Dr. Polly Suk-Yee Cheung (Founder)



Dr Polly Cheung is a specialist in General Surgery and Honorary Consultant Surgeon at Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital. She received her medical training at the University of Hong Kong and undertook a surgical fellowship at the University of Michigan in Breast and Endocrine Surgery. She has served as an academic in her earlier years of profession at the University of Hong Kong and entered into private practice in 1991.

Throughout her professional life, she took the lead in bringing into Hong Kong various advancement in breast disease management, from introducing mammogram screening, ultrasound and needle biopsies in diagnosis, to sentinel node biopsy, breast conserving surgery, breast reconstruction and oncoplastic surgery. She pioneered in setting up a one-stop breast centre, and multidisciplinary team in breast cancer management.

Towards the goal of holistic breast cancer care, Dr Cheung founded the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation in 2005, providing professional counseling, paramedical services for patients and families during their difficult time in treatment path through the Breast Cancer Support Centre, promoting breast health education and offering free mammogram screening to low income women in HK through the Breast Health Centre, and with collaborative efforts of medical centres and hospitals, set up and maintain the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Registry, a continuous data collection and monitoring system, to capture local breast cancer data for research and analysis on breast cancer care, and evidence-based advocacy.

Dr. Cheung is Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Hong Kong, trainer for The College of Surgeon of Hong Kong for surgical trainees, President of Breast Surgery International 2011-2013, and founding President of the Hong Kong Society of Breast Surgeons in 2012. She plays an active role in mentoring breast surgical trainees in conducting research and sharing knowledge with local and overseas medical professionals. In the past years, she had mentored over ten breast surgical trainees in conducting research and analysis leading to medical presentations and publications. She currently serves as member of National Advisory Board of Rogel Cancer Centre of University of Michigan, and member of the Board of CUHK Medical Centre Limited.

In community service, Dr Cheung was President of Zonta Club of Hong Kong in 1999. She has also been appointed by the Government of Hong Kong SAR, to serve as member in various government bodies in medical, social, and educational field from 2002-2016, including Social Security Appeal Board, Hong Kong War Memorial Appeal Board, Supplementary Medical Professional Council, chairman of Optometrists Board, member of Consumer Council, Council on Human Reproductive Technology, Women's Commission, member of the Court of The University of Hong Kong and Council of Hong Kong Baptist University.

In recognition of her contributions, Dr. Cheung received numerous awards, including Outstanding Professional Women by Hong Kong Women's Association of Entrepreneurs and Professionals, Ten Most Successful Woman by Jessica Magazine, Hong Kong Loving Hearts Campaign by Hong Kong Asia Television Ltd, leader of the year 2017 from Sing Tao News Corporation Ltd, Honorary Fellowship from United International College at Zhu-Hai China, Honorary University Fellowship of the Hong Kong Baptist University, Dr Polly Cheung Surgical Oncology Fellowship of University of Michigan.