

# MPS-SMA Medical Experts Training Course

31 May 2014, Saturday  
Hilton Singapore Hotel



## **Medical expert witnesses**

The evidence in a medical expert report and testimony offered by a medical expert witness during examination are often critical components in arriving at an equitable and fair decision in any dispute.

An expert witness possesses in depth knowledge of a subject that enables him or her to give opinions and draw conclusions relevant to the case, so as to impartially and objectively assist the court or tribunal in its work. The expert witness is expected to articulate the standard of care in medical negligence, the standard of professional conduct in disciplinary tribunals, and present opinions that are supported by strong arguments and evidence.

To serve the course of justice effectively, a medical expert should be familiar with the principles of medical negligence, litigation, and the judicial system. With the rising expectations of the public and patients on the performance and behaviour of doctors, it is timely that competent and skilled medical expert witnesses are available for the benefit of patients, the public and the profession.

## **About the course**

The purpose of the training session is to have a better understanding of medico-legal issues, and the role and responsibilities of a medical expert in the areas of medical negligence, Singapore Medical Council disciplinary hearings and Coroner's Court.

We will clarify the legal principles underpinning clinical negligence claims, the litigation process in Singapore, the role of the expert, and what makes a good expert report.

You will also have the chance to learn more about the skills and knowledge a doctor needs for appearing in court, as well as hear from our experienced expert about the problems and challenges of being a medical expert.

Panel discussions will provide an opportunity to clarify various medico-legal issues directly with experienced MPS lawyers.

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**Date:** 31 May 2014, Saturday

**Time:** 9 am - 5.30 pm (registration starts at 8.30 am)

**Venue:** Hilton Singapore Hotel, Grand Ballroom 1 (Level 3)  
581 Orchard Road, Singapore 238883

**Capacity:** 70 seats (limited places)

**Registration fees:** \$200 (inclusive of 7% GST)  
For SMA/MPS members, full refund upon completion  
For AMS members, \$100 refund upon completion

**Number of CME points:** Pending approval from the Singapore Medical Council

For more information on the course, please visit <http://www.sma.org.sg>.

\*Registration closes on 23 May 2014, Friday, or  
when all vacancies have been taken up.

Time	Topic
8.30 am	Registration
9 am	Introduction and Welcome Address
9.15 am	Role of Medical Experts – An Expert's Perspective - <b>Speaker TBA</b>
9.45 am	Principles of Medical Negligence and Valid Consent - <b>Mr Lek Siang Pheng &amp; Mr Christopher Chong</b> , Rodyk & Davidson
10.30 am	Tea Break
10.45 am	The Litigation Process in Singapore - <b>Dr Albert Myint Soe &amp; Mr Charles Lin</b> , Myint Soe & Selvaraj
11.15 am	Expert Reports – The Brief, the Preparation and Legal Considerations - <b>Dr Bertha Woon</b> , General Surgeon, Gleneagles Medical Centre
11.45 am	Claims Handling – Ethical Considerations and Difficult Decisions - <b>Dr Teoh Ming Keng</b> , Head Medical Services – Asia, MPS

Time	Topic
12.15 pm	Panel Discussion - <b>All speakers</b>
12.40 pm	Lunch
1.40 pm	Expert Reports – Good, Bad and Ugly (breakout session) - <b>Ms Mak Wei Munn</b> , Allen & Gledhill
2.40 pm	Medical Experts at SMC, in Criminal Courts, Coroner's Inquiries, Tribunals and Other Situations - <b>Mr Eric Tin</b> , Donaldson & Burkinshaw
3.10 pm	Tea Break
3.30 pm	Appearance in Court – Courtroom Skills and What to Expect - <b>Speaker TBA</b>
4 pm	Challenging Claims Case Scenarios (interactive debate) - <b>All speakers</b> - Facilitated by <b>Mr Zaid Al-Najjar &amp; Dr Teoh Ming Keng</b>
4.45 pm	Quick-Fire Quiz - <b>Mr Tham Hsu Hsien</b> , Allen & Gledhill
5 pm	Panel Discussion - <b>All speakers</b>
5.30 pm	Closing Remarks and Prize Presentation

### I would like to register for the MPS-SMA Medical Experts Training Course.

Please attach this slip when making payment. Send your credit card details/mail your cheque to **Denise Tan, Singapore Medical Association, 2 College Road, Level 2, Alumni Medical Centre, Singapore 169850. Tel: 6223 1264, fax: 6224 7827 or email: [denisetan@sma.org.sg](mailto:denisetan@sma.org.sg)**. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received. A confirmation email will be issued to all applicants. If you do not receive any reply before 26 May, please do not hesitate to contact the SMA Secretariat at tel: 6223 1264.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MCR No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tick the following accordingly:

- A. **SMA member:**  Yes  No      C. **AMS member:**  Yes  No  
B. **MPS member:**  Yes  No      D. **CFPS member:**  Yes  No  
E.  GP       Specialist (please include specialty: \_\_\_\_\_)

I am committed to being an expert witness in my specialty after the training course:  Yes  No

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