

# HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

Report by Dr Ng Chew Lip

Dr Ng is an ENT consultant in public service. After a day of doctoring and cajoling the kids at home to finish their food, his idea of relaxation is watching a drama serial with his lovely wife and occasionally throwing some paint on a canvas.



## Meeting with Minister for Health

Representatives from SMA were glad to have met with Minister for Health Mr Ong Ye Kung on 24 February 2022, to discuss pertinent healthcare-related matters, including preventive health matters.

More details on the Ministry of Health's (MOH) recent announcements in Parliament can be found at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/cos2022>.

We look forward to further dialogue with MOH to help improve the healthcare landscape for both doctors and patients.

## Health issues raised in Parliament

SMA President, Dr Tan Yia Swam, raised several issues relating to healthcare in Parliament during the Committee of Supply 2022 debate. This included concerns regarding third-party administrators (TPAs) and protecting healthcare workers (HCWs) from abuse.

For the video clips of Dr Tan's speeches, please visit the links below:

1. Challenges with TPAs and call for review: <https://bit.ly/3uBQUxG>
2. Management of abusive behaviour towards HCWs: <https://bit.ly/3LplRWt>

Senior Minister of State for Health Dr Koh Poh Koon's speech in response is available at <https://bit.ly/3qJYPb9>. ♦

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