

# SEMINARS IN MEDICAL ETHICS AND HEALTH LAW 2001-2

The practice of medicine is a much more complex endeavour today compared to even just ten years ago. Public expectations and scrutiny are even more rigorous and financial perspectives even more pressing than before. These pressures are being faced by doctors at all levels of practice – primary and specialists, public and private medicine. Moreover the rapidly developing medical technologies create new moral problems just as easily as they ease old technical difficulties. Decisions undoubtedly are still being made daily by doctors, as they must ... but are those decisions right decisions, defensible ethically and legally?

Medicine is forced to seek answers to its ethical professional and practice dilemmas in Law and Philosophy. Law and Philosophy use different methods and speak different languages from medicine. Doctors are required to learn this new vocabulary in advancing the science, practice and art of medicine.

These seminars are organized by the Singapore Medical Association, SMA Centre for Medical Ethics & Professionalism (CMEP), in collaboration with the Law Society of Singapore and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. The talks cover the essential theoretical background and address issues faced by clinicians of all specialities. The talks uniquely couple the ethical with the local legal provisions for each topic. The series will certainly enhance our awareness of the expectations that both the public and the courts are having of medical practice in today's Singapore. This awareness can only improve the quality of our work even further.

This new series is going to be held once a month for the next two years (with breaks in June and December) at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. They will be held in the evenings (5:30 to 7pm), every second Thursday of the month, and the kick-off is on January 11, 2001. The seminars will be case study based with ample time for discussion.

Dates and Topics Year 2001	
11 Jan	Topic 1 - Introduction to Bioethics
8 Feb	Topic 2 – Introduction to Law and Legal System in Singapore
8 Mar	Topic 3 – Understanding the Health Law
12 Apr	Topic 4 – Medical Negligence (I): Duty of Care
10 May	Topic 5 – Medical Negligence (II): Breach of Duty, Causation and Damage
12 July	Topic 6 – Consent (I): Overview & Capacity
16 Aug	Topic 7 – Consent (II): Disclosure & Voluntariness
13 Sep	Topic 8 – Medical Confidentiality
11 Oct	Topic 9 – Access and Ownership of Medical Records
8 Nov	Topic 10 – Refusal of Treatment by patients and doctors

## Attendance & Certification

1. Attendance is free for all healthcare personnel.
2. For those who come only for selected topics, CME points would be awarded to them for the session (s) that they attend.
3. For those who attend 80% of the sessions and completed an evaluation form, a Certificate of Attendance would be awarded.
4. For those who attend 80% of the sessions, complete an evaluation form, and submit answers to a set of questions on the topics covered, a Certificate of Successful Completion at the end of the 20 sessions would be awarded.
5. Registration fee for certification is \$15 for SMA member, and \$25 for non-SMA member. This is an administrative fee for keeping attendance records and issuing of certificates.

More information at website [www.sma.org.sg](http://www.sma.org.sg). For further queries, please call Ms Ng Wee Fong at Tel: 223-1264 or email: [weefong@sma.org.sg](mailto:weefong@sma.org.sg)

## REGISTRATION

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\* I wish to attend the seminar(s) with / without certification. (delete accordingly)