Seminars in "Bioethics & Health Law" and "Medical Negligence & Risk Management in Hospital Practice"

he practice of medicine has become complex and developments in medical technology raise ethical issues. There are also health laws that require doctors' relevant actions. For the past year, the Singapore Medical Association has been collaborating on a joint project with Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) and the Law Society of Singapore to hold monthly seminars in **Bioethics and Health Law**. These monthly sessions held in TTSH were well attended and feedback has been positive. These seminars will continue to be held in 2002, on **every second Thursday of the month (except June and December), from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm, at the TTSH Theatrette**. Another recent project has also been initiated with the SGH Post Graduate Medical Institute (PGMI), the law fraternity, and Allen and Gledhill. Monthly seminars on **Medical Negligence and Risk Management in Hospital Practice** will be held on **every first** Thursday of the month (except June and December), from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm, at the SGH PGMI. The first meeting was held on 3 January 2002.

It is SMA's objective that every medical practitioner be conversant with the ethical issues of practice. Thus, I would like to invite every medical practitioner to attend at least some of these seminars. The list of topics is included in this month's mailbag as well as on the SMA website at http://www.sma.org.sg/cmep/