

THE ANNUAL NATIONAL MEDICO-LEGAL SEMINAR

THE LAST DECISIONS: MEDICO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVES ON END-OF-LIFE CARE



17 to 18 Oct 2026



One Farrer Hotel

Day 1: 4 MME/CPE/CPD Points

Day 2: 2 MME/CPE/CPD Points

Max 5 MME points

Day 1 – 17 October 2026

Time	Programme
8.30 am	Registration
9 am	Opening address & Introduction Adj A/Prof Vishal G Shelat Organising Chairperson, ANMLS 2026; Associate Director, SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (SMA CMEP); Senior Consultant, Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH)
PLENARY	
9.10 am	(A) Dying matters: Law, ethics, and the end(ing) of life Prof Richard Huxtable Director and Professor in Medical Ethics and Law, Centre for Ethics in Medicine, University of Bristol
9.40 am	(B) Artificial nutrition and hydration at the end of life: Obligations, limits, and liability (terminal cancer or advanced dementia case) Prof Choo Wee Jin, Philip Emeritus Consultant, TTSH
10.20 am	Tea break
CORE DOCTRINES IN END-OF-LIFE CARE	
10.40 am	Palliative sedation vs medical euthanasia: Ethical, legal and communication boundaries Prof Lalit Kumar Radha Krishna Senior Consultant, National Cancer Centre Singapore
11.15 am	Communicating end-of-life matters: Truth-telling, conflict management and cultural realities Dr Hum Yin Mei, Allyn Centre Director (Palliative Care Centre for Excellence in Research and Education), TTSH
11.45 am	Panel discussion: Core doctrines in end-of-life care Moderator: Prof Chin Jing Jih Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer (Clinical & Academic Development), NHG Health Panellist: All speakers
12.05 pm	Lunch
1.05 pm	End-of-life care: Learning from Global Cases Dr Sarah Townley Deputy Medical Director at Medical Protection, and a Board Member for the MPS Foundation
MEDICAL FUTILITY DEBATE	
1.25 pm	Medical futility debate: Doctors should be allowed to provide life-sustaining treatment even where it does not improve the patient's condition. Judicator: Mr Edmund Kronenburg President, Medico-Legal Society of Singapore; Managing Partner, Braddell Brothers Proposition: • Prof Chin Jing Jih • Prof Richard Huxtable Opposition: • Assoc Prof Michael Dunn Associate Professor and Director of Education, Centre for Biomedical Ethics (CBmE), National University of Medicine (NUS) • Mr Melvin See Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk
2.35 pm	Floor debate All speakers

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2.55 pm	Tea break
INTERPROFESSIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY DISCUSSION OF END-OF-LIFE ISSUES	
3.20 pm	Multidisciplinary discussion of end-of-life issues Adj Asst Prof Neo Han Yee Chair (Programme Evaluation Committee (PEC), Palliative Medicine Residency Programme), TTSH Ms Lin Jingyi Principal Medical Social Worker, TTSH Ms Fionna Yow Chunru Advanced Practice Nurse, TTSH Ms Ruby Lee Co-Director, Pro Bono Centre (PBC), Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University
4.20 pm	Panel discussion Moderator: A/Prof Devanand Anantham, Executive Director, SMA CMEP Panellists: All speakers
4.45 pm	Closing
5.00 pm	End of seminar

Day 2 – 18 October 2026

Time	Programme
8.30 am	Registration
8.55 am	Introduction Ms Mar Seow Hwei Senior Partner, Dentons Rodyk
9 am	End-of-life care in the perspective of primary care and public policy: Taking the experience in Hong Kong Prof Albert Lee, Emeritus Professor of Public Health and Primary Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, University of Hong Kong; Vice President (Asia), World Association for Medical Law
9.50 am	Risk management in end-of-life care: Documentation that helps or hurts Ms Vanessa Yong Director, Legal Clinic LLC
10.30 am	Tea break
10.50 am	Ethical stewardship in end-of-life care: The nursing perspective Sister Geraldine Tan Provincial Leader, Canossian Daughters of Charity
11.20 pm	Artificial intelligence and prognostic tools in end-of-life decision-making Dr Voo Teck Chuan Head, Office of Ethics in Healthcare, Innovation and Research Advisor, SingHealth Duke-NUS Medical Humanities Institute
12.00 pm	Closing
12.15 pm	End of seminar

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