



A CENTRE FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION SSG-FUNDED WORKSHOP SERIES

Understanding Orofacial Pain

(This is a pre-requisite course for the SSG Course on 'Management of Temporomandibular Disorders'. Information on the next course will be provided on a later date.)

Date & Time : Saturday (15 November 2025), 0900-1730 hr (7 CPE points)

Venue : NUCOHS L10 Main Seminar Room

Target Audience : Dentists, Oral Health Therapists or Hygienists with relevant dental qualifications recognised by the Singapore Dental Council

Pain is one of the main reasons why patients seek care. This course aims to improve the understanding of pain in the orofacial region, allowing oral healthcare professionals to better manage these patients' concerns. This will improve the quality of care for the population.

Managing orofacial pain is often difficult due to the limited understanding of the subject. Simultaneously, the developments in associated fields during the last 20 to 30 years are isolated and not well-researched, making it a confusing topic.

With the current understanding of orofacial pain, a comprehensive presentation will equip course participants with the working knowledge of the basic and clinical science of general and orofacial pain. This allows participants to develop competency in performing a thorough assessment of patients, including history taking and physical examination, recognising the related co-morbidities and formulating a management plan.

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Our Trainers



Dr Tan Hee Hon
Senior Lecturer
NUS Faculty of Dentistry,
Senior Consultant
National University Centre
for Oral Health, Singapore
(NUCOHS)

Dr Tan Hee Hon earned his Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1989 and passed the entry examination for the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (FRACDS) in 1993. He continued to pursue graduate training in Prosthodontics at NUS under the sponsorship of the Health Manpower Development Programme and completed his residency programme in 1995.

In 1999, Dr Tan spent a sabbatical year under sponsorship of the Health Manpower Development Programme for the Study of Orofacial Pain. After working at the Oral Medicine Department, School of Dentistry at the University of Washington, he returned to National Dental Centre and became the Head of Orofacial Pain Management Programme.

Dr Tan maintains his passion for education. His lecture topic comprises implant dentistry, advanced restorative dentistry, esthetic excellence and orofacial pain/temporomandibular disorder. He is appointed to be a trainer for NobelGuide Concept and Mentor for Nobel Biocare implants educational programme.

Dr Tan is also actively involved in public education for Oral Health – "To Put a Healthy Smile on Your Face".

In 2014, he joined his alma mater, NUS Faculty of Dentistry as a full-time academia to teach Prosthodontics and Orofacial Pain. He still maintains clinical practice at National University Hospital's University Dental Cluster which in 2019 began operating at National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS).

**Professor Chris Peck**

Dean
Faculty of Dentistry
National University of Singapore

Prof Peck is an internationally renowned clinical pain researcher who works closely with fundamental researchers to help understand better the underlying mechanisms of persistent pain. He has been funded over the past two decades through Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council and has co-developed models explaining the impact of pain on normal function, brain mechanisms underlying persistent oral and facial pain and a standardised international classification of orofacial pain. He continues with international collaborations across Europe, Asia, and North and South America. This work is supported and disseminated through his clinical activities as an orofacial pain clinical expert where he works in interdisciplinary teams to help patients manage pain. He has led international research and clinical groups including the International Network for Orofacial Pain and Related Disorders and the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Orofacial Pain, resulting in improved research outcomes and clinical management.

**Professor Peter Svensson**

Senior Consultant
National University Centre for
Oral Health, Singapore
(NUCOHS)

Present Appointments

- Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore (2024–present)
- Senior Consultant, National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (2024–present)
- Professor and Head of Section, Orofacial Pain, Aarhus University, Denmark (2001–2024)

Academic Credentials

- DDS (1987); PhD (1993); Dr.Odont. (2000); Odont.Dr. (h.c.) (2013)

Research

- Focus: Peripheral and central mechanisms of orofacial pain; neuroplasticity; trigeminal motor physiology and jaw function; bruxism; quantitative sensory testing; electrophysiology; brain imaging; temporomandibular disorders
- Output: 600+ peer-reviewed papers, reviews, and book chapters; H-index 78 (Scopus)
- Contributions: Co-developed international classifications and guidelines for pain, headache, orofacial pain, and bruxism

Teaching and Leadership

- 400+ invited lectures, seminars, and courses worldwide
- Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Oral Rehabilitation (2004–present)

Clinical Practice

- Active clinician managing diverse orofacial pain and dysfunction, integrating research, teaching, and patient care to improve outcomes in orofacial neurosciences

**Dr Eunice Lua**

Academic Fellow
NUS Faculty of Dentistry,
Registrar
National University Centre for
Oral Health, Singapore
(NUCOHS)

Present Appointments

- Academic Fellow, Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore
- Registrar, Division of Prosthodontics, National University Hospital
- PhD Student, Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore

Research Areas

Orofacial Pain, Implant Prosthodontics

Academic Qualifications

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (2018), National University of Singapore
- Master of Dental Surgery (2023), National University of Singapore

Awards

- NUS Dental Society Silver Jubilee Award (2016)
- Faculty of Dentistry Academia Talent Development Programme Scholarship (2020)
- IADR Samuel F Dworkin Predoctoral Award (2025)

Workshop Fees

	International Participants	Singapore Citizens	Singapore Citizens	Singapore PRs	Enhanced Training Support SMEs
		39 years old or younger	40 years old or older eligible for MCES		
Full Programme Fee	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Less: SSG Grant Amount	\$0.00	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$840.00
Nett Programme Fee	\$1,200.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00
9% GST on Nett Programme Fee	\$108.00	\$32.40	\$32.40	\$32.40	\$32.40
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST	\$1,308.00	\$392.40	\$392.40	\$392.40	\$392.40
Less Additional Funding if Eligible Under Various Schemes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST, after additional funding from the various funding schemes	\$1,308.00	\$392.40	\$152.40	\$392.40	\$152.40



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