

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

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### Joint CFPS and SMA advisory on telemedicine and online MCs

On 26 January 2018, the College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS) and SMA issued a joint advisory on doctors' participation in telemedicine and online issuance of medical certificates (MCs), reminding Members of their responsibilities and cautioning them about the possible pitfalls. The joint advisory can be found at <https://goo.gl/LP9xDg>.

### Updated SAPI Code of Conduct

The Singapore Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (SAPI) has updated its Code of Conduct, which applies to SAPI member companies (typically pharmaceutical companies). The revised Code has taken effect from 30 January 2018, except for Article 7.2.4, which will take effect from 1 January 2019.

We recommend SMA Members to take note of the changes, which impose additional safeguards on what pharmaceutical companies can provide to doctors in terms of sponsorships and items of medical utility.

The updated Code can be found at <https://goo.gl/xQNEgd>.

### Ms Kuah Boon Theng appointed senior counsel

SMA congratulates Ms Kuah Boon Theng, who has been appointed senior counsel on 8 January 2018.

Ms Kuah is one of SMA's Honorary Legal Advisors and is also a member of the SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA CMEP) teaching faculty. She was awarded SMA's Merit Award in 2004 in recognition of her significant service to SMA, advising the SMA Council on a wide range of contractual and legal matters, especially during United Medical Protection's provisional liquidation and the SARS outbreak.

### SMACF annual appreciation dinner

The SMA Charity Fund (SMACF) was glad to invite the deans from the three medical schools to an appreciation dinner with our Board of Directors held on 11 January 2018 and to receive support of the schools for SMACF's initiatives. With greater collaboration, we aim to generate publicity and ramp up fundraising to provide greater support for many potential medical students from low socio-economic strata.

To find out more about SMACF's cause or to make a donation, please visit <http://goo.gl/YWXXni>.

### Review of SMAPL's investment portfolio

As part of our regular review of SMA's investment portfolio, the SMA Pte Ltd (SMAPL) investment committee met with our appointed investment agent, UBS, in January 2018. These regular reviews ensure that we are on track towards our portfolio goals. ♦