



Singapore Medical Association 52nd Annual Report 2011/12

Voice of the Profession

ABOUT SMA

The Singapore Medical Association (SMA) was formed in 1959, and is the national medical organisation representing the majority of medical practitioners in both the public and private sectors.

Our Motto:

Jasa Utama, or “Service above Self”.

Our Objectives:

- to promote the medical and allied sciences in Singapore;
- to maintain the honour and interests of the medical profession;
- to foster and preserve the unity and aim of purpose of the medical profession as a whole;
- to voice its opinion and to acquaint the Government and other relevant bodies with the policies and attitudes of the profession;
- to support a higher standard of medical ethics and conduct;
- to enlighten and direct public opinion on problems of health in Singapore; and
- to publish papers, journals and other materials in furtherance of these objectives.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



In review, the theme for this year's annual report "Voice of the Profession" articulates SMA's objectives as we serve to promote, support and maintain the voice of the medical profession in Singapore.

Medicine is a vast and undulating landscape, and SMA is committed to addressing the myriad of current needs in Singapore's healthcare landscape. SMA believes that now, more than ever, with the changing demographics and needs of Singapore's population, the medical profession can and must meet existing gaps to create a greater impact.

While physicians continued their vital work on the ground, SMA led efforts to advance legislation, improve the work-life balance and skill sets of practitioners, and invest in medical education. The implementations of enhancing the healthcare landscape, of empowering physicians, and of nurturing the next generation are efforts towards our goal of putting patients first.

In developing Singapore's healthcare landscape, we successfully organised the 42nd SMA National Medical Convention, Come Grow Old with Me: Successful and Active Ageing in the Community. This saw the attendance of over 600 participants, and helped position SMA as a provider of non-biased medical knowledge and public education. Throughout the year, SMA also collaborated with organisations such as the Ministry of Health and Singapore Medical Council to offer feedback on legislation and guidelines, so as to improve the environment that physicians work in. While we are not at liberty to openly share with all members on all discussions conducted due to the sensitive nature of the consultative process, we recognise that SMA's unique position allows for engagement across demographics. This gives us an ideal platform both to provide constructive feedback and to propose solutions. Despite our best efforts, not every suggestion will be adopted, though our comments are taken into consideration. However, SMA's participation is a definitive way forward and we will seek to continuously reinforce our views with strong data.

An empowered physician is one adequately equipped to best provide for his or her patients. With this belief, SMA has partnered with organisations such as the Medical Protection Society, Workplace Safety and Health Council, and SPRING Singapore to develop and implement many new programmes and initiatives throughout the year.

Dr Chong Yeh Woei
President

Today, SMA has clearly grown in stature, and is seen as an independent organisation striving towards thought leadership. Our goalposts have not changed and we need to constantly reinvent ourselves to maintain one strong voice. We are heartened to have received strong endorsements from our partners who share our beliefs in striving towards better healthcare for Singapore.

In moving forward, we want to hear from you so as to better understand and reflect the views of the membership.

I have always been impressed by the shared conviction of the SMA leadership and our members. SMA displays its leadership through the exercise of soft power and moral authority. Our members are the backbone of SMA and it has been my honour to serve you as President. I thank each and every one of you for your support. It is a rare privilege to represent, support and inspire members in their professional lives.

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A/Prof Chin Jing Jih
1st Vice President

Dr Toh Choon Lai
2nd Vice President

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REPORT FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY

In 2011, SMA attained a strong media presence and our Voice was cited on various platforms. These include the traditional media such as television interviews and in print media. We also had our presence felt online. We commented and gave our feedback on various issues including reinstating the Guidelines on Fees, managing gambling disorders and the Primary Care Partnership Scheme.

SMA also collaborated with the Ministry of Health in publishing clinical practice guidelines. In 2011, SMA released the second edition of the Medical Guidelines on Fitness to Drive, which included updates from an expert committee comprising doctors and representatives from the relevant organisations. Of notable mention is SMA's representation in various organisations, such as the Ministry of Manpower, Agency for Integrated Care and the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore. We are thus able to serve as a conduit to facilitate suggestions on matters between our members and external parties.

As SMA's profile continues to broaden, we hope to attract new members and retain our membership. In particular, we have been improving communications with members, and this continues to be our key priority. There were numerous membership events (both supported and internally organised) held throughout 2011, including SMA-MPS courses, World Hospice Day Ride, and a seminar for foreign-trained doctors.

On regional and international fronts, SMA participated in the 14th Mid Term MASEAN Meeting held in Bandung, Indonesia, and the 47th CMAAO Council Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan. The World Medical Association-INSEAD Leadership Development Programme was held

at the INSEAD Asia Campus in Singapore, and the SMA Council warmly received the faculty and delegates. SMA also hosted the Pengurus Besar Ikatan Dokter Indonesia and the Indian Medical Association when they visited Singapore.

Moving forward, it is essential that SMA is able to communicate its purpose effectively, and also ensure that the views of the membership are represented. We will embark on several initiatives in 2012, such as revamping the SMA website for enhanced user experience. We will continue to organise major annual events such as the SMA International Ethics Convention, 43rd SMA National Medical Convention focusing on mental disorders, and the SMA-SMU Advanced Healthcare Management Programme. I believe that with these developments, we will be able to deliver long term and lasting value to our members, while at the same time be a positive force in Singapore's healthcare landscape.

My thanks are extended to all members who have greatly contributed to our success throughout the year. I am grateful to all who share our vision and show the same commitment to partner us in the long term.

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REPORT FROM THE HONORARY TREASURER



We are pleased to report healthy growth in 2011. At the close of 2011, the combined accumulated funds of SMA and SMA Pte Ltd stood at S\$5.8 million. The income that supports SMA activities comes from three primary sources: commission received from medical indemnity subscriptions, revenue from our sales and marketing team, and through membership fees.

With the stronger than expected financial performance, we were therefore able to offer more activities for our members throughout the year, including complimentary seminars, workshops, the 42nd SMA National Medical Convention and lifestyle activities such as cycling, dancing and running events for our members. As we closed the accounts on fiscal year 2011, we were also planning key initiatives: to relook our publications, develop new content and courses for members through our SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism and develop the proposal of an SMA Charity to help us better meet the social concerns of our members.

We anticipate challenging market conditions in 2012. Our objectives are not about maximising short-term performance, but laying foundations to shape the future directions of our Association and being the Voice of the Profession for the benefit of our doctors and the public. To achieve financial sustainability even in the potentially difficult economic conditions ahead, we will strive to better manage our costs, and to source for new forms of revenue in 2012.

Since our term as Honorary Treasurer and Assistant Honorary Treasurer beginning April 2011, we have reviewed the monthly sales

Dr Lee Yik Voon
Honorary Treasurer

reports, management reports, and annual budget prepared by the SMA Secretariat. Monthly financials were also reported to the SMA Council for their review. In addition, we have met with our statutory auditors to solicit their views on the financials of the Association.

SMA is committed to utilising financial resources in a prudent and consistent manner in support of current programmes, as well as for long-term sustainability so as to be the constant and strong Voice of the Profession. In the next few years, we will devote our manpower and financial resources to develop current and relevant publications, a structured and wide ranging SMA Academy and an impactful SMA Charity for the benefit of our members.

I would like to close this report by acknowledging the contributions of the SMA Council for their guidance. The good results for 2011 would not have been possible without them, and I am grateful for their commitment and wisdom rendered.

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Dr Tan Yia Swam
Assistant Honorary Treasurer

SMA COMMITTEES, ORGANISATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES

The 52nd SMA Council would like to acknowledge the dedicated service and invaluable insights contributed by the 21 standing committees, 3 organisations under SMA's governance and SMA representation in external committees and organisations.

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4 January 2011

Major review of ethical code, guidelines for doctors
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com>

Professional bodies, medical faculties and healthcare institutions have been consulted in the review of the Singapore Medical Council Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines. SMA provided feedback, bearing in mind current issues of medical tourism, foreign doctors and patient rights. SMA also proposed that the revised code address areas such as overcharging and telemedicine.

6 January 2011

Docs may face changes in ethics rules
The Straits Times

With SMA's proposed changes to the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines, doctors could be allowed to refer patients to a traditional Chinese medicine physician, and asked to take more responsibility in preventing organ trading.

In addition, SMA wishes for SMC to clarify the rules on managed care, and wants managed care companies to be regulated and licensed. SMC was reported as approaching professional bodies and hospitals for feedback on the revised code, as well as ethics codes used in other countries.

9 February 2011

It all started when she answered ad
The New Paper

Dr Chua Yang's project to deliver specialist healthcare to the women living in the Himalayan region was developed after an initial trip to Nepal with Dr Myra Elliot. Answering an advert in the SMA publication posted by Dr Elliot, Dr Chua found herself setting up a medical camp in a school and seeing patients from neighbouring villages. This led to her travelling to Ladakh, and the development of a wide scale education programme and examination strategy. Later joined by Dr Quek Swee Chong, the Himalayan Women's Health Project started by Dr Chua aims to reduce the high rate of prenatal mortality among the child-bearing women of Ladakh.

15 February 2011

Unwise to criticise alternative medicine, says SMA
The Straits Times

In reply to letters in the Straits Times Forum, SMA posited that while Western-trained doctors do voice their opinions on various kinds of alternative medicine to their patients, it is another thing to advocate for the local medical profession to collectively criticise alternative medicine groups.

SMA opines that it is impractical and anachronistic if formal communication between doctors and alternative medicine practitioners is disallowed. In addition, from the perspective of safeguarding social cohesion in Singapore, it is best for an impartial and respected body to step forward to decide what is safe and unsafe for patients.

21 February 2011

Regulations for managed care companies?
TODAY

With the growing presence of managed care companies in group healthcare locally, this has led to benefits as well as drawbacks. SMA proposes that given an increasing proportion of patients coming under managed care plans, these third party administrators should also come under legislation such as the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act.

22 March 2011

Bring back medical fee guidelines
TODAY

TODAY editor-at-large, Conrad Raj, suggests that it might be time to review the ban by the Competition Commission of Singapore on the SMA Guideline on Fees. He opined that the guidelines are a useful frame of reference, and foreigners could use a guide to the range of charges they can expect in Singapore, enabling them to compare the expense with that of other medical hubs. In addition, he also proposed that the guidelines could provide a range rather than a specific price that those in the medical services could charge.

26 March 2011

**Fee guidelines useful: SMA
TODAY**

Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar, Honorary Secretary of the SMA wrote in to comment that SMA is in agreement with most of the concerns raised by TODAY editor-at-large, Conrad Raj. Dr Razakjr noted that the Guideline on Fees was non-binding in nature and has always been stated as a fee range. He also added that the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act requires private hospitals/clinics to display common charges. However, it may be impractical for a hospital or clinic to display prices for all operations and procedures. In this regard, Dr Razakjr highlighted that the guidelines was useful, with a range of fees for various operations and procedures.

4 April 2011

**Healthcare on your smartphone
The Straits Times**

SingHealth was reported to have recently released an app for patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Patients provide data on their daily activities, level of pain and general health. The app then uses the information to calculate the severity of their conditions and presents the information in graphs that can be printed out for doctors. SingHealth is also working on similar apps for other diseases. Dr Chong Yeh Woei, President of the 52nd SMA Council commented that many people cannot do without their smart phones. As such, these apps are beneficial especially when many of today's ailments are lifestyle related.

27 May 2011

**Some docs fail tax examination: IRAS
The Straits Times**

The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore reported that doctors are at risk of common errors when filing their tax returns, such as inaccurate reporting of turnover or incomplete recording of income. It was noted that SMA has worked with IRAS to hold a workshop to help doctors understand their tax obligations. In addition, articles on income tax filing are also published in the SMA News, and this collaboration will be continued.

4 July 2011

**GPs now have guidelines to manage gambling
disorders
TODAY**

It was reported that the Ministry of Health has equipped medical practitioners with a set of guidelines to manage gambling disorders. According to the June issue of the Singapore Medical Journal, people who sought treatment at the National Addictions Management Service (NAMS) in recent years were younger, more educated and involved more non-Chinese patients. In addition, the NAMS researchers examined the differences between two cohorts of 150 patients, who were treated at the NAMS between 2001 and 2006 and between 2006 and 2008 respectively.

9 July 2011

**Change law to make firms accept MCs from any
doctor
The Straits Times**

In reply to letters in the Straits Times Forum, SMA supports the Ministry of Health's call to employers to recognise medical certificates issued by a registered medical practitioner regardless of whether in public or private practice.

SMA is of the position that employees should be allowed to consult doctors in the vicinity of where they live. SMA recommends that the Employment Act should be reviewed and amended to recognise MCs issued by registered medical practitioners, so as to better utilise medical resources in polyclinics and hospitals.

19 July 2011

**IMH: gamblers get younger, but proportion of
Chinese gamblers goes down
Shin Min Daily News**

It was reported that in the April issue of Singapore Medical Journal, Singaporeans seeking help for their gambling problems seem to get younger, but the proportion of Chinese has reduced. The median age of addicts has reduced from 42.5 years to 38.9 years from 2006 to 2008. The age when they first started gambling has also gone from 22.9 years to 22 years. The education level of these gambling addicts has overall increased. The paper suggested for more awareness posters to be put up at touch points of gambling addicts such as TV channels broadcasting soccer matches, bars, and related websites. The study also found that the quality of life of these addicts is affected adversely.

30 July 2011

1 in 5 gamblers who seek treatment has history of suicide attempts
www.mypaper.sg

There has been a decrease in suicide cases from 401 in 2009 to 353 in 2010, but an increase in the number of people who called the emergency helpline due to gambling and debt issues. According to the Singapore Medical Journal, 1 in 5 gamblers who seek treatment has history of suicide attempts.

4 August 2011

A specialised clinic for each group
TODAY

The July issue of Singapore Medical Journal touched on the "Patients' Perception of Health Services for Sexually Transmitted Infections in Singapore" study led by Dr Gavin Ong from the Department of Sexually Transmitted Infections Control Clinic. The study collated 1,000 individual responses from patients, and raised the need for sexual health prevention and intervention programmes tailored for young people below 20 who are sexually active at a younger age, and men who have sex with men.

15 August 2011

MOH announces initiatives to make healthcare more affordable
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com>

SMA welcomes the expanded Primary Care Partnership Scheme and the Ministry of Health's encouragement for more private clinics to join the initiative. SMA also expressed concerns on administrative hurdles and the potential scale of 700,000 patients, issues that the Ministry of Health has acknowledged. The Ministry will be revising the application process to cater to the larger number of patients eligible, as well as raise subsidies for drugs required for chronic disease management from 50 to 75%.

19 August 2011

GPs: Refine claims system
The New Paper

In an interview with various GPs and patients in response to the changes to the Primary Care Partnership Scheme (PCPS), some GPs raised concerns on the possible increased administrative work due to the increased sign up rate. There was also mention that some GPs did not join the PCPS because of this. Dr Chong Yeh Woei, President of the 52nd SMA Council notes that SMA supports the move, and time has to be given to factor in the larger workload arising from the 710,000 potentially eligible patients. He also added that SMA would offer feedback to the Ministry of Health, and would work with its members to help refine the scheme.

20 August 2011

Always an issue
<http://www.asiaone.com/>

SMA supports and is very encouraged by the Government's attempt to increase the coverage of the Primary Care Partnership Scheme. Dr Chong Yeh Woei, President of the 52nd SMA Council expressed some concern about the paperwork and administrative challenges associated with the changes. With the expansion of the current load, he added that SMA will support and cooperate with the Ministry of Health to offer feedback and work with its members to help refine the scheme as it rolls out.

12 September 2011

Plans to make every household CPR-ready gets new boost
TODAY

According to the August issue of the Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ), the National Resuscitation Council plans to equip the 1 million households here with one trained cardiopulmonary resuscitation giver each by 2020.

SMJ reports that out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival rate stands at only 2 to 3% out of an annual 1,400 cardiac arrest cases, and that 67 per cent of these occur in residential areas with only 20 per cent of bystanders able to respond with CPR. Training aims to equip resuscitation givers to act as first responders before professional help arrives so as to improve survival rates.

13 September 2011

Encourage all Singaporeans to have a family physician

Shin Min Daily News

Dr Jeremy Lim echoed the call made by previous Minister for Health Khaw Boon Wan, for every Singaporean to have a family physician. He notes that the Ministry of Health has done much over the years to encourage this arrangement but suggested that more be done. In addition, he opined that with one family physician for every Singaporean a reality, changes in the health system would be truly transformative.

4 October 2011

TTSH's programme helped reduce 47% of leg amputations

Shin Min Daily News

A survey published in the Singapore Medical Journal reported that with the implementation of the TTSH "Lower Extremity Amputation Prevention" programme targeted at patients with diabetes, patients have seen decreased rates of death and leg amputations.

6 October 2011

Missing S'porean's wife seeks help on Greek TV

Shin Min Daily News and <http://sg.news.yahoo.com/>

Singapore graduate medical student Kouk Leong Jin was reported to have gone missing in Greece. To expand search efforts, SMA has written to its counterpart in Greece to seek assistance.

18 October 2011

Guidelines for health-care ads outdated, under review

<http://www.asiaone.com>

In view of the evolving media landscape, the Ministry of Health is reviewing publicity regulations under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act. Stakeholders including professional bodies and healthcare businesses have also been consulted as part of the review process.

SMA requests that the Ministry of Health and the Singapore Medical Council harmonise their guidelines pertaining to publicity. In addition, SMA recommends that accountability guidelines be put in place for advertising and publicity on platforms such as new media.

21 October 2011

New drug helps men 'rise to any occasion'

The Straits Times

It was reported that a new pill for erectile dysfunction has come on the market. However, men with heart disease or who take nitrates are advised against consumption of this drug due to side effects. It was also mentioned that in a 2003 survey published in the Singapore Medical Journal, about half of Singapore men suffer from some degree of erectile dysfunction.

29 October 2011

Signs of infection

Business Times Online

Dr Chong Yeh Woei, President of the 52nd SMA Council provided a commentary on his experiences with his patients' infections, and elaborated on how doctors may have difficulty diagnosing some of them. He also urged patients to be more mindful of helping their doctors to achieve the correct diagnosis.

7 November 2011

New TB cases on the rise

The Straits Times

The Ministry of Health alerted that new cases of tuberculosis were on the rise among Singaporeans and foreigners, which bucked the global trend worldwide. Dr Chong Yeh Woei, President of the 52nd SMA Council noted that foreigners who were infected were mostly domestic workers who might have picked up the infection when they travelled home for their breaks.

SMA AT A GLANCE: STATISTICS

16 council members



5,171
SMA members



21 Standing Committees



3
Organisations under SMA's governance



14
Membership events conducted

56 MPS workshops conducted

1,321
MPS workshop attendees

S\$270,000
disbursed to 70 needy medical students

43,089 articles posted on SMA Forum

27
Sensory Interest Groups



539
Medik Awas applications

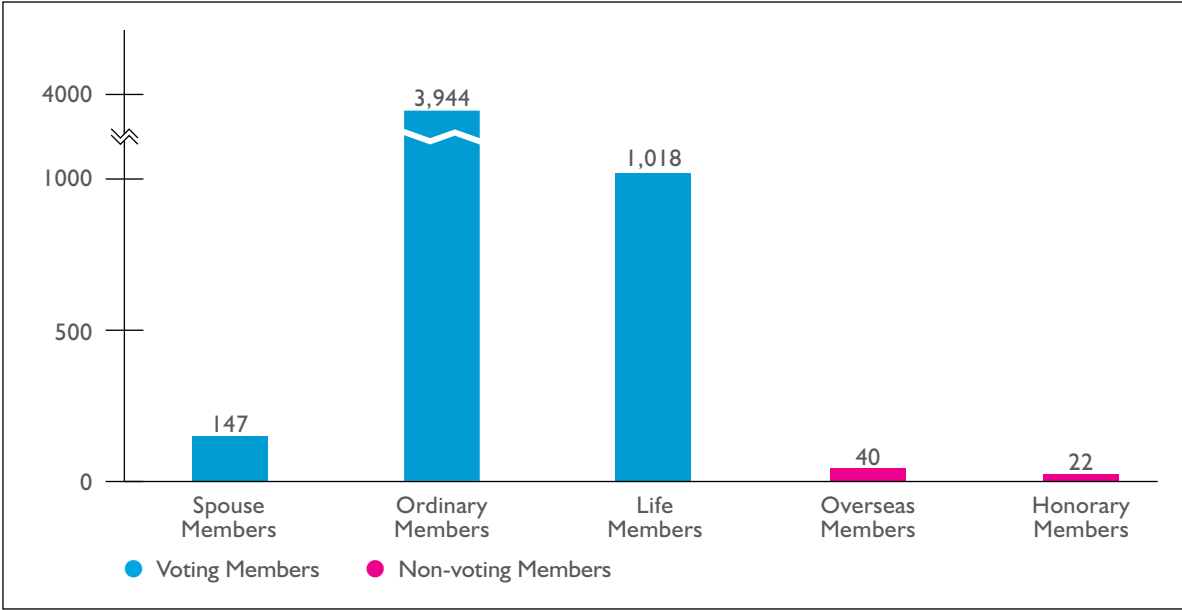
250%
tax deduction for SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund

1 vision to improve healthcare in Singapore

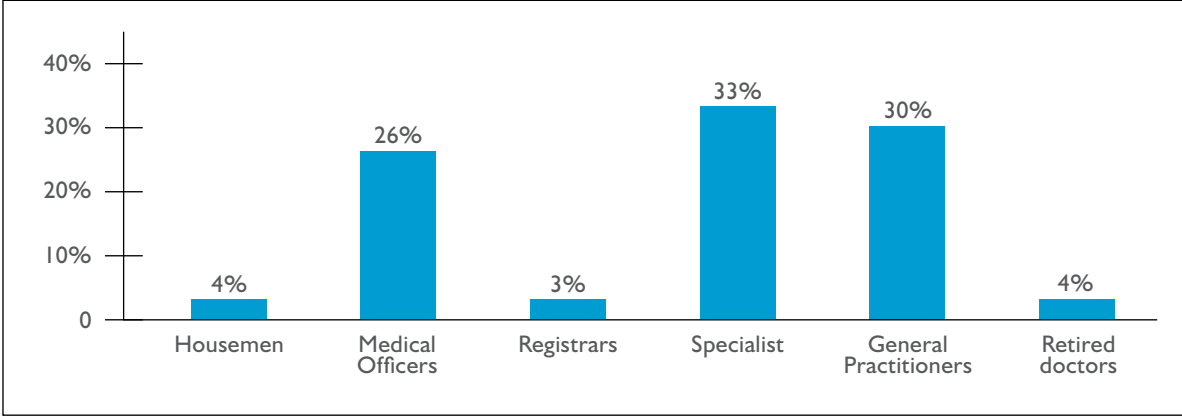


SMA AT A GLANCE: MEMBERSHIP

Membership Breakdown



Membership Profile



SMA Membership Annual Subscription Fees

The SMA membership annual subscription fee is pegged at a flat rate of S\$214.00. However, to assist new doctors who have recently graduated from medical school, the SMA Council implements steep membership discounts to help them find their footing, and receive SMA's support at the same time. As these doctors progress over the years and become financially stable, the discounted rate decreases in tandem until they are able to commit to the full annual subscription fee. SMA strongly advocates the importance of junior doctors, and seeks to pass these discounts to each new cohort.

1st year after graduation	25% of full rate	S\$53.50
2nd year after graduation	50% of full rate	S\$107.00
5th to 7th year after graduation	75% of full rate	S\$160.50
8th year onwards	100% of rate	S\$214.00
Overseas Membership		S\$150.00
Spouse Membership		Complimentary
Student Membership		Complimentary

All rates include 7% GST

SMA AT A GLANCE: MEMBERSHIP

Membership Tally (Updated as at 31 December 2011)

New members joining between January 2011 and December 2011

Ordinary Members (284)

Dr Alex Enriquez Alegrado	Dr Han Yan Jiao Sheena	Dr Leong Wai Yee Joanna Grace
Dr Anantham Devanand	Dr Haripriya Santhanam	Dr Leong Xin Yu Adeline
Dr Ang Mu Liang	Dr Heng Jun Khee	Dr Leow Shi Ling
Dr Ang Wei-Wen	Dr Ho Kok On	Dr Leung Muk Yan Victoria
Dr Ang Xin Lin Priscilla	Dr Ho May San Karen	Dr Li Zhongyi Joshua
Dr Au Wai Yin Benjamin	Dr Ho Peiying Esther	Dr Li Zisheng
Dr Azhar Rafay	Dr Ho Weisheng Ernest	Dr Liang Zhen Chang
Dr Bimal Vora Mayur Kumar	Dr Ho Woon Yang	Dr Liew Ian Tatt
Dr Boh Toon Li	Dr Ho Zheng Jie Marc	Dr Liew Jun Wen
Dr Boo Ho Chin	Dr Hsu Horng Yeuan John	Dr Liew Wenjian Mark
Dr Cao Taige	Dr Hu Huici Ruth	Dr Lim Alicia May
Dr Chai Jia Xin	Dr Huang Weiting	Dr Lim Chee Min
Dr Chai Siang Chew	Dr Hwang Yi-Fu Jeff	Dr Lim Cui Xi
Dr Chan Ji Lup Samuel	Dr Jiang Lei	Dr Lim Heng Lip
Dr Chantharakulpongsa Chumpon	Dr Julius Hoehne	Dr Lim Hui Juan Sandra
Dr Chau Shi Min Christine	Dr K Palaniappan	Dr Lim Jietong
Dr Chee Chern Shiung	Dr Kalpana Vijaykumar	Dr Lim Kang Wei Ednin
Dr Chen I-Cheng Mark	Dr Kam Li Wei Michelle	Dr Lim Kean Seng Andrew
Dr Chen Yujia	Dr Kan Yuk Man	Dr Lim Kheng Choon
Dr Cheong Hui Ting Elizabeth	Dr Kang Pei Lin	Dr Lim Li Min
Dr Cheow Xunqi	Dr Khadijah Binti Abdul Kader	Dr Lim Miao Shan
Dr Chew Cher Yong Milton	Dr Kiong Liqin Kimberley	Dr Lim Quan Qing Richmond
Dr Chew Ming Xian Grace	Dr Kitade Sachiko	Dr Lim Shanhui Gillian
Dr Chew Si Yuan	Dr Ko Kwan Ki Karrie	Dr Lim Sheen Yee
Dr Chia Ghim Song	Dr Kok Shi Xian Shawn	Dr Lim Shin Wei
Dr Chia Shi Zhe Gabriel	Dr Kok Yee Onn	Dr Lim Su Hui Tammy
Dr Chiam Zi Yan	Dr Kon Kam King Charles	Dr Lim Wei Sian
Dr Chiew Hui Jin	Dr Kong Yan Ling	Dr Lim Wei Yi Louis
Dr Chiu Pit-Tat Peter	Dr Koura Aaryan Nath	Dr Lim Wei-An Joel
Dr Chok Aik Yong	Dr Krishna Prasad Giri	Dr Lim Xiaohong Blanche
Dr Chong Boon Liang Joshua	Dr Kuang Ziyang Jonathan	Dr Lim Xin Rong
Dr Chong Khai Beng	Dr Kwok Jia Lun	Dr Lim Xiu Mei Laura
Dr Chong Siong Eng Roland	Dr Kwok Sze Nga Cecilia	Dr Lim Yu Hui
Dr Chow Yuen Mei	Dr Kwok Ying Christine	Dr Lim Yuan Ting Elvin
Dr Chua Jian Kai Andy	Dr Kwong Tian Ci Jonathan	Dr Lim Yurui David
Dr Chua Min Jia	Dr Kyaw Naing @ Huang Jia Dian	Dr Lim Zongwei Joel Louis
Dr Chua Ming Er Jasmine	Dr Lai Yusheng Keefe	Dr Lin Qian Geraldine
Dr Chua Seng Wee Gerald	Dr Lam Sze Jia	Dr Lin Yoong Chee Gerard
Dr Chua Shumin Eunice	Dr Lau Kai Cher	Dr Ling Xi Wern
Dr Chua Xiuzhen	Dr Lee Chengjie	Dr Lingam Gopal
Dr Chua Yao Dong	Dr Lee Chian Chau	Dr Lo Pau Lin Constance
Dr Chua Yi-Xiu	Dr Lee Chun Yue Francis	Dr Lock Shern Xin Paul
Dr Chung Wing Hong	Dr Lee Hwee Ping Geraldine	Dr Loh Wei-Liang
Dr Clayton Jane Amanda	Dr Lee Jie Xin Joyvelyn	Dr Long Shiwei Kenneth
Dr D Souza Jared Louis Andre	Dr Lee Jin Hyun	Dr Low En Xian Sarah
Dr Ee Hock Leong Melvin	Dr Lee Kay Mun Glenn	Dr Low Hui Sien Sara
Dr Fan Lijia	Dr Lee See Muah	Dr Low Jin Rong
Dr Gan Theng Yeow Daniel	Dr Lee Song En John	Dr Low Meiyin Lynette Charlene
Dr Ganesh Kudva Kundadak	Dr Lee Wai Leng Belinda	Dr Low O-Wern
Dr Gao Yujia	Dr Lee Wickly	Dr Low Wei Xiang Alvin
Dr Goei Ying Hao Daryl	Dr Lee York Tien	Dr Low Ying Liang
Dr Goh Yao Chen	Dr Lee Yue Yen	Dr Lum Sian Wei Shaun
Dr Gowri D/O Karunakarar	Dr Leong Po Wey	Dr Meera Ravindran

Ordinary Members (continued)

Dr Meng Zi Jie Aaron
Dr Mo Yin
Dr Mok Chi Wei Andrew
Dr Muhammad Amir Bin Ismail
Dr Muhammad Fairuz Bin Abdul Rahman
Dr Mukundan Nair
Dr Munt Ian Gordon
Dr Neo Xiumin Shermyn
Dr Ng Che Yee Vicky
Dr Ng Ee Ling
Dr Ng Hee Ling Deborah
Dr Ng Lay Guat
Dr Ng Shwu Yong Esther
Dr Ng Su Lyn Adeline
Dr Ng Wei Ling Stacy
Dr Ng Wei Qi Celene
Dr Ng Xin Hui Ada
Dr Ng Zhi Peng Nick
Dr Oh Ling Zhi Bernice
Dr Ong Chern Yue Glen
Dr Ong Hui Ni Grace
Dr Ong I-Fung Ivan
Dr Ong Ming Liang Andrew
Dr Pang Chun Yat
Dr Peh Wee Ming
Dr Phua Jun Rong Val
Dr Phuah Wei-Ling Madeline
Dr Pravin Lingam
Dr Sakamoto Hideo
Dr Seah Kwee Kang
Dr Sean David Vanniasingham
Dr See Tho Wai Yin
Dr Seetoh Peiyi Lydia
Dr Shaik Abdul Matin Bin
Shaik Abdul Malek Mattar
Dr Shanmugasundaram Chidambaram
Dr Shanty Ongkowidjojo
Dr Sharifah Munirah Binte Abdullah
Dr Shiau Onn Ling Kellyn
Dr Shih E'Ching
Dr Shishir Sharma
Dr Siew Ka Fai Stephen

Dr Sim Peiling Amelia
Dr Sim Yilin Eileen
Dr Sinnathamby Thanasekaran
Dr Siti Fairuz Binte Omar
Dr Siti Shafia Bte Yang Razali
Dr Sng Jie James
Dr Soon Yong Quan Alvin
Dr Soong Yiwei Daniel
Dr Tan Chong Keat
Dr Tan Ee Ling Serene
Dr Tan Feng Ling Grace
Dr Tan How Ming
Dr Tan Jian Li
Dr Tan Jse-Wei Ian
Dr Tan Kee Chong
Dr Tan Kenneth
Dr Tan Liat Leng
Dr Tan Liyan Joanna
Dr Tan Ming Ngan Aloysius
Dr Tan Poh Kok
Dr Tan Shi Hui
Dr Tan Shi Ying Serene
Dr Tan Shuwen Dominic
Dr Tan Teck Tee
Dr Tan Tee Ngee
Dr Tan Tze Chin
Dr Tan Wai Jia
Dr Tan Wei Chong Dayrl
Dr Tan Wei Ping Joanne
Dr Tan Yu Wen Jonathan
Dr Tan Ze Jia
Dr Tan Zhenwen Tina
Dr Tang Zhiyen Joyce
Dr Tay Kiat Siong Jonathan
Dr Tay Lin Trina
Dr Tay Rong Jie Matthew
Dr Tay Woo Chiao
Dr Teh Kah Liang
Dr Teh Yi Lin
Dr Teh Yii Ean
Dr Teng Kuan Peng David
Dr Teo En Qi

Dr Teo Jia Hui (Zhang Jiahui)
Dr Teo Zhenwei
Dr Tey Tze Tong
Dr Thia Jin Ping Joshua
Dr Thida Win
Dr Toh Shu Wen Theresa
Dr Tousif Kabir
Dr Vidhya Dharshini Pillay
Dr Wahab Syed Shahul Hameed
Dr Wang Ching Wei Marian
Dr Wang Qi Wei Mark
Dr Wang Xinhui Priscilla
Dr Wee Hide Elfrida
Dr Weng Yan Yi
Dr Weng Yusheng James
Dr Wong Chiung Ing
Dr Wong Mei Jin Irene
Dr Wong Ngoi Lei Gloria
Dr Wong Thomas Aloysius
Dr Wong Xiu Wen Michelle
Dr Xie Bo
Dr Yang Shiwen Valerie
Dr Yap Xin Yi Amanda
Dr Yap Zhu Li
Dr Ye Qingying Dorcus
Dr Yee Wenjun Gabriel Gerard
Dr Yeo Eng Hui Damian
Dr Yeo Jing Jing Crystal
Dr Yeo Peo Shan
Dr Yeo Samantha Rachel
Dr Yeo Yi Wen Mathew
Dr Yip Man Hing Kevin
Dr Yong Xiaoqi
Dr Yong Zhau Peng Daniel
Dr Yoshikuni Susumu
Dr Yusrina Bte Yusoff
Dr Zeng Tao
Dr Zeng Zhi Yong
Dr Zhang Hupei
Dr Zhang Weibin Melvyn
Dr Zhao Yi Jing
Dr Zhong Youjia

Honorary Members (2)

Dr Tan Kok Soo

Dr Toh Chai Soon Charles

Spouse Members (19)

Dr Chan Tuck Kin nee Chin
Dr Cheng Tai Kin
Dr Chung Wei Pyng Clara
Dr Gan Siok Lin
Dr Goh Boon Cher
Dr Heng Cheng Kim Elsie
Dr How Su-Wei Alicia Claire

Dr Julianah Bte Abu
Dr Lai Siang Hui
Dr Lee Hon Yee
Dr Lim Beng Hong
Dr Lim Geok Hoon
Dr Lim Hwee Hwee

Dr Liu Hao Ming
Dr Tan Bing Qian
Dr Tan Teng Hong
Dr Vasanwala Rashida Farhad
Dr Wong Kay Wye Sabrina
Dr Woo Lan Choei

SMA AT A GLANCE: MEMBERSHIP

Overseas Members (3)

Dr Clarke-Papachristos Elizabeth Anne

Dr Lee Chee San

Dr Leong (Lip) Kwee Cheng Annie

LIFE MEMBERSHIP (Granted between January 2011 and December 2011)

According to Article III Section (ii)(c) (37)

Dr Ang Choon Jin

Dr Ang Ee Sin

Dr Cheng Jew Ping

Dr Cheong Wei Kok Bernard

Dr Chern Chiap Fook

Dr Chew Gian Moh

Dr Chook Kum Kay

Dr Fan Foo Tang Richard

Dr Guan Richard

Dr Gwee Hak Meng

Dr Huan Meng Wah

A/Prof Joseph Roy

A/Prof Koh Dow Rhoun

Dr Koh Siam Soon Philip

Dr Lai Oi Leng

Dr Lau Waun Kei

Dr Leung Yuet Sing Lewina

Dr Lim Bee Lin

Dr Lim Yew Cher Alex

Dr Lim Yu Her

Dr Loke Keng Fai Gloria

Dr Nair Govindan Vijayan

Dr Neo Ban Leong Ben

Dr Neo Eng Kiong

Dr Ng Suah Bwee Agnes

Dr Ong Nai Theow

Prof Rajasoorya C

Dr Sayampanathan Sarvaselan R E

Dr Su-Chan Po-Giok Jane

Dr Suwandi Kojodjojo @ Ko Eng Soan

Dr Tan Seung Po @ Tan Siang Po

Dr Tan Wan Ghee Sugino

Dr Teo Wee Siong

Dr Tey Beng Hea

Dr Tseng Tze Hsing Jovina

Dr Wong Kok Seng

Dr Yap Cheng Hoon Jane

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Between January 2011 and December 2011

Resignations (130)

Dr Angkodjojo Stanley

Dr Boon Jiabin

Dr Chan Gabriel

Dr Chan Kwai Onn

Dr Chan Po Fun

Dr Chen Zonghan @ Tan Chong Hun

Dr Chia Puey Ling

Dr Choi Kah Yen Harold

Dr Chong Guang Wei Wesley

Dr Chong Shang Yee

Dr Chow Sau Yee

Dr Chow Yoke Kuan Donna

Dr Chua Bean Lii

Dr Chuah Miao Sing

Dr Chuang Lee Ren Leyland

Dr Diwakar Davan

Dr Eide Sterling Ellis

Dr Foo Chek Wun

Dr Goh Chin Hong Ronald

Dr Goh Wee Yian Darren

Dr Hau Tah Wei

Dr Heng Kang Ee Gregory

Dr Heng Kuo Leng John

Dr Jennifer Ho

Dr Ho Kay Chun Caleb

Dr Ho Pui Yoong Valerie

Dr Ho Siew Hong

Dr How Chwee Chwee Cindy

Dr Huang Weiliang

Dr John Mary

Dr Kao Shih Ling

Dr Kee Chin Leong Adrian

Dr Koh Jee Kam Timothy

Dr Koo Si-Lin

Dr Kow Wei Chieh Alfred

Dr Kowa Nam Sing

Dr Kua Phek Hui Jade

Dr Kumaran s/o Rasappan

Dr Kwan Zhenli

Dr Kwek Jia Liang

Dr Lam Kian Ming

Dr Lau Hung Tuan

Dr Lau Sie Kuei Matthew

Dr Lau Yew Chin

Dr Lee Chee Siang Bernard

Dr Lee Ching Ching

Dr Lee Eng Seng

Dr Lee Hao Yong

Dr Lee Jinfeng Natalie

Dr Lee Jui Lin Sherlyn

Dr Lee Rui Min

Dr Lee Seng Swim

Dr Lee Yi Lin

Dr Leo Hee Ken Luwyn

Dr Leong Shu Yee

Dr Leong Yi Onn Ian

Dr Leslie Pinheiro

Dr Liang Te Shan

Dr Lim Chau Sian

Dr Lim Khim Yong Jeremy

Dr Lim Wei-Yen

Dr Liu Desheng Isaac

Dr Liu Jiaying

Dr Liu Shuling

Dr Loh Cheng

Dr Loh Su Ming Yvonne

Dr Loke Chok Loon

Dr Loo Swee San Susan

Dr Low Lee Yong

Dr Lui Yit Shang

Dr Manohara Shivani

Dr Mohan Ramalingam

Dr Ng Tong Yong

Dr Ng Zhao Wen Dennis

Dr Ngo Su-Yin Adeline

Dr Ong Kian Chung

Dr Ong Mei Ci Victoria

Dr Ong Shu Min

Dr Pang Yoke Teen

Dr Kumarasamy Paramesvaran

Dr Phang Chia May

Dr Phua Huei Wen Daryl

Dr Poh Chern Loong Andy

Dr Poon Sui Kit

Dr Quek Zhi Han

Dr Katherine Anne Rainbow

Dr Santosa Anindita

Dr See Hooi Geok

Dr See Jian Hau

Dr See Tho Wai Yin

Dr Siew Wei Fong

Dr Sim Ching Ching

Dr Sim Sze Lin

Resignations (continued)

Dr Tan Aik Huang Terence
Dr Tan Bang Wei
Dr Tan Bee Hong
Dr Tan Chee Wei
Dr Tan Chung Hui James
Dr Tan Guo Ping Kevin
Dr Tan Hui Ling
Dr Tan Hwei Ching Grace
Dr Tan Keng Tiong Jerry
Dr Tan Leng Zoo
Dr Tan Poh Yong
Dr Tan Sai Tiang
Dr Tan Tze Ching

Dr Tan Tze Chong Justin
Dr Tan Wei Li
Dr Tan Yan Fang Cheryl
Dr Tan Yee Leng
Dr Teh Hui Lynn Adeline
Dr Teoh Ren Shang
Dr Toh Hong Seong Gabriel
Dr Tong Jieli
Dr Tsai Shih Hsiang Andrew
Dr Wang Dingyuan Alvin
Dr Wang Luo Kai
Dr Wong Chee Kong

Dr Wong Hon Khuan
Dr Wong Jian Hao Kevin
Dr Wong Yoke Hae Francis
Dr Wong Yun Wah Teresa Marie
Dr Yap I-Chern Tiffany
Dr Yau Wen Kien Joachim
Dr Yee Choon Meng
Dr Yeo Tian Seng Gilbert
Dr Zhao Song Bo
Dr Zhuang Qingyuan
Dr Zijuan Huang
Dr Zuzarte Regina

Deceased (9)

Dr Chong Yean Chiong John
Dr Hoe Seok Keng Sylvia
Dr Johan Bin Abdullah

Dr Low Chee Kwang
Dr Low Yong Meng
Dr Pillai Kumara Prasad

Dr Tambyah John Anantharajah
Dr Tan Swee Lian Cecilia
Dr Wong Yip Chong

Subscriptions in Arrears for More than Two Years (57)

Dr Abishek Mathew Abraham
Dr Amy Lestari Kaonang
Dr Ang Hoon Siang
Dr Browne, William Lee
Dr Chandran Thulasi
Dr Chen Qian Ming
Dr Cheok Rujin Nicholas
Dr Chin Mark
Dr Chin Wee Loong
Dr Chua Hsiang Lim Darren
Dr Claude Jeffrey Renaud
Dr Dignadice Dennis
Dr Ho Jien Sze
Dr Ho Zhirui Shaun
Dr Kalaiyarasi Kaliyaperumal
Dr Kee Sue Gee
Dr Koh Xian Liang Leslie
Dr Lau Boon Jia
Dr Lee Siew Luan Grace

Dr Lee Soon-U Lawrence
Dr Lee Yian Ping
Dr Leung Kwok Tang Roger
Dr Loh Teck Hiong
Dr Low Kiang Wei
Dr Mak Anselm
Dr Metupalle Vasanthan
Dr Mohd Mashfiqul Arafin Siddiqui
Dr Muhammad Adib Bin Malek
Dr Nagavalli D/O Somadundaram
Dr Nga Diong Weng Vincent
Dr Ooi Kiat Huat
Dr Pek Chern Kuok Don
Dr Sanghvi Kaushal
Dr See Kok Swee Joseph
Dr Shree Kumar Dinesh
Dr Soo Kian Shing
Dr Sutandar Antono
Dr Takano Angela Maria

Dr Tan Boon Kiat Kenneth
Dr Tan Suet Mun Tracy
Dr Tan Sze Ern
Dr Tan Zhi Xiang
Dr Tay Jun Min
Dr Teo Chang Peng Colin
Dr Teoh Yee Leong
Dr Tey Inn Kuang
Dr Wang Sijia Furene
Dr Wong Chen Seong
Dr Wong Su Yin Lydia
Dr Yak Siqi Ryan
Dr Yeo Tseng Tsai
Dr Yik Jing Hui
Dr Yong Lok Sze
Dr Yong Shao Onn
Dr Yong Zhi Yong
Dr Zhao Liling Charmain
Dr Zheng Zhimin

SMA AT A GLANCE: MEMBERSHIP

Membership Tally

Number as at 31 January 2011

5,077

Add New Members

Ordinary

284

Honorary

2

Overseas

3

Spouse

19

Subtract

Members Removed from Register

(57)

Resignations

(130)

Deceased

(9)

Adjustments

(18)

Number as at 31 December 2011

5,171

Breakdown of membership

Honorary Members

22

Ordinary Members

3,944

Overseas Members

40

Spouse Members

147

Life Members

According to Article III Section (ii) (a)

182

According to Article III Section (ii) (b)

173

According to Article III Section (ii) (c)

663

TOTAL

5,171

Breakdown of Doctors by Category

Doctors in Private Practice

2,241

Doctors in Government Service/
Restructured Hospitals

2,569

Members who are Overseas

130

Retired Doctors

231

TOTAL

5,171

Membership Events

SMA-De Dietrich Cooking Demonstration
5 March 2011

Asian Cultural SIG Dance Nite
16 April 2011

House Officers' Seminar
23 April 2011

SMA Golf Tournament 2011
20 July 2011

SIG Soccer Session
10 August 2011

Medicine Debates 2011
13 August 2011

SMA Wine Chapter – Dinner at No Menu Privato
29 September 2011

SMA-Australian Medical Association
(Western Australia) Medical Exchange

World Hospice Day Ride 2011
16 October 2011

Come Dance with Me Social Nite
22 October 2011

SMA Wine Chapter – Champagne Marguet Dinner
8 November 2011

SMA Seminar for Foreign-Trained Doctors 2011
19 November 2011

Run for Hope – The Run for Cancer Research
20 November 2011

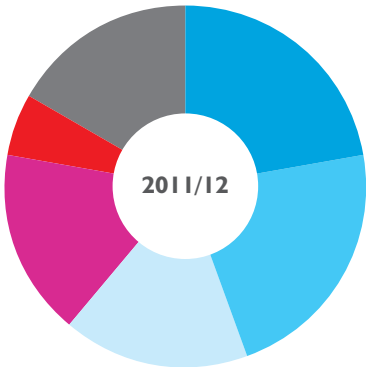
Annual Doctor-Lawyer Networking Session 2011
25 November 2011

SMA AT A GLANCE: COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Complaints Committee

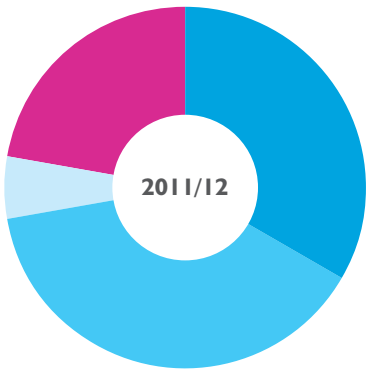
The Complaints Committee handles complaints concerning doctors registered in Singapore with the Singapore Medical Council. Through the committee, SMA aims to address complaints before they escalate to a higher level. Appropriate actions are recommended, which may include providing a professional perspective to the complainant, and to communicate if a case is outside the committee’s purview with suggestions to bring the case to the relevant authorities.

The Committee processed 18 complaints and convened 1 meeting. The following is a breakdown of these complaints: Of these 18 complaints received during the term of review:



Nature of Allegation	2011/12
Fees dispute	4
Inappropriate treatment	4
Negligence/Incompetence	3
Poor attitude or inadequate communication	3
MC disputes	0
Clinical assistant’s incompetence	0
Professional misconduct	1
Others	3
Total	18

Of these 18 complaints received during the term of review:



Nature of Allegation	2011/12
Resolved with doctor’s explanation	6
Referred to the appropriate authorities who dealt with the complainant directly	7
Cases copied to SMA for information only	1
Adjournd to the next term of review	4
Total	18

SMA AT A GLANCE: COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Dinner Organising Committee

SMA Dinner 2011

14 May 2011

Grand Hyatt Singapore

Guest of Honour: Dr Tan Cheng Bock

Chairman: Dr Chow U-Jin

Conferment of awards

SMA Honorary Membership: Dr Tan Kok Soo

Dr Charles Toh

SMA Merit Award: A/Prof Kanagasuntheram Rajendran

Mr Daren Shiau

Dr Mary Ann Tsao

SMA International Humanitarian Award:

Dr Tan Lai Yong

SMA Long Service Award:

Dr Toh Choon Lai

Dr Lim Meng Kin

Dr Tan Siang Yong

Dr Alvin Koo

A/Prof Paul Ananth Tambyah

Ms Noor Azliena Samhudi

Token of Appreciation:

Prof Wilfred Peh

Prof Ng Kwan Hoong

SMJ Best Research Paper Awards 2010

First prize:

Development of quantitative-fluorescence polymerase chain reaction for the rapid prenatal diagnosis of common chromosomal aneuploidies in 1,000 samples in Singapore

by Dr Sonia Baig, Dr Sherry SY Ho, Ms Ng Bee Lian, Ms Lily Chiu, A/Prof Evelyn Koay, Ms Gek Har Leow, Dr Leena Gole, Dr Narasimhan Kothandaraman, Ms Jenny Chan, Ms Sun Xiaoli, Dr Chan Yiong Huak, A/Prof Mary Rauff, Asst Prof Su Lin Lin, A/Prof Arijit Biswas and A/Prof Mahesh Choolani

Second prize:

Novel electrogram device with web-based service centre for ambulatory ECG monitoring

by Dr Tan Boon Yew, Dr Ho Kah Leng, Dr Ching Chi Keong and Dr Teo Wee Siong

Third prize:

Combination of bolus dose vitamin D with routine vaccination in infants: a randomised trial

by Dr Mehrdad Shakiba, Dr Saied Sadr, Dr Zahra Nafei, Dr Hassan Mozaffari-Khosravi, Dr Mohammad Hassan Lotfi and Dr Mohammad Hassan Bemanian

Convention Organising Committee

42nd SMA National Medical Convention

Come Grow Old with Me:

Successful and Active Ageing in the Community

20 August 2011

Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre

Committee: A/Prof Chin Jing Jih

Dr Lee Liang Tee

Keynote Speaker: A/Prof Pang Wen Sun

The committee would like to express appreciation to all invited speakers:

Ms Tan Lay Keuan, Ms Tan Keng Teng, Ms Chiam Mary Ann, Ms Ong Sik Yin, Dr Lee Jer En, Dr Tan Tee Yong, Mr Lim Kong Beng, Ms Yong Limin, Mr Lawrence Lim, Ms Goh Su San, Ms Khoo Sue Ann, Ms Hia Soo Boon, Dr Chong Mei Sian, Dr Chan Kin Ming, Dr Christopher Lien, Dr Yeo Seng Jin, Dr Yong Shao Onn, Prof Donald Tan, A/Prof Calvin Fones, Dr Tham Weng Yew, Dr Reshma Aziz Merchant, Dr Vina Doshi, Dr Chee Tek Siong, Dr Ee Chye Hua, Dr Tang Eng Yeow, and A/Prof Tang Choon Leong.



SMA AT A GLANCE: PUBLICATIONS

SMA aims to be a provider of knowledge and readily available information that members can turn to. The two main publications, SMA News and Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ), have undergone a revamp with a brand new look and content. Both publications are geared to be released in the first week of each month so as to be more timely and relevant to members.

In working towards providing effective communication channels to obtain feedback from our members and share our insights, SMA aims to provide thought leadership by demonstrating active engagement between members and the SMA Council, and to make a united stand through our positions taken. Our steps forward have necessitated a review of the direction of both the SMA News and SMJ, and also resulted in greater collaborative efforts. In addition, we are exploring alternative means of marketing our publications so as to achieve an increase in readership.

SMA News

SMA News has seen a revamp in its content, and there is now a deeper focus on current and perennial issues that affect the healthcare landscape. This shift incorporates content that reflects changing interests, and serve to engage a wider audience as well as create food for thought.

Several new columns have been included to provide readers with skills and knowledge towards being a professional clinician and successful physician leader: the Ethics section provides insights and viewpoints into some frequently asked questions on medical ethics, while the CMEP page aims to improve the standard of medical ethics and professionalism through skill sets including risk management and being an expert witness. To equip readers with non-medical professional skills, the Executive Series column features interesting and informative articles such as financial management.

In addition, the Doctors in Training column provides viewpoints and commentaries on matters affecting fellow doctors in training. Through this section, SMA aims to give a voice and platform to further their discussion. Articles on volunteer projects are now featured in the From the Heart column, and special advertising space has been allocated for organisations or projects looking for volunteers in their charitable causes. Rounding up each issue is the Indulge section, where articles on the finer side of life are now located.



SMA AT A GLANCE: PUBLICATIONS

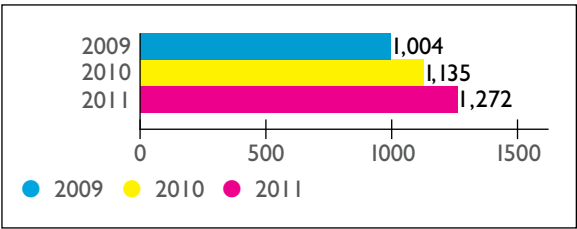
Singapore Medical Journal

SMJ has been given a fresh, new look with an updated layout and font type to enhance readability. All e-publication articles are now in full colour, with a pleasant green hue. Content wise, while regular columns such as Medicine in Stamps, Pictorial Essays, Clinics in Diagnostic Imaging and ECG Series are maintained, readers can also look forward to more theme issues that will address topics of greater relevance to the local medical community. Thus far, the Resuscitation (August 2011) and Oncology issues (January 2012) have received many positive responses from our readers. SMJ will continue to publish up-to-date scientific papers, as well as insightful reviews and continuing medical education (CME) articles to keep our readers abreast on the latest trends in Medicine.

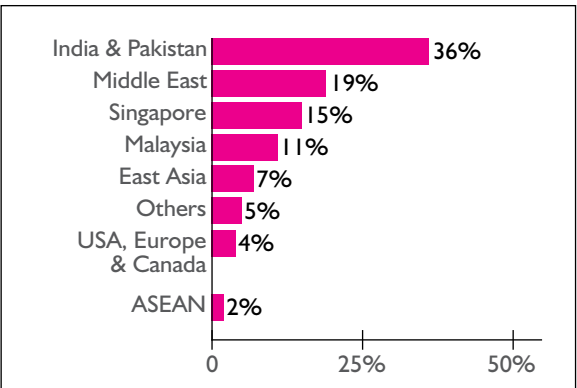
The first impact factor for SMJ has been officially announced by Thomson Reuter as 0.73, with total cites of 1,884. This is a very encouraging rating, as the impact factor is a widely recognised classification of a journal's influence and reputation. As the journal continues to develop and grow, we are optimistic that the future impact factors will follow suit. We would like to thank the reviewers, our Editorial Board and authors for their invaluable contributions to this achievement.

SMJ is indexed in the US National Library of Medicine PubMed and LinkOut systems, Western Pacific Region Index Medicus (WPRIM), ISI Web of Knowledge, Index Copernicus, and will soon be included in the World Health Organization-Western Pacific Regional Office Library database, thereby allowing open access worldwide.

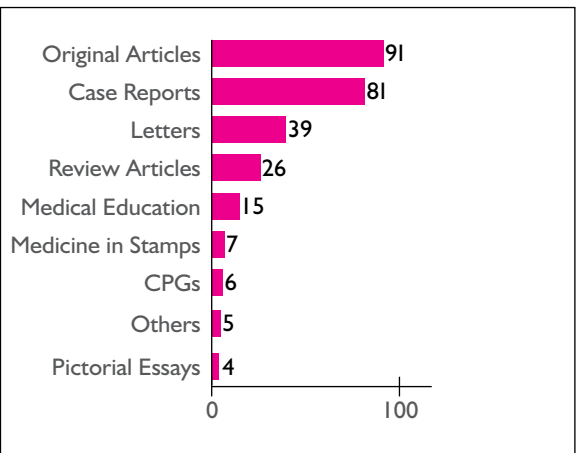
Submission of Articles



Submission by Country of Origin



Published Articles in 2011



Fitness to Drive

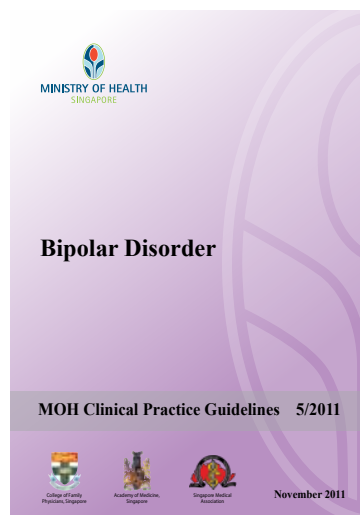
Aside from the SMA News and SMJ, the second edition of the Medical Guidelines on Fitness to Drive was released in 2011. The guidelines was crafted by an expert committee consisting of doctors from multiple disciplines and representatives from various organisations. The second edition is a timely update, and it is hoped that doctors will find it a useful tool in clinical practice.



MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines

SMA has collaborated with the Ministry of Health by commenting on and endorsing various clinical practice guidelines throughout 2011. These include guidelines on -

- Screening for Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Factors (March 2011)
- Chronic Hepatitis B Infections (March 2011)
- Management of Gambling Disorders (June 2011)
- Schizophrenia (July 2011)
- Bipolar Disorder (December 2011)
- Management of Poisoning (December 2011)

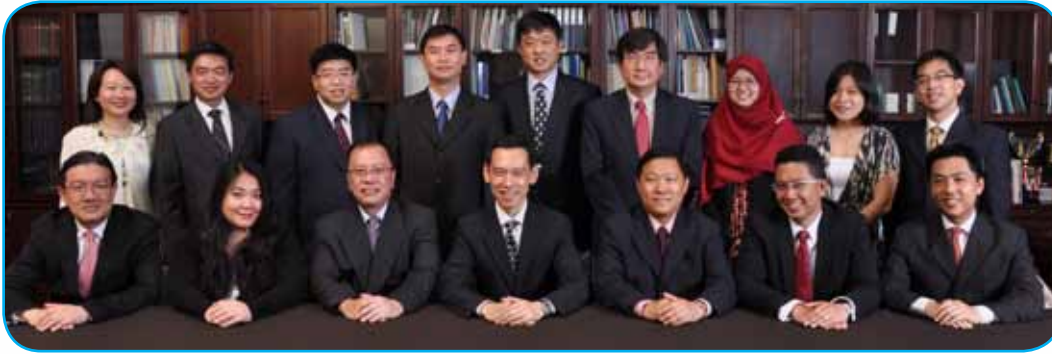


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



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SMA Lecture 2010: Winds of Change - Revisiting Role Models in Medicine

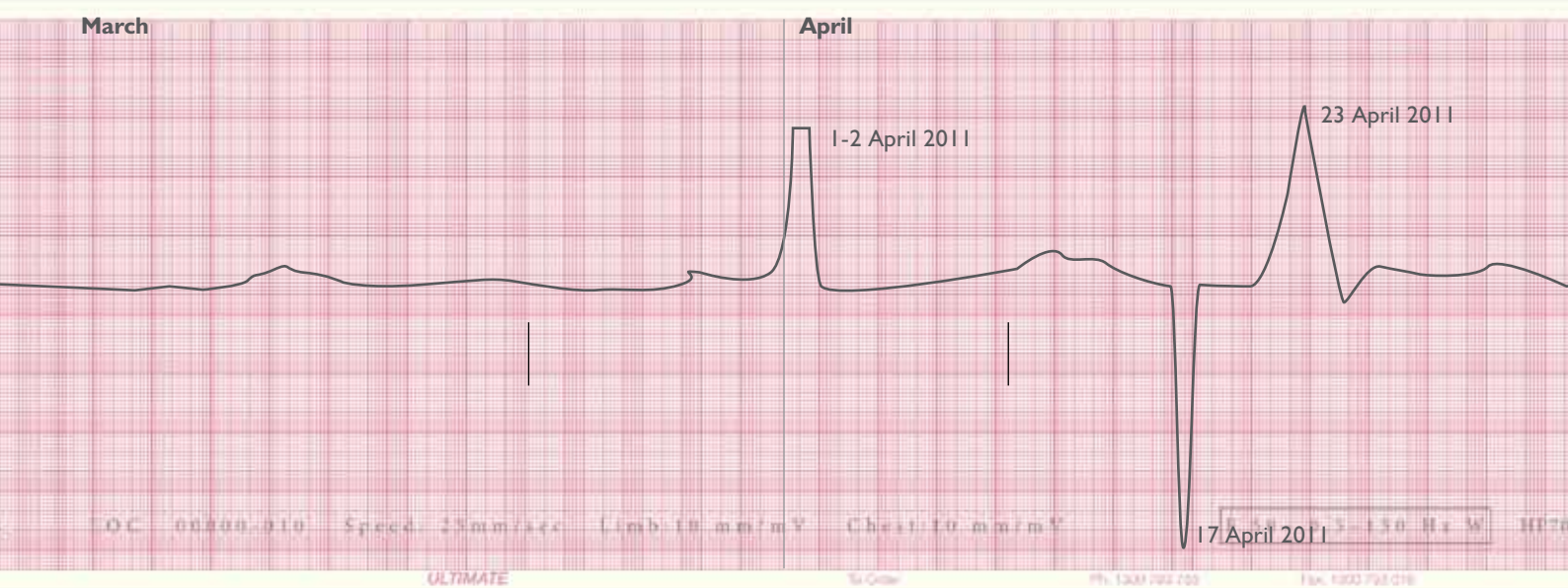




17 April 2011
Annual General Meeting



23 April 2011
House Officers' Seminar



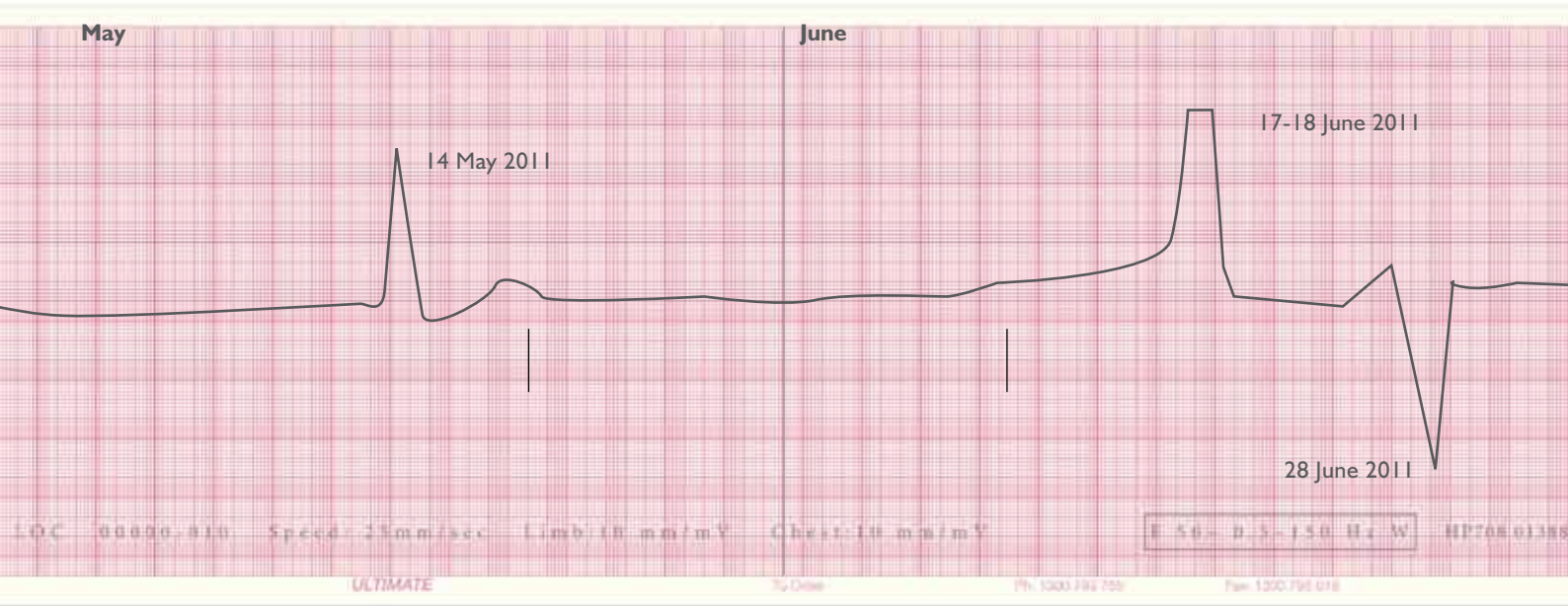
1-2 April 2011
SMA-MPS Medical Experts' Training Workshop



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



17-18 June 2011
14th MASEAN Mid-Term Meeting
The Role of Primary Healthcare Towards Population Health in ASEAN
Bandung, Indonesia



14 May 2011
SMA Annual Dinner

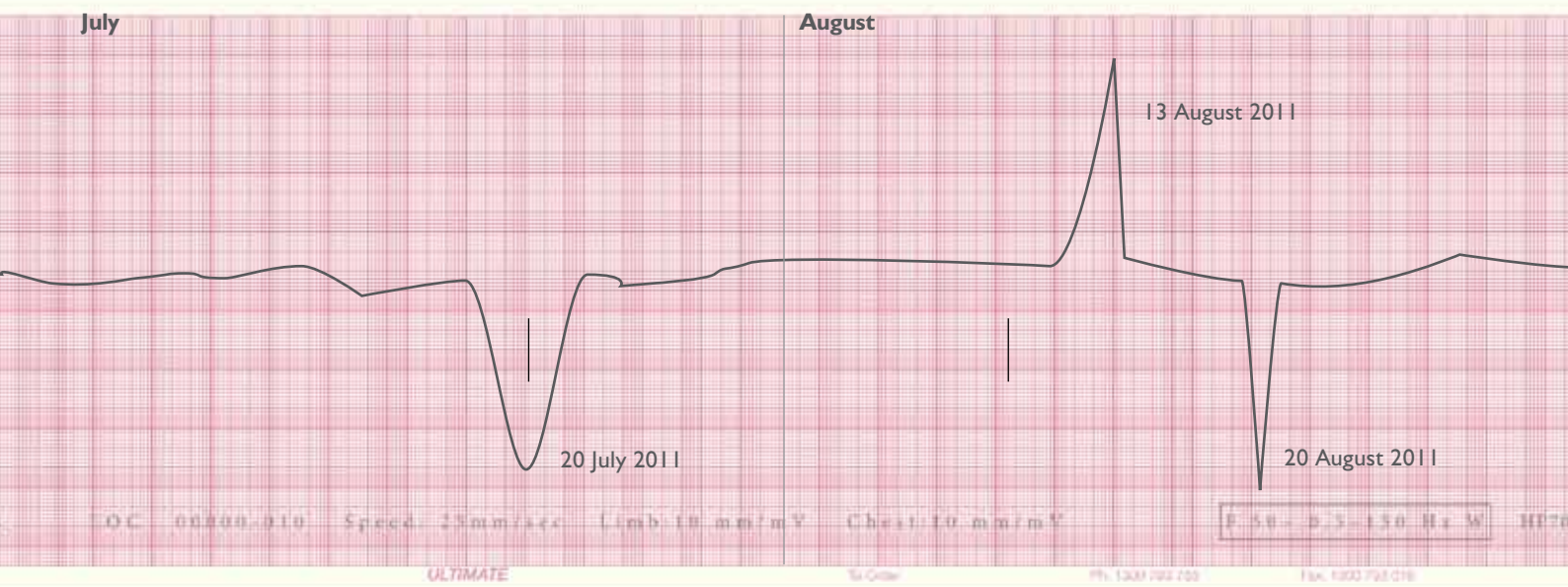
28 June 2011
SMA-MPS Workshop
Informed Consent - Where Are We Heading?





20 July 2011
SMA Golf Tournament

13 August 2011
Medicine Debates
"Women are better off making lives than saving lives"



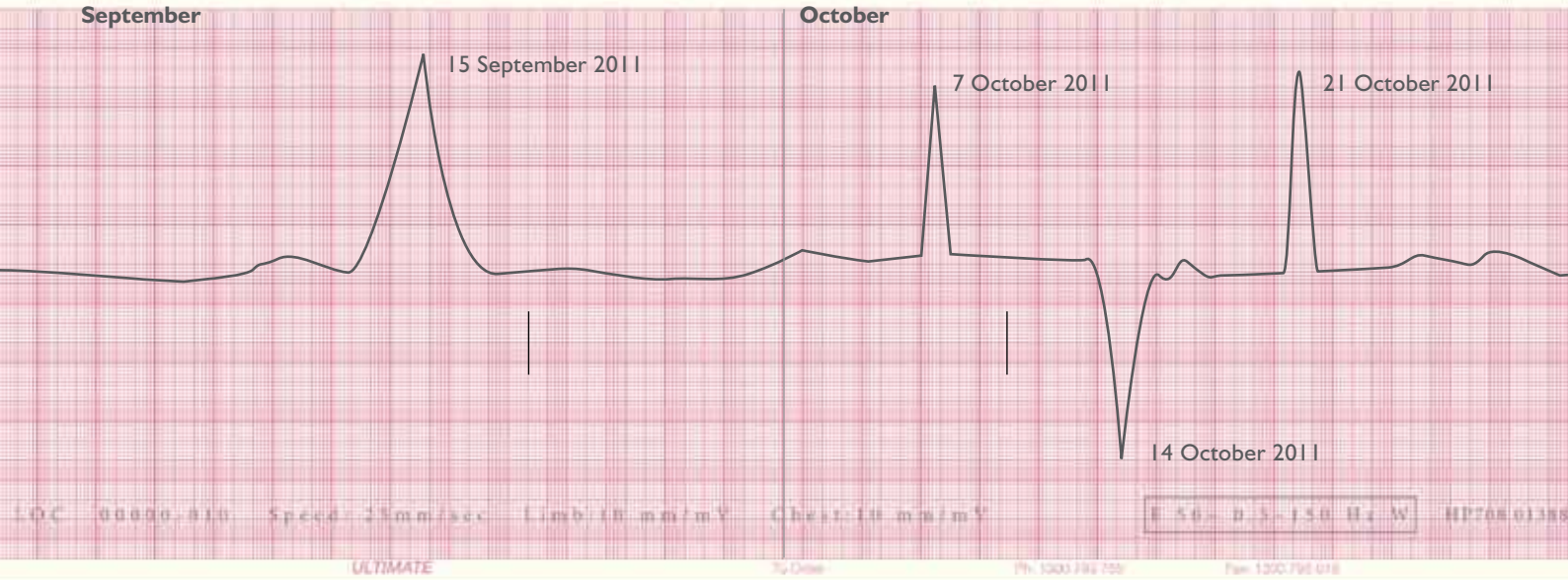
20 August 2011
SMA National Medical Convention
Come Grow Old with Me: Successful and Active Aging in the Community



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



15 September 2011
SMA-IDI Signing of Memorandum of Understanding



7, 14, 21 October 2011
SPRING-NUS-SMA Healthcare Advanced Management Programme

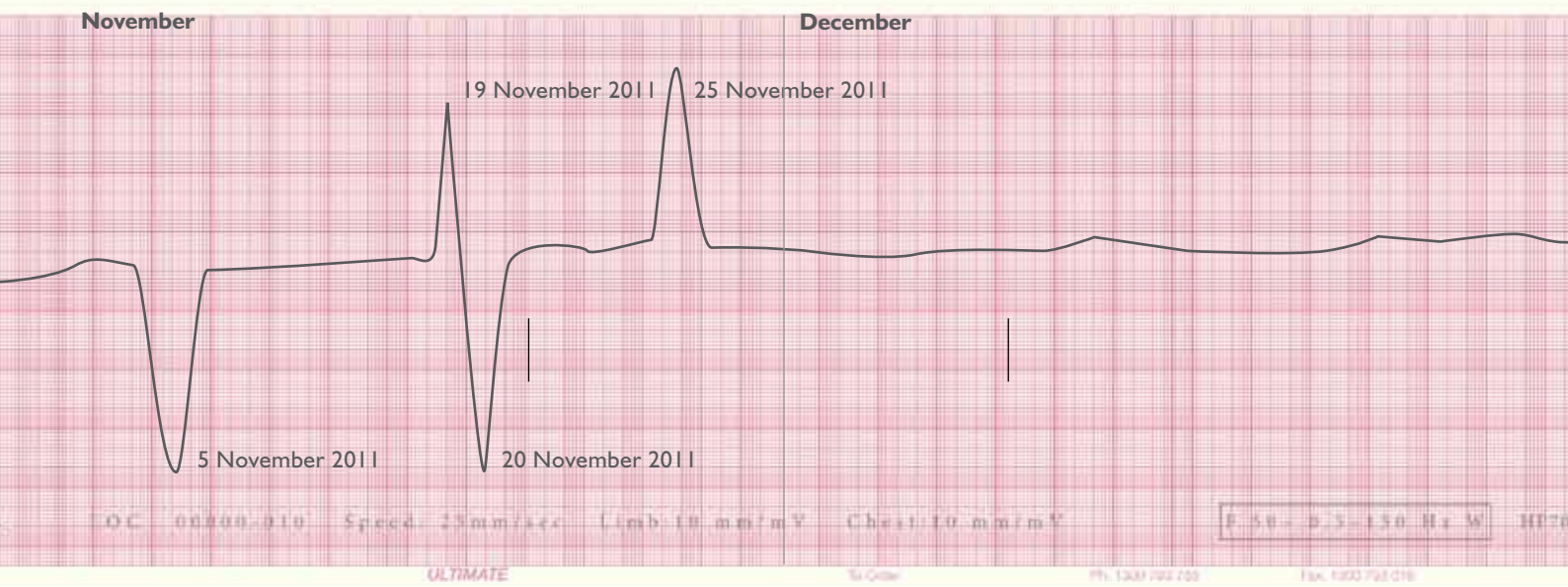




5 November 2011

SMA Lecture 2011: Medical Practice and the Next ICE Age

SMA Seminar: Professional Accountability, SMC Complaints and the Disciplinary Process



19 November 2011
SMA Seminar for Foreign-Trained Doctors

20 November 2011
Run for Hope

25 November 2011
Lawyer/Doctor
Networking Event 2011
A Passage to India



PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

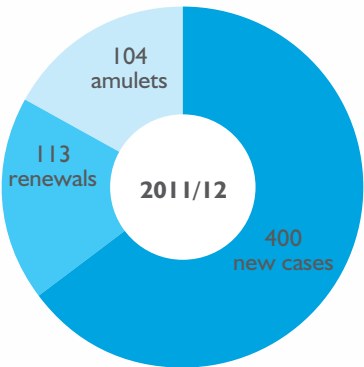
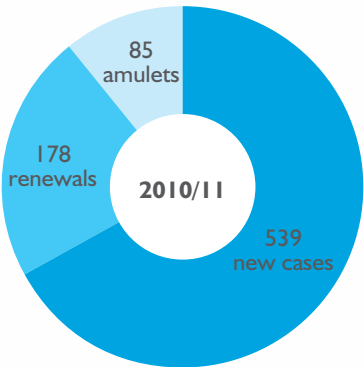
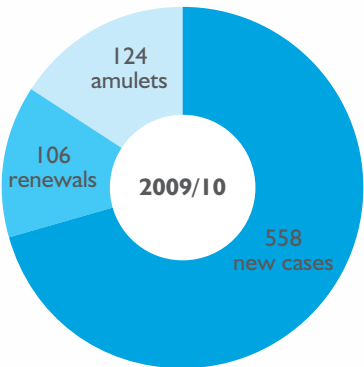
Medik Awas

Medik Awas is a community service launched in 1970 under the auspices of the SMA. It aims to prevent medical mishaps by alerting medical and dental personnel to any specific medical problems of registrants through the use of identification devices, such as a card or an amulet.

Why Medik Awas?

A person known to be hypersensitive to a drug, such as penicillin or tetanus antitoxin, must be so identified, as administration of the offending drug can lead to a violent, if not fatal reaction. Similarly, a patient suffering from a chronic disease, like bleeding tendency or diabetes, should carry a warning message. In the event of an accident or complication of the disease, immediate recognition of his condition can save his life. Patients on long-term course of drugs, e.g. steroids or anticoagulants, are identified in the same manner, as the therapy itself may give rise to hazardous side effects.

All these patients and others with different hidden problems should enrol with Medik Awas and carry an identification card as a protection in an emergency. If a patient is unable to tell his medical history after an accident or sudden illness, the card may just save his life.



43rd National Medical Convention

The 43rd SMA National Medical Convention will be focusing on the issue of mental health, with topics on addiction, depression and learning disorders. The key objective of this year's convention is to raise awareness among the public on strategies to cope with such conditions. CME talks will also be conducted to enhance knowledge and skills among doctors in the management of these disorders.



From the Heart

SMA News has kickstarted new columns in 2012, and our new section "From the Heart" promotes a variety of volunteerism and humanitarian projects for our doctors to participate in. Charities or causes that require assistance from medical doctors are welcome to place an advertisement with SMA News at no charge.

Caring for Life

By Assisi Hospice



Assisi Hospice, founded and owned by the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDs), serves the underprivileged and the sick in Singapore. Today, Assisi Hospice has developed a comprehensive model of care that includes inpatient services, hospice home care and a day centre for our patients.

In light of the ageing population in Singapore and the shrinking size of our families here, there is a constant need to increase resources to meet the medical needs of the community. Furthermore, the patients are getting younger, and their needs have also become progressively more complex. The care of children as well as adults aged 20 to 50 years, whose requirements are very different from those in their 70s or 80s, as we need to respond appropriately to the needs of our patients and their families.

To serve the needs of our patients, Assisi Hospice is looking for volunteer doctors to offer their services in their area of specialisation.

If you are interested to be a part of this life-affirming team, please complete the form below and return it as email to Jane Ong at jane_ong@assisihospice.org.sg or fax to 6253 3362. For more information please call Joyce at 6347 6445 or visit our website at www.assisihospice.org.sg

Volunteer stories

Our professional volunteers help us to improve the quality of life of our patients. You may choose to volunteer in a regular or ad hoc basis.

- Our volunteer dental clinic, Assisi Hospice, once a week, to provide dental care for our patients. When most treatments are required, patients are then brought to a nearby clinic. This care has enabled our patients to speak and eat better which has brought benefits to their overall quality of life.
- A volunteer ophthalmologist was called upon to review an inpatient who had bilateral cataracts for a few years. She was deemed a suitable candidate for surgery despite her cancer. Today, with the help of this surgery, the patient is leading an independent life in the community and continues to be cared for by our day care clinic.

CPR Courses

SMA is an accredited life support training centre endorsed by the National Resuscitation Council Singapore. SMA conducts Adult Heartsaver (AH) and Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) courses aimed to equip the community with life support skills. While the AH course is designed for those without medical background, the BCLS course is tailored for health professionals and those with prior medical knowledge.

BCLS courses will be offered to doctors on a monthly basis at the premises of the Singapore Heart Foundation. Through this endeavour, we hope to facilitate the accreditation and re-accreditation of life support skills for our members, who will in turn be able to assist in occasions of need.



VOICE OF THE PROFESSION

SMA is now on Facebook

Since 2011, SMA has utilised social media as a platform for greater engagement with members, to obtain members' thoughts on certain issues, and to form discussion groups for specific interests or topics.

Add us as a friend here:
<http://www.facebook.com/singaporemedicalassociation>

Follow-Up Letter from SMA to SMC on Team-Based Management and Informed Consent

In following up on a position paper sent to the Singapore Medical Council in September 2010, SMA sent a second letter to provide additional feedback on team-based management and informed consent. SMA recommended for these issues to be addressed in the next edition of the Singapore Medical Council Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines.

Participation in Focus Group on Proposed Changes to SMC Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines

SMA participated in three meetings to review the proposed changes to the SMC Ethical Code and Ethical Guideline. SMA also reached out to the membership for their thoughts and consolidated feedback for a unified voice.

SMA President Appointed Member of Taxpayer Feedback Panel

Dr Chong Yeh Woei, President of the 52nd SMA Council, has been appointed as a member of the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore's Taxpayer Feedback Panel. The panel serves as a forum for receiving feedback from the taxpaying community and discussing issues pertaining to tax policy and administration.

Representation on Professions Functional Group

SMA represents the medical profession as part of the Professions Functional Group. The group meets on an ad hoc basis to submit nominations for consideration for Nominated Members of Parliament.

Representation on Workplace Safety and Health Council (WSHC) – Healthcare Committee (including Practices & Capability Building sub-committees)

Active participation within the WSHC to monitor the Workplace Safety and Health Guidelines – Healthcare so as to help disseminate information and conduct research for the healthcare industry.

Consultation with Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health approached SMA for comments on proposed measures to monitor errant prescribing of benzodiazepines. SMA approached several specialist associations so as to provide a comprehensive view. Subsequently SMA collated the feedback and submitted a paper with proposed recommendations to the Ministry.

Highlighting concerns on SMC Practising Certificate Renewal Form

Issues of privacy were raised regarding the Singapore Medical Council Practising Certificate Renewal Form. SMA assisted to highlight these concerns to the Singapore Medical Council. The form was subsequently amended, with the areas of contention removed.

Feedback on Health Promotion Board Integrated Screening Programme

Upon receiving member feedback on workflow issues and potential medico-legal implications, SMA brought up comments and suggestions to the Health Promotion Board. The feedback was acknowledged, resulting in subsequent revisions to the documentation and workflow for the Integrated Screening Programme.

Feedback on Public Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act on Terms and Conditions on delegation of duties

SMA highlighted member concerns on certain vague and potentially onerous paragraphs under the new Terms and Conditions on delegation of duties, and sought legal opinion on the matter. SMA's feedback was brought up to the Ministry of Health, following which the Terms and Conditions were later amended and reissued.

Participation in Singapore Medical Council Maintenance of Competency framework

SMA continues to participate in the process to revise the existing Continuing Medical Education programme, to advocate for a measured approach in the proposed Maintenance of Competency framework.

Meeting with Minister for Health

The SMA Council met Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong in July 2011 to hear his plans for the healthcare sector, and also to provide feedback and recommendations.

SMA highlighted the current strain in the healthcare system. In addition, topics brought up included informed consent, team-based management, residency system, Primary Care Partnership Scheme, guideline on fees, and the retention of public sector doctors.

Comments on NUH Probe into Patient's Death

Following the report of several news articles, SMA wrote to the National University Hospital for clarification on the circumstances surrounding the disclosure of the identities and work status of two doctors in an ongoing inquiry. SMA also managed to contact one of the doctors involved, an SMA member, to offer assistance and support.

The SMA Council is of the opinion that patient welfare and his or her right to information is important. This should be balanced by not prejudging healthcare workers before all the facts of the case are heard and the findings sensitively and knowledgeably evaluated in the appropriate context.

DEVELOPING THE PROFESSION

SMA Academy

The training arm of SMA is geared towards the betterment of healthcare in Singapore through both educating and training doctors, as well as frontline allied health professionals. One must understand that a successful doctor is more than merely a skilled technician; he must also develop good ethics and professionalism, a good grasp of health law, and medical practice management skills.

In this era of more globalised and educated patients, coupled with an increasingly challenging healthcare sector, there is a need for doctors to go beyond competence in hard skills and to practice with compassion. This development empowers a doctor to lead and manage his team with excellence, be it a clinic, hospital or organisation setting. While technical knowledge and skills have been covered intensely in medical schools, and emphasised by other professional bodies, the SMA Academy aims to help produce a well rounded doctor successful in all areas.

The SMA Academy is an umbrella entity that includes the following components: SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (CMEP), Medical Practice Management (MPM), Special Interest, and a section catering to allied health professionals.



All rounded medical practitioner



Compassionate Practitioner
SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism (CMEP)
SMA CMEP hopes to provide doctors with a platform for life-long learning in the areas of Medical Ethics, Professionalism and Health Law. Educational talks and seminars on topics of concern are frequently initiated, such as death certification, medical confidentiality, and medical report writing.

There are ongoing plans to collaborate with other organisations, to bring together the best minds as the teaching faculty to benefit doctors in their various areas of practice.



Clinician Leader
Medical Practice Management (MPM)
MPM aims to provide doctors with executive excellence, and equip them with management skills required of a medical practitioner. This includes aspects such as finance and human resource management, and the development of leadership skills and business acumen. These skills serve to enhance doctors in their areas of practice, and to achieve physician leadership.



Skilled Expertise
Technical skills that have been covered in medical schools and emphasised through other professional bodies.

SMA ACADEMY

SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism

Medical Practice Management

Special Interest

For Allied Health Professionals

Medical Ethics

Health Law

Professionalism

Brief understanding

Seminars, talks and workshops are designed to provide doctors with a general understanding of disciplines related to aspects of medical practice. Courses of interest are frequently provided, including social responsibility, competence, and professionalism to enrich the perspectives of the medical profession.

This functional series provides an introduction to doctors in private practice, and examines business models in medical practice within the professional framework. Doctors are able to learn how to set up a private practice and skills such as tax obligations and workplace safety and health.

In depth understanding

Courses are structured so as to facilitate an in depth understanding of disciplines, and topics are chosen to cater to the finer aspects of practice outside of clinical medicine. Topics of discussion include legal and ethical aspects of doctoring, and serve to benefit doctors in their various areas of practice.

Healthcare administrators are able to access managerial skills to master the management of healthcare facilities and workers. Such courses are designed to improve the leadership and communication skills of doctors.

Expert understanding

Designed with experts in mind, this series allows physician leaders to share their insights with the medical profession.

A strategic suite of courses for healthcare leaders, with topics such as financial analysis and planning for market development, aims to help them navigate the challenges ahead. Senior healthcare administrators and thought leaders are sought to provide their insight on the specific skills and expertise required to succeed in health systems.

Seeking to reach out to new members, and engage and address the concerns of the membership, Special Interest is an umbrella that includes both membership events, as well as assimilating foreign-trained doctors into Singapore society.

In expanding the SMA Academy to better improve healthcare in Singapore, it is imperative to also include other allied health professionals at the frontline, such as nurses or healthcare assistants through various CPR, BCLS and AED certification courses, as well as the SMA-ITE Skills Certificate in Healthcare (Outpatient) course to train clinic assistants to provide quality service.

Please refer to the SMA website (www.sma.org.sg) for a full list of courses available.

SPEARHEADING INITIATIVES

In 2012, our aim is focused on the following areas:

Membership Representation

SMA is working towards creating value and personal experience for each and every one of our members. We aspire to be the membership of choice for doctors registered in Singapore. In the year ahead, not only will SMA increase activities and programmes for our membership, we will also reach out to foreign-trained doctors so as to represent diverse views.

SMA Academy

We are currently developing content and pathways to meet the diverse needs of our membership. We aim to build up and conduct a sufficient number of new courses to meet the CME requirements of our members. In addition to improving upon course experience, we are also working towards expanding our members' knowledge base beyond that of technical expertise.

The SMA Academy comprises the SMA Centre for Medical Ethics and Professionalism, aspects of medical practice management, courses aimed at building up a repertoire of executive skills and catering to special interests, as well as programmes for non medically trained persons.

SMA Charity

SMA is looking to set up an SMA Charity as a separate legal entity. Through such a platform, we will be able to create programmes that can strongly impact Singapore's healthcare landscape. In working towards this goal, we also bear in mind the stringent requirements, and will work towards obtaining charity and Institute of Public Character statuses.

51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

17 April 2011

Members Present: 57

Apologies Received: 97

In Attendance:

Mr Martin Ho, Deputy Chief Administrator

Ms Chua Gek Eng, HR Administrator

Mr Lee Sze Yong, Assistant Manager

At 2 pm, 57 members were present. The Chairman, Dr Chong Yeh Woei, called the meeting to order.

The Constitution requires an attendance of 50 for quorums. Therefore, the meeting could consider proposed amendments of the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

At the request of the Chairman, all who were present rose and observed a minute of silence in memory of the 12 members of the Association who passed away since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM).

1. GROUND RULES

- 1.1 President, Dr Chong Yeh Woei, thanked members for attending the SMA AGM.
- 1.2 Honorary Secretary, Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar highlighted the Ground Rules and sought members' cooperation to speak at the microphone and to identify themselves by name for the recording of the proceedings. Otherwise, it would be at the discretion of the Honorary Secretary to include or exclude views expressed in the recording of the proceedings.

2. CORRIGENDUM

- 2.1 Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar referred to page three of the annual report, under the first proposed amendment. The clause to be amended should be Article V, section xiii, and not Article III, section v.

3. PROPOSAL TO SHIFT AGENDA ITEM – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 3.1 It was proposed to bring forward the constitution amendments to the start of the meeting agenda. The move was proposed by Dr Lee Pheng Soon and seconded by Dr Bertha Woon.
- 3.2 Three scrutineers were nominated to oversee the voting process: Dr Lim Teck Beng, Dr Wong Chiang Yin, and Dr Lee Pheng Soon.
- 3.3 Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar took members through the five proposed amendments on pages three and four of the annual report. He explained the voting process to members present. Each member was given five voting slips for the five proposed amendments. Members were asked to indicate a cross in the box provided to support or reject the amendment.
- 3.4 Voting commenced, and the proceedings continued while counting took place.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 50TH SMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 4.1 The minutes had been circulated in accordance with Article XI section iv of the SMA Constitution. It was noted that no request for amendment was received.
- 4.2 The minutes were adopted as proposed and seconded by Dr Noorul Fatha As'art and Dr Tammy Chan respectively.

5. REPORT OF 51ST SMA COUNCIL

- 5.1 Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar took members through the report of the 51st SMA Council, from pages 10 to 29 of the annual report.
- 5.2 He highlighted changes to the secretariat, in terms of staffing and structure. The renovation of the secretariat office was also mentioned.
- 5.2 Dr Razakjr highlighted the following events:
 - 5.3.1 The SMA Annual Dinner, held on 8 May 2010 (Saturday) at Shangri-la Hotel, was graced by the attendance of Dr Balaji Sadasivan, then Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- 5.3.2 The SMA National Medical Convention, held on 10 July 2010 (Saturday) at Sheraton Towers. The theme was “20/10 Trends in Eye Care”.
- 5.3.3 The SMA Lecture 2010, held on 29 January 2011, was delivered by Prof John Wong, Dean, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, on the topic of “Winds of Change: Revisiting Role Models in Medicine”.
- 5.4 The Singapore Medical Journal introduced a new category of Specialty Editors, which assisted in reducing the turnaround time for journal articles.
- 5.5 The SMA News selected some pertinent topics for themed issues, e.g. on palliative care. Sensory, SMA's bimonthly lifestyle magazine, was merged under SMA News.
- 5.6 SMA was formally informed by the Competition Commission of Singapore (CCS) that the Guideline on Fees (GOF) contravenes the Competition Act. However, as the GOF was withdrawn since April 2007, no further action will be taken by CCS.
- 5.7 In partnership with the Medical Protection Society, a series of risk management workshops was organised for MPS and SMA members. A training course was also held to train doctors on how to be an expert witness.
- 5.8 SMA submitted a position paper on 18 November 2010, to provide feedback on the Singapore Medical Council Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines, in view of a pending update of the Code.

6. AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

- 6.1 Honorary Assistant Treasurer, Dr Lee Yik Voon, referred members to pages 77 to 99 of the annual report for the accounts of SMA Pte Ltd (SMAPL).
- 6.2 Dr Lee highlighted a reduced surplus, compared to previous years. This was because less courses were conducted in 2010. In 2009, a significant number of courses had been organised in response to the H1N1 epidemic. There were also lower returns in 2010 on SMAPL's investments.
- 6.3 Honorary Treasurer, Dr Tammy Chan, referred members to pages 54 to 76 of the annual report and presented the accounts of SMA.
- 6.4 Dr Chan highlighted that expenses had fallen by about \$188,000. This was due to an increase of the UOB credit card rebate, maintaining staff cost, and also merging the Sensory publication with SMA News.
- 6.5 SMA achieved a surplus of about \$361,000 in 2010. Dr Chan forecasted that 2011 would be challenging due to increased rental and staff cost.

7. ELECTION OF SMA HONORARY MEMBERS

- 7.1 The House considered the proposal of the 51st SMA Council to elect Dr Tan Kok Soo and Dr Charles Toh as SMA Honorary Members. Prof Goh Lee Gan and Dr Chong Yeh Woei highlighted the contributions of the two doctors to Medicine and society.
- 7.2 The House unanimously supported the elections of Dr Tan Kok Soo and Dr Charles Toh to the SMA Honorary Membership in accordance with Article IV section iv of the SMA Constitution. The conferment of Honorary Membership will be held during the SMA Annual Dinner on 14 May 2011 at the Grand Hyatt Singapore.

8. ELECTION OF 52nd SMA COUNCIL

- 8.1 Dr Chong Yeh Woei introduced members of the current 51st Council.
- 8.2 Dr Chong proceeded to conduct the election of the 52nd SMA Council.
- 8.3 The names of the eight Council Members who would be serving their second year on the 52nd Council were announced.
- 8.4 As only eight nominations were received for the eight vacancies, all of them were therefore elected to the 52nd Council.
- 8.5 The 16 members of the 51st SMA Council were announced:

Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar	Dr Chow U-Jin	Dr Tan Sze Wee	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Dr Tammy Chan Teng Mui	Dr Lee Pheng Soon	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Wong Tien Hua
A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Lee Yik Voon	Dr Toh Choon Lai	Prof Wong Tien Yin
Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Noorul Fatha As'art	Dr Toh Han Chong	Dr Bertha Woon Yng Yng

9. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2010/2011

9.1 Dr Chong Yeh Woei conducted the election of Executive Officers.

9.2 Only one nomination was received for each of the seven posts of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer.

9.3 The following were elected Office Bearers of the 52nd SMA Council:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Wong Chiang Yin	Dr Bertha Woon
1st Vice President	A/Prof Chin Jing Jih	Dr Wong Chiang Yin	Dr Toh Choon Lai
2nd Vice President	Dr Toh Choon Lai	Dr Wong Chiang Yin	Dr Noorul Fatha As'art
Honorary Secretary	Dr Wong Tien Hua	Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar	Dr Chong Yeh Woei
Honorary Assistant Secretary	Dr Tammy Chan	Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Lee Yik Voon	Dr Chong Yeh Woei	Dr Wong Chiang Yin
Honorary Assistant Treasurer	Dr Tan Yia Swam	Dr Wong Chiang Yin	Dr Chong Yeh Woei

9.4 Dr Chong thanked the House for their faith in electing him and the 52nd Council. Dr Chong looked forward to doing his best in the year ahead as well as the continued support of the membership.

9.5 The executive committee members were introduced to the members present. They gave thanks to members for attending the AGM, and looked forward to engaging the membership on their views, through channels like SMA's Facebook page, and also representing members, e.g. issues faced by doctors in training.

10. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SMA CONSTITUTION

10.1 Dr Abdul Razakjr Omar announced the results of the vote:

Amendment	Support
1. To allow the SMA Council the option to waive membership dues for student membership.	94.5%
2. To allow subscriptions for Spouse Memberships to be waived.	90.9%
3. To allow the SMA Council the option to waive membership arrears for undischarged bankrupts.	92.7%
4. To require that the SMA President be a fully registered doctor for at least 10 years.	89.1%
5. To expand the SMA Council from 16 to 20 council members	90.9%

10.2 A two-thirds majority is needed for amendments to be passed. As such, the five amendments are passed.

11. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS

11.1 The House unanimously approved the reappointment of B P Yap and Company as Professional Auditors for the ensuing year.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 No additional matters were raised.

There being no other matters, Dr Chong Yeh Woei thanked members once again for attending this year's AGM. The meeting was declared closed at 2.49 pm.

DR WONG TIEN HUA
Honorary Secretary
52nd SMA Council

AMENDMENTS TO SMA CONSTITUTION: RESOLUTIONS FROM THE 51ST SMA COUNCIL

Note: Amendments to the Constitution are in bold.
That this House amends the SMA Constitution as follows:

Amendment	Reason
1. Under ARTICLE V – SUBSCRIPTIONS, to amend section xiii to read: The Annual Subscription for Student Members shall be \$20.00. The Council shall have the power to waive membership dues for Student Membership for one financial year. Extension of such waiver beyond one financial year shall require endorsement by succeeding Councils at their discretion.	Amendment to this section is in line with the proposal of the 51st SMA Council to have the power to waive membership dues for Student Membership for one financial year in the event that SMA was unable to obtain sponsorship for that year.
2. Under ARTICLE V – SUBSCRIPTIONS, to amend section iii to read: The Annual Subscription shall be waived for Spouse Members and 75% of the full-rate for Overseas Members. Spouse Members will not receive hard copies of publications by mail.	Amendment to this section is in line with the proposal of the 51st SMA Council to encourage spouses (who are also medical practitioners) of members to sign up for SMA membership.
3. Under ARTICLE V – SUBSCRIPTIONS, to include section xiv to read: The Council shall have the power to waive membership dues and arrears for undischarged bankrupt for one financial year. Extension of such waiver beyond one financial year shall require endorsement by succeeding Councils at their discretion.	Amendment to this section is in line with the proposal of the 51st SMA Council to have the power to waive membership dues and arrears for undischarged bankrupts to allow the member to continue his/her membership.
4. Under ARTICLE VIII – MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, to amend section 2 to read: The members of the Council shall hold office for a period of two years. Ten members of the Council shall retire each year and ten new Council Members shall be elected to fill their vacant posts for a term of two years.*	Amendment to this section is in line with the proposal of the 51st SMA Council to encourage increased participation in decision making and management of the Association.
5. Under ARTICLE VIII – MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, to amend section 5 to read: The President shall hold office for one year and shall become an ordinary Council Member in the 2nd year of his term of office unless he is re-elected to the same or any other position. He is eligible for re-election up to a maximum of 3 consecutive years. No member can stand for election to the Presidency unless he has served in previous Councils for at least 2 years, and has been fully registered in the Register of the Singapore Medical Council for at least 10 years.	Amendment to this section is in line with the proposal of the 51st SMA Council to ensure that the nominated member has been fully registered in the Register of the Singapore Medical Council for at least 10 years.

* For the avoidance of doubt, in the first 2 years of application after the change, 8 members shall retire, and 10 will be elected.

REPORT FROM AFFILIATE SOCIETY: SINGAPORE SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Past Executive Committee (January 2011 – April 2011)

President: A/Prof Aung Tin
Secretary: A/Prof Lee Shu Yen
Treasurer: Dr Edmund Wong
Auditor: Dr Chan Tat Keong
Members: Dr Adrian Koh
 A/Prof Heng Wee Jin
 Dr Gavin Tan

Current Executive Committee (May 2011 – December 2011)

President: Adjunct A/Prof Lee Shu Yen
Secretary: Dr Edmund Wong
Treasurer: Dr Shamira Perera
Auditor: Dr Gavin Tan
Members: Dr Jacob Cheng
 Dr Goh E-Shawn
 Dr Boey Pui Yi

List of events

1. 27th Malaysia Singapore Joint Ophthalmic Congress, 24 to 26 June 2011, Bayview Beach Resort, Penang
 - A large delegation of Singaporean ophthalmologists and trainees attended the meeting in Penang
 - SSO Lecture 2011 was delivered by Prof Wong Tien Yin, Director, Singapore Eye Research Institute
2. Residents and Young Ophthalmologists Night, 7 December 2011, The Merryman Kitchen + Bar
 - More than 50 residents, trainees and ophthalmologists attended the event
 - The event aim to promote interaction and collaboration amongst all ophthalmologists in Singapore. With the introduction of the new residency programme, doctors will no longer move across institutions but the society hopes to keep the Ophthalmology community united
3. Mission Eye Work
 - Ladakh Mission Trip, August 2011
 - This mission trip was led by Dr Marcus Ang and comprised a team of ophthalmologists (Dr Jod Medta, Dr Chelvin Sng, Dr Yvonne Chung, Dr Rachel Chong, Dr Patrina Tan and Dr Romesh Angunwela), and nurses from institutions provided eye clinics and attended to 2,800 patients over 10 days. 38 cataract surgeries (ECCE), 7 pterygium and few minor procedures were also performed during the trip
4. CME Event
 - Glaucoma Symposium on 30 September 2011 at the National Library saw the introduction of benzalkonium chloride (BAK)-free glaucoma eyedrops. Chaired by Dr Ho Ching Lin, the speakers comprised Dr Victor Caparas, Dr Hoh Sek Tien, Dr Fang Seng Kheong who spoke on BAK toxicity and glaucoma management
 - Glaucoma and Ocular Surface Disease Symposium on 13 January 2012 at Shangri-La Hotel Singapore had a panel discussing the relationship between glaucoma management and ocular surface disease
5. MiVision Magazine
 - This bi-monthly magazine is distributed to all eyecare professionals in Singapore

REPORT FROM AFFILIATE SOCIETY: SINGAPORE SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Society of Ophthalmology of the Singapore Medical Association Statement of Income and Expenditure for April 2011 - January 2012

Date	Subject	Value (\$)
	Opening Balance	
	Society of Ophthalmology bank account	\$157,563.28
3/31/2011	Total	<u>\$157,563.28</u>
Expenditure		
	Web content maintenance service for the period 7 March 2011 to 7 March 2012	\$960.00
	Payment to Marina Bay Sands for 5th Congress of the APVRS 18 - 22 November 2010	\$50,000.00
	Expenses incurred for last AGM	\$4,119.50
	Purchase of 1 table for SERI's Inaugural Gala Fund Raising Dinner on 21 July 2011	\$5,000.00
	Placement of condolence advertisement in The Straits Times for A/Prof Ong Sze Guan's father on 16 June 2011	\$1,104.24
	(Split with College of Ophthalmologists - Amount paid by SSO: S\$552.12)	
	Sponsorship for Ladakh Mission Trip in August 2011	\$5,000.00
	Annual Subscription for APAO (US\$200)	\$272.40
	International Council of Ophthalmology dues for 2012 membership (175 members)	\$759.33
	Expenses incurred for Young Ophthalmologists Night	\$3,643.00
	(Carl Zeiss sponsored S\$3,000 for the event. The balance amount was split between College and SSO.	
	Amount paid by SSO: S\$321.50)	
	Total	<u>\$70,858.47</u>
Income		
	College of Ophthalmologists - Placement of condolence advertisement	\$552.12
	Sponsorship of Young Ophthalmologists Night - Carl Zeiss Pte Ltd	\$3,000.00
	College of Ophthalmologists - Sponsorship of Young Ophthalmologists Night	\$321.50
Closing Balance as at 31 January 2012		
	Society of Ophthalmology bank account	\$90,578.43
1/31/2012	Total	<u>\$90,578.43</u>

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

During the past year, we have achieved much through building on our strong foundations. This year, our efforts are concentrated on expanding SMA's capabilities, and on finding ways to bring value to our members, while pursuing our beliefs in striving towards better healthcare for Singapore.

SMA firmly believes that in empowering the profession, physicians will be equipped with skills to better care for their patients. We will be developing the SMA Academy, an umbrella that puts together training courses as well as an education road map. The Academy also includes areas such as the SMA Centre of Medical Ethics and Professionalism, Medical Practice Management as well as Special Interest. Several projects that will be unveiled next year include educating physicians in health law and skill sets such as medical report writing.

SMA is also keen to address social concerns and public health education, and will work towards the setting up of an SMA Charity. An independent charity set up to pursue overarching goals of improving Singapore's healthcare environment will be more effective and efficient than the current system of

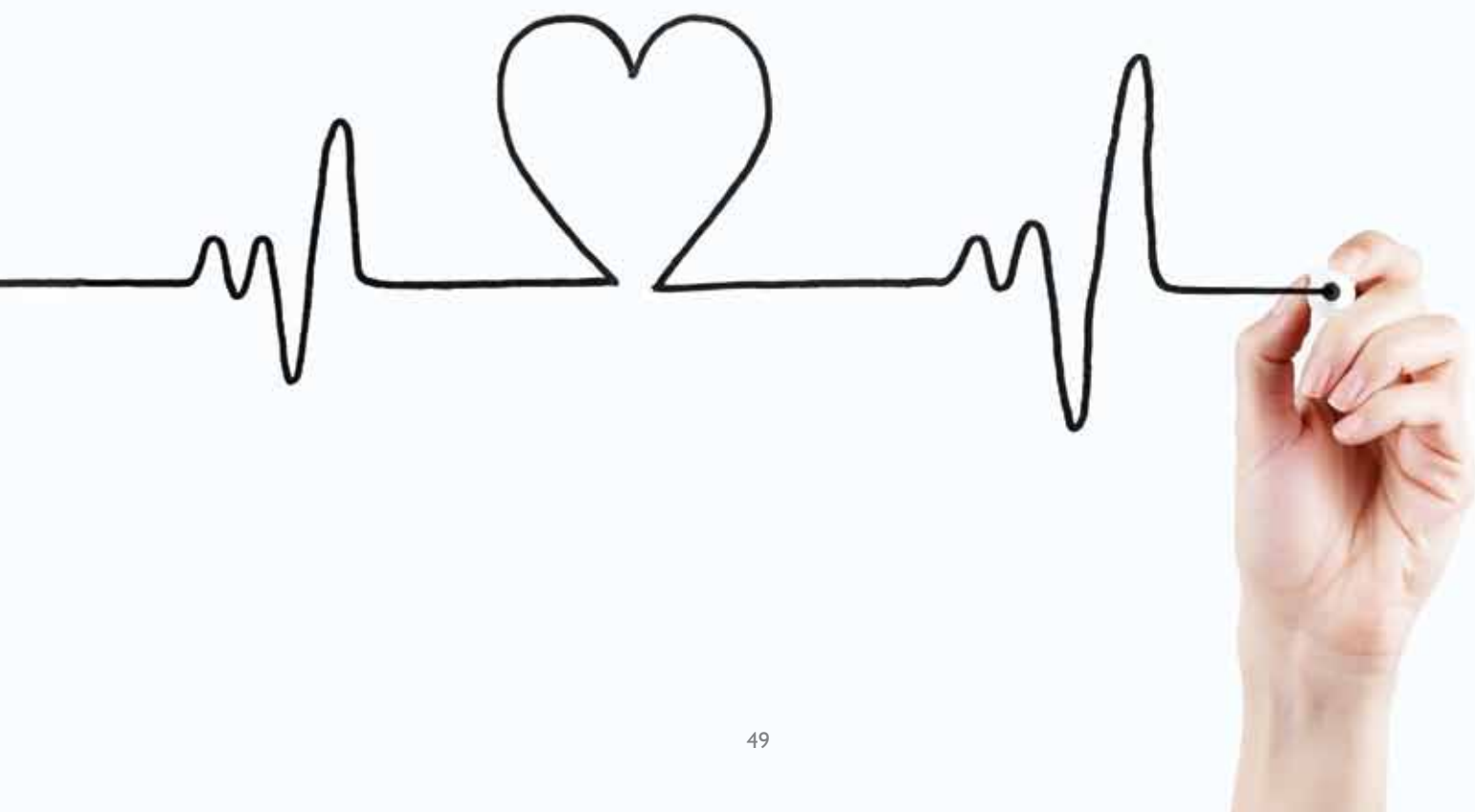
engaging medical students through the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund, and responding to initiatives and requests in an ad hoc manner. We look forward to your participation at the upcoming annual general meeting to support this initiative and the requisite constitutional amendments.

The challenges we face ahead of us will be daunting, given the increasingly demanding patients and litigious culture that we are experiencing. However, we must remain true to our core values. We owe this to our patients who depend on us for care. It continues to be my honour to work in concert with, and to support the SMA membership.

I look forward to a fruitful year ahead.



Dr Chong Yeh Woei
President
52nd SMA Council



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- 01 SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND SUBSIDIARY
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