHK, FHKAM  
"Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry: Evidence for Improving Cancer Control and Treatment"

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## **Speakers**

**Professor Kerstin Sandelin** *MD, PhD, PRCS, FACS*

Senior Lecturer and Professor of Surgery, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm  
Senior Breast Consultant, Karolinska University Hospital



### ***“Breast Cancer Registers: Powerful Tools to Improve Treatment”***

In Sweden, the 2007 National Cancer Strategy pointed to fragmented care and unexplained regional differences throughout the country. Although breast cancer had the most developed care process, the whole cancer picture thus far was incomplete because regional reporting procedures only gave selected clinical and outcome data. The establishment of the National Quality Breast Cancer Register in 2008 replaced this system and made cancer registration compulsory. This has enabled more comprehensive data regarding the prevalence of breast cancer to be collected, which in turn has generated effective and accurate analysis that displays the burden of the disease and its key risk factors. From her extensive experience in pioneering the National Breast Cancer Quality Register in Sweden, Professor Sandelin will share about how the Registry has enabled public health professionals to 1) report on target levels according to national and international guidelines, 2) identify regional differences and thereby suggest improvements for healthcare providers and 3) disseminate these findings amongst civil society stakeholders, making this critical information accessible to the public. This presentation will also identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Swedish breast cancer care system. In doing so, the Hong Kong medical and public health community may learn key lessons from the Swedish breast cancer experience for application within the local Hong Kong context.

### ***About Professor Sandelin***

Professor Sandelin is a renowned specialist in the field of breast cancer surgery and research both within her native Sweden, and internationally. She is currently a Professor of Surgery at the Karolinska Institutet where she is a Senior Lecturer in Breast Surgery, and the Director of Breast and Endocrine Surgery for undergraduate students in the Department of Molecular Medicine and Surgery. She also continues to practice clinical medicine as a Senior Breast Consultant in the Karolinska University Hospital. She has been accredited by the Swedish Breast Surgeons Society (2008), Swedish Breast Surgery Society and Plastic Reconstructive Society (2014) and has been awarded an Honorary European Breast Specialist Qualification (2012). In addition to supervising numerous PhD candidates, she has been the Course Director for the Speciality Training Course in Breast Surgery since 2006, and has served as an Examiner for breast surgery specialist accreditations with both the Swedish Breast Surgeons Society (2009-10) and for the European Union of Medical Specialists (2011-present). Since 1999 Professor Sandelin has served as a reviewer, editorial board member and associate editor to various local and international peer-reviewed medical journals, such as the *World J Surgery* and the *Swedish Medical Journal*. Her pioneering work in the field of breast cancer research and practice has led her to collaborate with a range of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders, and to receive many successful grants from a range of different Foundations. Her pioneering and in-depth work in this field has led her to undertake visiting scholarships in America, Australia and South Africa. She was also a Lars Thorén recipient for scientific publication. Professor Sandelin has published over 100 articles, and contributed to 17 other review-articles and book chapters.

### **Dr Polly Suk-Yee Cheung MBBS, FRCS, FRACS, FACS, FCSHK, FHKAM (Surg)**

Founder, Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation

Director and Specialist, Breast & Endocrine Surgery Centre

### ***“Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry: Evidence for Improving Cancer Control and Treatment”***

Breast cancer is increasingly a cause for concern for women in Hong Kong, whose incidence rates have increased three-fold over the past two decades. Breast cancer is the most common cancer affecting women in Hong Kong, whilst ranking third in terms of mortality. Each day on average, one woman dies from breast cancer whilst another nine are diagnosed. Although globally there has been significant research into breast cancer, there was many gaps regarding local breast cancer information, such as the best measures to detect it and the most appropriate treatment for patients within the local Hong Kong context. The Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry was established in 2007 in response to this lack of available local breast cancer information, and has since grown to become the most comprehensive and representative breast cancer data collection and monitoring system in Hong Kong. Patients are recruited from public and private medical facilities and over 300 items of data on risk exposures, disease pattern, treatment trend and outcome as well as physical and psychosocial impact are collected from each for further research and analysis. The accumulation and analysis of this data has led to differences in trends being identified between Hong Kong patients and their Western counterparts. Since 2008, the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry has diligently reported its insightful research findings on the breast cancer landscape in Hong Kong through its annual reports, including information such as the risk factors for breast cancer, geographic disparity of breast cancer staging, and the relationship between delayed medical consultation after onset of symptoms and the staging and treatment of breast cancer at diagnosis. This presentation will explain the importance of a representative local breast cancer registry and will inform the key findings of the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry on the status and development of breast cancer in Hong Kong.



### ***About Dr Cheung***

Dr Cheung is one of Hong Kong's foremost specialists in the area of breast and endocrine cancer in Hong Kong. She has been a pioneer in the Hong Kong medical community in establishing many breast cancer-related initiatives and raising awareness about them in the public sphere. Having graduated from the University of Hong Kong as a medical doctor, Dr Cheung received specialty training in Breast and Endocrine Surgery at the University of Michigan. During her years of service in public hospital, she initiated breast conserving surgery and breast reconstruction, and set up the first breast-screening programme in Hong Kong. After entering into private practice, Dr Cheung set up the first Breast Care Centre in private hospital, introducing stereotactic breast biopsy, and started organised breast screening programmes with quality assurance and auditing.

In addition to founding the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation (2005), she established the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry (2007), a community-based Breast Health Centre which provides free mammogram screening for low-income women in Hong Kong (2011), and most recently has led the launch of "Breast Cancer HK Online" which aims to provide an interactive web-based platform to assist medical professionals in their clinical assessments and decisions. Dr Cheung is also active in the academic sphere, helping to train young doctors through her role as Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Hong Kong. Dr Cheung was also the President of Breast Surgery International (2011-13), and currently serves as the President of the Hong Kong Society of Breast Surgeons.

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