

HIGHLIGHTS

From the Honorary Secretary

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Letter to *Straits Times* Forum on healthcare insurance

SMA submitted a letter to the *Straits Times* Forum, responding to several forum letters and commentary articles relating to healthcare insurance, specifically regarding Integrated Shield Plans (IPs).

Our letter touched on several points and concluded that to address the issue of power imbalance between IP insurers and policyholders, stakeholders and regulators could look into whether changes in insurance design, such as the portability of IPs, would be beneficial. If policyholders can change their IPs without losing coverage for pre-existing conditions, it could promote healthy competition among insurers and ensure that policyholders get a fair deal.

The forum letter was published on 27 April 2024 and can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/3yKaldj>.

Called to See Patient workshop

The SMA Doctors-in-Training (DIT) Committee held the annual Called to See Patient workshop on 27 April 2024 for newly minted house officers (HOs) joining the medical workforce. With over 300 participants joining the online Zoom session, we hope the HOs took away valuable information which will be helpful to them along their career path, especially on their first day of work. A summarised slide deck of the session is available via our DIT Telegram channel at: <https://t.me/helpourjuniordocs>. ♦

SMA Has Moved!

The SMA office resumes regular opening hours from 8 July 2024 at our new premises. Members are advised to call the respective staff or the SMA mainline before coming to the office.

New Location

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