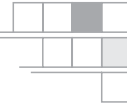


Foreword by Professor R. T. T. Young



I am honoured to be asked to write the foreword for Caduceus.

Founded in April 1922 by the University Medical Society, Caduceus must be one of the oldest publications of any medical student body in the world. Like its parent organization (the University of Hong Kong), its existence was interrupted during the Second World War (1939-1945). It has witnessed the handover of Hong Kong's sovereignty from Britain to China, the onslaught of a new emerging infectious disease (SARS), and more than one financial crisis. Generations of medical students who publish in the Caduceus or read it have experienced the rapid changes in the political, and socioeconomical environment in Hong Kong, China and the world at large. They have also benefited from and contributed to the remarkable progress made in medicine and medical sciences in the past nine decades. It was once said that the only potent remedy available was opiates. At the beginning of the 21st century we have at our disposal an unlimited range of measures and medications to prevent diseases and to treat inherited conditions, infections, malignancies and probably the process of aging as well.

It must be very interesting to browse through the articles published in previous editions of Caduceus to obtain a glimpse of the experience and aspirations of our predecessors. I hope that such reading will convince us that the students of our Faculty of Medicine are always committed to providing the best service to their patients, improving their knowledge and skills, and abiding by the principles of the Hippocratic Oath.

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